



विद्या सर्वार्थ साधिका

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PERIODIC TEST – 1  
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SECTION A  
Reading (10marks)

1. Read the story carefully.

The Story of a Sparrow

1. The sparrow got a word that an old man was looking for him. He found the old man and took him home. The old man was speechless at the luxuries before him and that such obvious wealth had not brought arrogance ever in the bird.
2. The old man was clothed with the finest silks and velvet, fed the choicest foods, and his aches and pains were cured with the healing herbs. The sparrow and his family took great care of their honoured guest.
3. The man lost count of the days he spent in happiness. He reluctantly decided to leave to get back to his wife. "I've already overstayed my hospitality," said the man gently, "and these have been the happiest days of my life. I will always treasure the memory of my stay here."
4. The humble sparrow told the man that he would allow him to leave only if he accepted a small parting gift. The sparrow brought two boxes, one big and one small. The old man picked the small gift and left.
5. The old lady was pleased to see her husband. He told her about the sparrow family and the wealth he had. He then showed her the gift. She opened the box. The tiny box was filled with gold coins and precious stones. The old lady dug out all the contents of the box. In its place another pile of gold and gems appeared instantly every time she emptied the contents.
6. "Oh my God!" she screamed. But the joy on her face slowly faded and she grew red with rage. "If this tiny box has so much wealth, you fool, what untold wealth have you surrendered by not accepting the big box!"
7. She lifted her umbrella and marched towards the sparrow's abode. "Don't waste any time. Just give me the big box which the fool should have taken in the first place. Hurry now, hurry!" The sparrow calmly handed over the big box.
8. The old woman couldn't hide her glee. Though the box was very heavy, the greed of the untold wealth gave her the strength to lift the box. She placed the box down with a thud and decided to open it. The lock was hard to open. Such was her greed that she broke the stubborn lock with a rock.
9. The lid opened and out came demons, thousands of them. They sent a shiver down her spine. The old woman died; one can't say whether from disappointment or from exertion, or both. Whatever you choose as an ending, this much is certain that nothing nice comes from greed.
10. As for the old man, he waited for his wife with a feeling that something bad would happen. He knew from the way she left that she would invite disaster. He looked for both, his wife and the sparrow family, but found neither. So, the old man, with his wealth, took care of all the animals that were brought to him in various states of injury. He healed their wounds and always remembered his sparrow friend who gave him love and showed him much kindness.

*A Folk Tale from Japan*

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

- (a) What made the old man speechless at the sparrow’s house? Write two points. (2)  
 (b) “I will always treasure the memory of my stay here.” Why did the old man say this line? (1)  
 (c) What specialty did the little box have? (1)  
 (d) Complete the table on the basis of your reading. Do not copy the box. (3)

| The lines talk about whom | Lines from the prose  | Characteristic feature of the person |
|---------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| (i)                       | “Don’t waste any time. Just give me the big box which the fool should have taken in the first place.” |                                      |
| (ii)                      | He healed their wounds and always remembered his sparrow friend who gave him love                     |                                      |
| (iii)                     | “I’ve already overstayed my hospitality”  |                                      |

- (e) What do you think should be the moral of the story? (1)  
 (f) Find out the words which mean the same as following. (2)  
 (i) Unwillingly (para 3) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (ii) Physical effort (para 9) \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION B

Writing (9 marks)

2. Write a short factual description of a ‘Cinema Hall’ that you have visited. You may use the hints given below. (70 – 80 words) (4)  
 name – size – structure – location – number of screens – ambience – facilities – sound system – safety – what impresses you
3. Your parents are out for a day and you decided to tidy up the house. Write an email to your aunt describing your efforts to make the house neat and tidy. (100 - 120 words) (5)

SECTION C

Grammar (7 marks)

4. Fill in the blanks using suitable prepositions from the help box. Do not copy the paragraph. (3)

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| into | in | by | among | with | of |
|------|----|----|-------|------|----|

William Shakespeare is considered (i) \_\_\_\_\_ many to be the greatest writer (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ English Literature. He is England’s national poet, and is often called the Bard of Avon. His works have been translated (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ every major language. Crowds of people used to watch his plays. Shakespeare achieved greatness and fame (iv) \_\_\_\_\_ plays such as *Hamlet*, *Macbeth*, *Julius Ceasar* and *Romeo and Juliet*, which are (v) \_\_\_\_\_ the most famous works (vi) \_\_\_\_\_ the world.

5. Fill in the blanks by choosing the suitable words from the options given below. (4)  
 Many people think it is silly to believe in ghosts, (i) \_\_\_\_\_ there are stories that are hard to explain unless you do. There is (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ lighthouse on Lake Huron, Michigan, USA. (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ lighthouse is no longer used, but from time to time (iv) \_\_\_\_\_ orange light flashes in

the lighthouse tower. There is no electricity in the lighthouse, (v) \_\_\_\_\_ the flashing light is very mysterious. Lorrain Parris, however does not believe the flashing light is (vi) \_\_\_\_\_ mystery. For many years, she (vii) \_\_\_\_\_ her husband, George Parris, looked after the lighthouse. They lived in a cottage happily beside the lighthouse. Then one day, George died of (viii) \_\_\_\_\_ heart attack. Lorraine believes that George's ghost is causing the light to flash.

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|--------|-----|-------|-----|------|-----|---------|-----|-------|
| (i)    | (A) | but   | (B) | when | (C) | so      | (D) | or    |
| (ii)   | (A) | the   | (B) | a    | (C) | an      | (D) | any   |
| (iii)  | (A) | an    | (B) | a    | (C) | the     | (D) | which |
| (iv)   | (A) | many  | (B) | a    | (C) | the     | (D) | an    |
| (v)    | (A) | so    | (B) | and  | (C) | because | (D) | as    |
| (vi)   | (A) | an    | (B) | a    | (C) | the     | (D) | yet   |
| (vii)  | (A) | along | (B) | or   | (C) | and     | (D) | since |
| (viii) | (A) | after | (B) | the  | (C) | an      | (D) | a     |

#### SECTION D

#### Literature (14 marks)

6. Read the extract from the poem and answer the following questions. (2)

*'It's loving and family  
and doing for others.  
It's brothers and sisters  
and fathers and mothers.  
It's unselfish acts  
and kindly sharing  
and showing your loved ones  
you're always caring.'*

- (i) What does the poet mean by 'It's' in the first line?
- (ii) Why does the poet say 'doing for others' in the above stanza?

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

- (i) Why did Patrick consider himself lucky? Was he really lucky? How?
- (ii) Whom did the dog finally choose his master? Why?
- (iii) What changes came in Patrick in the end of the story?

8. Answer the question in 100 to 120 words. (6)

- (i) The Lesson 'Who Did Patrick's Homework?' tells you how homework can be helpful to get 'A' grades. If you really like to do homework, what kind of homework would you prefer and why? How doing homework can be beneficial for you?

**OR**

- (ii) People who care about each other enjoy doing things for one another. They don't consider it servitude. In the context of the lesson 'How the Dog Found himself a New Master', do you think that the dog enjoyed doing things for his new master? How?