

O. P. JINDAL SCHOOL, SAVITRI NAGAR
Periodic Test - I (2023 – 2024)

Class: XII
Subject: English Core

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Time: 01 Hour

General Instructions:

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections - READING, WRITING and LITERATURE.
2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part. Write the correct question number in your answer sheet to indicate the option/s being attempted.

Section A – READING SKILLS

Q. 1 – Read the passage given below:

1. Mind management is a way to control one's mind. To do this, we need to be cautious about our thinking process and also need a high level of understanding and meditation as well. Understanding is wisdom – 80 percent of people are knowledgeable, while 20 per cent are wise. Knowledgeable men take sides without reason. They feel sad seeing deprived people but jealous when they see happy people. They work in the guidance of others' inspiration; take unnecessary responsibility to keep themselves disturbed.
2. A wise person does not stand for or against any idea without concrete reason. He works according to the situation and capacity. He looks at everything intellectually. To him, failure is a stepping stone for future success. So, depression and conflict are not seen. Like the phrase 'Stop, Look, go', first one should see, and this needs patience. Meditation is necessary to control and manage mind which then becomes an easy task.
3. Unless we control or manage our mind, it is difficult to achieve success and peace. Psychologists say every interest is first born in the mind as a seed. Then it continues to grow. Later it takes its real form which everybody can see. The interest that first appears in the mind remains weak for the first three minutes and it becomes strong within the next five minutes. All the negative aspects should be deleted within the first three minutes. If not taken out, they would become stronger later and you can never throw them out. After taking control over the mind, we can control passion, interest and unrest. Mind management is essential for a peaceful, successful and healthy life.
4. The age of computers has thrown us on the escalator of aspirations but has robbed us of simple charms like falling asleep. The compulsions of hectic schedules burden the mind and cause stress. However, the joys that elude us can be regained by practising power meditation. It creates tranquillity, simplifies life and cleanses the mind. It helps control indolence, ego and anger and builds confidence and patience. With power meditation, negative thoughts get dissipated and a sense of happiness is achieved.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.

(1x5 = 5)

- (i) Mind management is essential
A. For a peaceful, successful, and a healthy life B. To remain deprived
C. For a wealthy life D. to dominate others
- (ii) With power meditation, negative thoughts get _____ and a sense of happiness is achieved.
(Complete the sentence with a suitable word from the passage.)
- (iii) Find the word from the passage which means the same as "based on facts, not on ideas".
- (iv) Give a suitable title to the above passage.
- (v) On the basis of the given passage, list one advantage of Power Meditation.

Section B – CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

(4x1 = 4)

Q. 2 – Attempt ANY ONE of two, in about 50 words:

You are the Secretary of The Homies Society, Sector 3, Chandigarh. Draft a notice for the Society notice board, informing residents about the change of personnel, Head Security, Gate 2 and share necessary details. Also, include the news of installation of the much awaited security camera, on the Eastern periphery of the Society.

OR

You are the Student Head, Cultural Affairs, at M.K. Sr. Sec. School. Your school is organising a 2-day Yoga camp over the weekend, for parents of the school students. Create an invitation, inviting the school parents for this Yoga camp. Share information about the camp organisers and include other necessary details.

Section C – LITERATURE

(1x4 = 4)

Q. 3 - Read the given extracts and answer the questions given below:

...I looked again at her, wan,
pale
as a late winter's moon and felt that
old
familiar ache, my childhood's fear,
but all I said was, see you soon,
Amma,
all I did was smile and smile and
smile.....

- (i) What is the speaker's emotional state when looking at her mother?
A. Confused and disoriented
B. Nostalgic and longing
C. Empathetic and understanding
D. Fearful and apprehensive
- (ii) What does the use of the word "but" at the beginning of the line, 'but all I said..', suggest ?
- (iii) Select the word that WILL NOT complete the sentence appropriately. The description of the mother as "wan, pale / as a late winter's moon" creates a vivid image of _____ .
A. vulnerability
B. sensitivity
C. frailty
D. mortality
- (iv) State whether the given statement is TRUE or FALSE. The poetic device used in the line, 'pale as a winter's moon' is the same as the one used in the line, 'the winter wind wistfully wailed at night'.

(2x1 = 2)

Q. 4 – Answer ANY ONE of the following questions in 40-50 words:

- (A) "He had the courage to hear every lesson to the very last." What led Franz to make this remark?
(B) Discuss the irony at the end of the chapter "The Third Level".

(5x1 = 5)

Q. 5 – Answer ANY ONE of the following questions in 120-150 words:

- (A) How would you evaluate Sam's character? Elucidate any two qualities, and substantiate them with evidence from the text.
(B) "It is his karam, his destiny" that made Mukesh's grandfather go blind. How did Mukesh disapprove this belief by choosing a new vocation and making his own destiny?
