



विद्या सर्वार्थ साधिका

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PERIODIC TEST-1
Class : X

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M.M : 40

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Time : 1 Hr. 30 Min.

General Instructions:

1. The Question Paper contains four sections.
2. Section A-Reading Section has a passage for comprehension.
3. Section B-Writing Section has two questions. Adhere to the word limit as given in the instructions with each question.
4. Section C-Grammar Section has two questions. Read the instruction carefully.
5. Section D-Literature Section has three questions. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

SECTION-A

Reading Section (8 Marks)

1. Read the passage given below.

- a) Living for many years in a cottage at 7,000 feet in the Garhwal Himalayas, I was fortunate in having a big window that opened out on the forest, so that the trees were almost within my reach. Had I jumped, I could have landed quite neatly in the arms of an oak or chestnut.
- b) Standing on its own was a walnut tree, and truly this was a tree for all seasons. In winter, the branches were bare, but they were beautifully smooth and rounded. In the spring, each branch produced a hard, bright spear of new leaf. By midsummer, the entire tree was in leaf, and toward the end of the monsoon season, the walnuts - encased in their green jackets - had reached maturity. Then the jackets began to split, revealing the hard, brown shell of the walnuts. Inside the shell was the nut itself.
- c) Every year the tree gave me a basket of walnuts. But last year, the nuts were disappearing one by one, and I was at a loss to know who had been taking them. Could it have been the milkman's small son? He was a chronic tree-climber. But he was usually to be found on oak trees, gathering fodder for his cows. He told me that his cows liked oak leaves, but they did not care for walnuts. He admitted that they had enjoyed my dahlias, which they had eaten the previous week, but he stoutly denied having fed them walnuts. It wasn't the woodpecker. He was out there every day, knocking furiously against the bark of the tree, trying to prize an insect out of a narrow crack. He was strictly non-vegetarian.
- d) The walnuts had been disappearing early in the morning while I was still in bed. So one morning I surprised everyone, including myself, by getting up before sunrise. I was just in time to catch the culprit climbing out of the walnut tree. She was an old woman who sometimes came to cut grass on the hillside. Her face was as wrinkled as the walnuts she so fancied. In spite of her years, her arms and legs were sturdy.
- e) "And how many walnuts did you gather today, Grandmother?" I asked. "Just two," she said with a giggle, offering them to me on her open palm. I accepted one; and, thus encouraged, she climbed higher onto the tree and helped herself to the remaining nuts. It was impossible for me to object. I was taken up in admiration of her agility in the tree. She must have been twice my age, but I knew I could never get up that tree. To the victor the spoils!

On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions.

- (i) Identify whether the following statement is True or False.
The author could easily climb the walnut tree.

(1)

- (ii) Why did the author suspect the milkman's son of taking the walnuts? (1)
- (iii) Complete the following statement correctly. (1)
The author decided to get up before sunrise because _____.
- (iv) Why do you think the author ultimately allowed the woman to take the remaining walnuts? (1)
- (v) What is the meaning of the phrase "To the victor, the spoils!" in the context of the passage? (1)
(A) Sharing is caring.
(B) The best things come to those who wait.
(C) The winner deserves the prize.
(D) It's better to give than to receive.
- (vi) Read the following statement and select the correct options. (1)
Statement 1: The author did not expect an old woman to be agile enough to climb the tree.
Statement 2: The author had previously suspected younger people of taking the walnuts.
(A) Both, 1 and 2, are true and 2 is the correct explanation of 1
(B) Both, 1 and 2, are true but 2 is not the correct explanation of 1
(C) Statement 1 is true, 2 is false
(D) Statement 1 is false, 2 is true
- (vii) What is the overall tone of the passage? (1)
(A) Serious and suspenseful (B) Lighthearted and humorous
(C) Angry and frustrated (D) Sad and melancholic
- (viii) The author uses contrasting descriptions of the walnut tree throughout the seasons. Identify the literary device used in this description. (1)

SECTION-B

Writing Section (10 Marks)

- 2 A You have changed the mode of transport to school. Write an email to the class teacher informing about the change. Give necessary details. Write in 50 words using clues from MCB Unit –People and your own ideas.

OR

- 2 B You have been given an assignment for English subject. You are facing difficulty in it. Write an email to your subject teacher asking for clarification and possible sources for it. Write in 50 words using clues from MCB Unit –People and your own ideas.

- 3 A In a recent report published by LocalCircles, a community social media platform, as many as 40 per cent of Indian parents have admitted that their children between 9 and 17 years are addicted to videos, gaming and social media. The report also indicated that 62 per cent of parents said that their children between 13 and 17 years spend over three hours on social media, watching videos and playing games. The report stated that dependency on social media and its excessive use lead to poor sleep, stress, anxiety, depression, irritability, low self-esteem and difficulty to focus, among the children.

