

O. P. JINDAL SCHOOL, SAVITRI NAGAR**Periodic Test – I (Round – II) 2025 – 2026****Class: IX****MM: 20****Subject: English****Time: 1 Hr.****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 following report.**

- (1) In a world dominated by digital technology, the way we capture, store, and share memories has evolved significantly. Traditional photo albums and digital photo galleries are two primary methods for preserving personal and family memories, each with its own unique characteristics. Though both share the common goal of keeping memories alive, they offer different experiences, advantages, and disadvantages.
- (2) Photo albums represent a tangible and tactile way to capture memories. A physical album filled with printed photographs provides a sense of reminiscence and can be passed down through generations, becoming a family heirloom. The process of selecting photos, printing them, and placing them in an album can be a personal and intimate experience, allowing one to reflect on the moments captured.
- (3) One of the primary advantages of photo albums is their permanence. Unlike digital files, which can be lost or corrupted, physical photographs in a well-maintained album can last for decades, if not centuries. Albums also provide a sensory experience; flipping through the pages, feeling the texture of the paper, and smelling the aging prints can evoke strong emotional responses.
- (4) Additionally, photo albums require little to no technology to enjoy. This makes them accessible to a wider range of people, including those who may not be tech-savvy. Albums can be taken to family gatherings or passed around during holidays, creating a shared experience among family and friends.
- (5) However, photo albums come with certain disadvantages. They take up physical space and are vulnerable to damage from environmental factors like water, fire, or sunlight. Albums are also limited in capacity; once they are filled, creating additional albums can become cumbersome. Furthermore, the process of creating a photo album can be time-consuming and costly. Printing photographs, purchasing albums, and maintaining them can add up. Digital photo galleries have transformed the way we capture and share memories. With the rise of smartphones and digital cameras, taking and storing photos has become more convenient than ever.
- (6) The main advantage of digital photo galleries is their convenience and capacity. With a single device, you can store thousands of photos and access them from anywhere. Digital galleries also offer powerful organization tools, allowing users to sort and categorise their photos with metadata, tags, and dates. Sharing digital photos is effortless; you can send them via email, social media, or cloud-based platforms, enabling friends and family to enjoy memories instantly. Digital galleries also allow for easy editing and enhancement of photos, helping to correct imperfections and improve quality.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**(4 marks)**

- a) What do traditional photo albums and digital photo galleries share in common?
- A. Both use digital technology to store photos.
 - B. Both are methods of preserving personal and family memories.

C. Both are tangible and can be passed down through generations.

D. Both rely on external power sources to function.

b) What aspect of traditional photo albums makes them a cherished item for families?

A. The convenience of digital technology.

B. The ability to store thousands of photos.

C. The sense of nostalgia they provide.

D. The option to access them from anywhere.

c) List any ONE way the photo albums can contribute to an enjoyable family time.

d) Why has it become cumbersome to create additional photo albums, according to paragraph 5?

SECTION B - WRITING AND GRAMMAR

Q2. Answer any one in 100-120 words:

(5 marks)

You are Yamuna of 102, M.G Road Begumpet, Hyderabad 500003. Your cousin is a brilliant student but doesn't keep good health as he/she is fond of eating junk food from outside. Write a letter to him/her about the harmful effects of junk food, and to maintain good health in not more than 120 words.

OR

You are Tara/Tarun. Of 103, Regency Apartments Uppal Hyderabad. Write a letter to your sister/brother congratulating him/her for his/her new job offer in about 120 words. He/she had just graduated from college.

Q3. Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct form of verb given in the brackets:

(3 marks)

The team of volunteers is gathering supplies for the upcoming charity event. Each member a) ____ (bring/brings) enthusiasm and dedication to their tasks. Neither the weather nor logistical challenges deter their efforts. Every donation received b) ____ (go/goes) directly to those in need. The organizers c) ____ (ensures/ensure) that every detail is meticulously planned to guarantee a successful event.

SECTION C- LITERATURE

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

(1x2 = 2 marks)

"For men may come and men may go,

But I go on forever,

I wind about, and in and out,

With here a blossom sailing,

And here and there a lusty trout,

And here and there a grayling."

a) How does the brook express its permanence compared to human presence?

b) What does the brook suggest about its path through the landscape?

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

(3x2 = 6 marks)

a) What is the 'netted sunbeam'? What makes it dance?

b) What message does the story "A Dog Named Duke" convey about the relationship between humans and animals?

c) Were the Hoopers' new neighbours aware of the story of Duke and Chuck? What did they see every day?
