

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

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

SECTION A- READING**Q1. Read the following passage:**

1. When planning vacations, Indians typically prioritize domestic destinations, as shown by Ministry of Tourism data indicating 1.7 billion domestic tourist visits within India compared to 21 million international departures in 2022. Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, and Karnataka stand out as the top states for domestic tourism. Reasons for domestic tourism are many, some travel because it suits their budget while others love to explore the historical, cultural diversity. The government today is focussing on tourist-friendly infrastructure which is making travel more convenient for the domestic traveller.
2. In terms of outbound tourism, a significant proportion of Indian travellers, totalling 5.9 million, visited the United Arab Emirates in 2022, comprising 28 percent of total outbound tourist travel. Other Gulf states such as Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and Kuwait also rank among the top destinations, with 2.4 million, 880,000, and 830,000 Indian visitors, respectively. Additionally, countries like the United States and the United Kingdom attract a considerable number of Indian tourists because these countries offer a mix of traditional and contemporary experiences along with enjoying unique cuisines and diverse landscapes.
3. The popularity of Gulf States and the U.S. may be influenced by migration trends. The current issue of the International Organization for Migration's (IOM) World Migration Report highlights significant migration flows from India to the United Arab Emirates, the United States, and Saudi Arabia. For instance, the Emirates hosted approximately 3.6 million Indian migrants as of August 2023. Only via two corridors have more people transferred from one country to another as of 2020 according to the IOM: Mexico to the United States with around 11 million and Syria to Turkey with approximately 4 million. These migration corridors rank among the top ten globally.

Answer the following questions, based on the above passage:**(4 Marks)**

- (i) What does the use of the phrase 'prioritise domestic destinations' by the writer, in paragraph (1) imply? 1
- A. Indian tourists prefer places in the country itself.
 - B. Indian tourists like to stay at home.
 - C. Indian tourists mainly travel on low budgets.
 - D. Indian tourists love to hitch-hike and trek.
- (ii) Fill in the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets, based on your understanding of paragraph (2). 1
- The statement that, World Migration Report highlights significant migration flows from India to the United Arab Emirates, the United States, and Saudi Arabia, is a/an _____ (fact/opinion) because it is a/an _____ (subjective judgement/objective detail).
- (iii) Draw a comparative analysis of domestic tourists travelling within India with domestic tourists travelling outside India in 2022. Answer in about 40 words. 2

SECTION B- GRAMMAR & CREATIVE WRITING

Q2. Rewrite the following by placing the words in the correct order.

(2 Marks)

- (i) to / her / all / friends / birthday / next week / party / she is inviting
- (ii) architecture / I would / like to / books / on / look at / indian / the

Q3. Attempt any one in about 50 words.

(3 Marks)

You are Vivek/Vandana, the Eco Club leader of Kalyanpur High School, Bhubaneswar. With the rising cases of Dengue and Malaria, your school has decided to organise a Health Mela in order to educate the people of your city. Make a catchy poster highlighting the causes and measures to be taken to stop this menace. Give all necessary details in about 50 words.

OR

You are Shalin/ Shalini working with an NGO 'Animal Protection'. Encouraged by the steps taken by the Indian government in bringing Cheetahs to India, your organization deputes you to draft a poster in 50 words to be published in newspapers celebrating the arrival of cheetahs which was declared as extinct from India in 1952. Also include a message sensitizing people against exploiting and destroying the beautiful grasslands, the natural habitat of cheetahs.

SECTION C- LITERATURE

Q4. Read the following extract and answer the questions:

(1x2 = 2 Marks)

Sue's head had swollen alarmingly; she had two enormous black eyes, and now she showed us a deep cut on her arm. When I asked why she hadn't made more of her injuries before this, she replied, "I didn't want to worry you when you were trying to save us all. By morning on January 3, the pumps had the water level sufficiently under control for us to take two hours' rest in rotation.

-We are Not Afraid to Die... If We can all be Together

(i) Whom does the word 'you' refer in the above extract?

- A. Larry
- B. Seigler
- C. Author
- D. author's Wife

(ii) What trait of Sue's character is reflected through the above statement?

- 1. She was a brave girl
 - 2. She was a concerned person
 - 3. She was naughty
 - 4. She could understand priorities
 - 5. She was impatient
 - 6. She was vociferous
- A. 1,2,3 B. 2,3,6 C. 1,2,4 D. 4,5,6

Q5. Answer the following in 40 to 50 words each:

(3 X 3 = 9 Marks)

(i) Do you agree that Aram had a way with things? Illustrate.

(ii) Did the boys return the horse because they were conscience stricken or were they afraid? Give reasons for your answer.

(iii) "I had no time to worry about bumped heads", says the narrator. What problem do you think deserved his immediate attention?
