

O.P. JINDAL SCHOOL, SAVITRINAGAR**Periodic Test –2 (2023-2024)****Class VIII Sec.....****MM: 20****Subject: English****Time: 01 Hour**

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General instructions :

1. The Question Paper contains three sections – READING, WRITING & GRAMMAR AND LITERATURE.

2. Attempt all questions.

Section-A Reading (4 marks)

Q1. Read the passage carefully.

These days, it is not unusual to see people listening to music or using their electronic gadgets while crossing busy roads or travelling on public transport, regardless of the risks involved. I have often wondered why they take such risks: is it because they want to exude a sense of independence, or is it that they want to tell the world to stop bothering them? Or is it that they just want to show how cool they are?

Whether it is a workman or an executive, earphones have become an inseparable part of our lives, sometimes even tragicomic situations. The other day, an electrician had come to our house to fix something. We told him in detail what needed to be done. But after he left, I found that the man had done almost nothing. It later turned out that he could not hear our directions clearly because he had his earphones on.

Hundreds of such earphones addicts commute by the Delhi Metro every day. While one should not begrudge anyone their moments of privacy or their love for music, the fact is 'iPod oblivion' can sometimes be very dangerous. Recently, I was travelling with my wife on the Delhi Metro. Since the train was approaching the terminus, there weren't too many passengers. In our compartment, other than us, there were only two women sitting on the other side of the aisle. And then suddenly, I spotted a duffel bag. The bomb scare lasted for several minutes. Then suddenly, a youth emerged from nowhere and picked up the bag. When we tried to stop him, he looked at us, surprised. Then he took off his earpieces, lifted the bag, and told us that the bag belonged to him and that he was going to get off at the next station.

We were stunned but recovered in time to ask him where he was all this while? His answer: he was in the compartment, leaning against the door, totally immersed in the music. He had no clue about what was going on around him. When he got off, earplugs in his hand, we could hear strains of the song.

On the basis of reading of the passage answer the following questions: (1x4=4 marks)

1. Which word in the passage means 'absorbed'?

- a) stunned
- b) immersed
- c) oblivion
- d) none of the above

2. The reason for people listening to music or using their electronic gadgets while crossing busy roads or travelling on public transport is that they

- a) do not want to be disturbed
- b) want to show their independence
- c) want to show how fashionable they are
- d) all of these

3. The author says that we should not resent people.....

- a) indulging in their love for music
- b) wanting privacy
- c) both a and b
- d) neither a nor b

4. What did the young man tell the author after taking off his earphones ?

SECTION-B (WRITING and GRAMMAR) (8 marks)

Q2. You are Sunaina / Sumeet. Today is your birthday and your father has gifted you a smart watch. You are very happy to own it as you wanted to have for a long time. Write a diary entry describing your feelings. (100-120 words) . **(5 marks)**

OR

You are Meghna/Manoj. Your cousin lives in the USA. You have got invitation from him/her to visit there during Christmas and New Year holidays. Write a diary entry describing your feelings and plans about the trip. (100-120 words)

Q3. Choose the correct answers.

(1x3=3 marks)

1. 'We have already done the exercise'. Which sentence is the correct passive voice of the given sentence?

- a) Already the exercise was done by us.
- b) The exercise has already been done by us.
- c) The exercise had been already done by us.
- d) The exercise is already done by us.

2. 'One should not give unsolicited advice'. Which sentence is the correct passive voice of the given sentence?

- a) Unsolicited advice is not to be given.
- b) Unsolicited advice can't be given.
- c) Unsolicited advice should not be given.
- d) Unsolicited advice may not be given.

3. Which of these is a phrase?

- a) This table is dirty.
- b) when it was raining
- c) behind the house
- d) herself

SECTION-C LITERATURE (8 marks)

Q4. Read the extract and answer the questions.

(1x2=2 marks)

Perhaps on the whole it might bring me luck,
And there seems one objection,
Which is, if you'll let me speak so bold.
Your feet are unpleasantly wet and cold.

1. Who is 'me' in the given extract?

- a) the duck
- b) the kangaroo
- c) the poet
- d) none of these

2. What was the one objection?

- a) It would bring the speaker luck.
- b) It would make the speaker bold.
- c) The feet was very wet and cold.
- d) all of these

Q5. Answer ANY TWO of the following questions in 30 - 40 words each. (3x2=6 marks)

- a) Why did Jody not want Mill Wheel to come with him in the forest?
- b) What was Jody's mother's reaction when she heard about the fawn to be brought home?
- c) What preparations did the duck make to go with the kangaroo around the world ?

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