Based on the above report, write a letter to the Editor of a national daily highlighting the need for awareness among parents of teenaged children for this issue. Suggest suitable measures taking clues from MCB Unit –Education and using your own ideas. (word limit-120 words)

OR

(7)

3 B You are Chahat / Chetan, an IT Professional. You want to raise awareness about the rising incidences of cyber-crimes. Write a letter to the editor of Cyber magazine “Info News”, highlighting the issue and suggesting measures to prevent such happenings. You may use the following hints as well as from MCB Unit –Science. (word limit-120 words)

- Financial and emotional toll on victims
- Potential national security risks posed by cyber threats
- Importance of user awareness and education on cyber threats and online safety practices (strong passwords, phishing scams, etc.)
- Need for stronger collaboration between law enforcement agencies and the IT security community to combat cybercrime effectively
- Government initiatives to promote public awareness campaigns and provide resources for citizens

SECTION-C

Grammar Section (7 Marks)

4. Rearrange the following words and phrases to make meaningful sentences. (3x1=3)

- i. this / is / bright / generation / one / a / young
- ii. they / achieve / willing / are / tirelessly / to / their / goals / to work
- iii. they / sky is / that / for / the limit / know / the / them

5. Do as directed. (4x1=4)

- i. Read the given dialogue carefully. Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence.
Sanya exclaims, “Look! My keys are in the refrigerator. I will have absentmindedly put them here while putting away the groceries.”
- ii. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket.
In the depths of the enchanted forest, where time _____ (stand) still and mythical creatures roamed freely, a young adventurer embarked on a quest.
- iii. Fill in the blank with the correct option.
When one gazes at the sky, the glimmer of stars _____ the vastness above.
(A) Fill (B) Fills (C) To fill (D) Is filling
- iv. Identify the error and supply the correction for the given historical fact.
Chess is believed to have originated in ancient India during the Gupta Empire, around the 6th century, evolving intricately from a captivated game known as “Chaturanga”.

SECTION-D

Literature Section (15 Marks)

6. Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow. (3x1=3)

(a) *“But next morning, when I went over to the fountain to have my shoes shined, I said, “Nicola, the way you and Jacopo work, you must earn quite a bit. You spend nothing on clothes. You eat little enough -when I see you have a meal it's usually black bread and figs. Tell me, what do you do with your money?” He coloured deeply under his sunburn, then grew pale. He looked to the ground.”*

- i. Why does Nicola ‘colour deeply’ and look down after the narrator's question about his money?
(A) He feels proud of his frugal lifestyle and does not want to brag.
(B) He becomes embarrassed and avoids eye contact, suggesting discomfort.
(C) He is worried that the narrator might steal his money.
(D) He is simply shy and dislikes talking about finances.

- ii. Select True or False for each statement about the narrator in the passage.
- (A) The narrator asks Nicola about his money out of genuine concern.
 (B) The narrator comments on how little Nicola spends on clothes and food.
- iii. How would you describe the mood or atmosphere created in this passage? Give reason for it.

OR

(b) *“You see,
 I’m the frog who owns this tree.
 In this bog I’ve long been known
 For my splendid baritone
 And, of course, I wield my pen
 For Bog Trumpet now and then”.*

- i. What does the speaker claim to be good at in the poem?
- (A) Jumping high (B) Singing songs (C) Writing long novels (D) Owning a large bog
- ii. What is the tone of the speaker in the lines above, and how do the words “splendid baritone” and “wield my pen” contribute to it?
- (A) Serious and reflective, as the speaker contemplates their talents.
 (B) Modest and humble, downplaying their singing and writing abilities.
 (C) Boastful and self-assured, emphasizing their singing and writing skills.
 (D) Angry and frustrated, using their talents as a way to vent.
- iii. The word “wield” in the line “For Bog Trumpet now and then” most likely means:
- (A) Sharpen carefully (B) Use skillfully
 (C) Carry around casually (D) Hide away secretly

7. Answer the following question in 30-40 words. (ANY 3) (3x2=6)

- i. Bring out the irony in the frog's statement – ‘Your song must be your own’. (The Frog and the Nightingale)
- ii. How do you know Ali was a familiar figure at the post office? (The Letter)
- iii. What does Calpurnia dream about Caesar? How does Decius Brutus interpret the dream? (Julius Caesar)
- iv. Explain the line “Yet in both these boyish faces there was a seriousness which was far beyond their years.” (Two Gentlemen of Verona)

8. Answer the following question in 120-150 words. (ANY 1) (1x6=6)

A The postmaster is a transformed man at the end of the story. Justify this statement.

OR

B A vain person is full of self-importance and can only think of himself/herself. He/She can go to great lengths to prove his/her superiority.

How does this statement apply to Mrs. Packletide? Explain your views with relevant examples.