

**O. P. JINDAL SCHOOL, SAVITRI NAGAR**  
**PERIODIC TEST- II (2023 – 2024)**

**Class / Section: IX \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Subject: English**

**Maximum Marks: 20**  
**Time allowed: 1 Hr.**

**Name: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Roll No. \_\_\_\_\_**

**General Instructions:**

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, WRITING & GRAMMAR and LITERATURE.
2. Attempt all questions based on specific instructions for each part.

**SECTION A- READING**

**Q1. Read the passage given below carefully and answer the questions that follow:**

1. A group of youths from Peddapuram town in Andhra Pradesh's East Godavari district launched a social media group called 'Mana Peddapuram' (Our Peddapuram), a few years ago. The idea was to discuss issues affecting the town and act upon them. A few months ago, Naresh Pedireddi, who has been behind the group came up with the concept of 'rice-for-plastic'. The idea behind the exchange was to encourage people to part with their non-biodegradable waste in large numbers.
2. "The slogan we promoted was 'Avoid Plastic-Avoid Hunger'. We wanted to get rid of plastic and also feed the hungry," says Pedireddi, a Peddapuram-based entrepreneur. The programme was launched on Mahatma Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary on 2 October. Within days, the group was able to collect around 400 kgs of plastic and an equal amount of rice and other materials were distributed during the drive. Now they plan to do it every Sunday.
3. "The plastic that was collected was deposited at the local municipality office. They promised that it will be recycled," says Pedireddi. For a town of around 70,000 people, the amount of plastic they collected through these drives is just a drop in the ocean. But the group says that they will continue to raise awareness among the residents of the town.
4. "The most satisfying thing about this drive has been that it has inspired people in other towns of the district to launch such initiatives," says Pedireddi. The Mana Peddapuram, besides raising civic issues like cleanliness, deforestation, and cultural events, has also run campaigns spreading awareness on blood donation and the pledging of organs.
5. The group claims that funds are not a problem as the people in Peddapuram are generous when it comes to donating money for worthy causes. "We have hundreds of young people in this group and we hope to take up many more issues in the coming months and years," says Pedireddi. We can only hope for many more such enthusiastic youth organizations that work for nation-building. Adaptation — V KUMARA SWAMY

**On the basis of your reading of the passage answer the following :**

**(4 marks)**

- a) Social media group called 'Mane Peddapuram' was launched for \_\_\_\_\_
  - i) commercial purposes
  - ii) keeping In contact with friends and relatives
  - iii) creating a platform to discuss social issues
  - iv) gaining popularity
- b) The idea behind the concept of 'rice-for-plastic' was \_\_\_\_\_
  - i) helping the hungry people
  - ii) collecting plastic to be sold at higher price
  - iii) helping the farmers
  - iv) managing non-biodegradable waste
- c) rice and other materials were distributed during the drive. (Para 2). Which of the following sentences uses the word 'drive' similar in meaning to the one given in the above sentence?

- i) Mr. Gupta's son drives his car very sensibly.
  - ii) Too much cruelty to the workers can drive them to go on a strike.
  - iv) The supermarket is only a five minutes' drive away.
  - v) Our school launched a drive to collect funds for the orphan children.
- d) How much rice was donated during the drive?

**SECTION B - WRITING AND GRAMMAR**

**Q2. Answer any one in 100-120 words:**

**(5 marks)**

You spent a week with your friend in his village 'Kovlam', near the famous beach of the same name. Taking help from the information given below and inventing your own details, make a diary entry of what you saw and experienced in 'God's Own Country'. (100-120 words)

Hints: • Kerala • God's Own Country • invited by my friend to spend a week in Kerala • Christmas holidays • Kovlam village • near the famous beach • sea and surf • lush green surroundings • coconuts and palms • sprawling paddy fields, fishing, a memorable stay.

**OR**

Write a descriptive paragraph on Elvis Presley. (100-120 words)

American singer and actor. -Born -January 8, 1935 died - August 16, 1977 – American singer – First album "Rock and Roll" in 1956 – popular in the 1950s with his new wave music and sound – famous work-'Christmas Album's – 'That's the Way It Is'. died of hear failure

**Q3. Fill in the blanks with correct verb in agreement with subject**

**(3 marks)**

- (a) Neither you nor your friends \_\_\_\_\_ passed the examination. (has/have)
- (b) Not only we, but also our parents \_\_\_\_\_ us to win. (want/wants)
- (c) Her friends as well as she \_\_\_\_\_ talkative. (is/are)

**SECTION C- LITERATURE**

**Q4. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:**

**(1x2 = 2 marks)**

And being faint with fasting,  
 For the day was almost done,  
 He asked her, from her store of cakes,  
 To give him a single one.

- a) Who is "He" in the passage?
- b) What is meant by "the day was almost done"?

**Q5. Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40- 50 words each:**

**(3x2 = 6 marks)**

- a) What was the difference in the attitudes of the science teacher and his wife towards A.P.J. Abdul Kalam?
- b) What kind of women did the doctor decide to marry? Why?
- c) What are the two strange things the guru and his disciple find in the Kingdom of Fools?

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