

O.P. JINDAL SCHOOL, SAVITRINAGAR

Periodic Test –1(Round-1) (2025-2026)

Class VIII Section

Subject: English

Name:

MM: 20

Time: 01 Hour

Roll No.....

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.

Throughout history, humans have been fascinated by the idea of supernatural powers—abilities that go beyond the laws of nature. These include telepathy (reading minds), telekinesis (moving objects without touch), precognition (predicting the future), and healing powers. Stories of such powers appear in religious texts, folklore, and modern fiction, suggesting a deep cultural interest in the unknown.

Ancient civilizations often attributed supernatural powers to gods, shamans, or chosen individuals. For example, in many Native American tribes, shamans were believed to possess healing and visionary abilities. In Eastern traditions, yogis and monks were sometimes said to develop extraordinary powers through meditation and discipline.

Modern science, however, views supernatural abilities with skepticism. Despite numerous claims, there is little reliable evidence to support their existence. Many experiments in parapsychology—studies of psychic phenomena—have produced inconsistent results. Critics argue that wishful thinking, illusion, or fraud can explain most reports of supernatural events.

Still, belief in these powers remains strong. Popular culture, including movies, books, and television shows, often portrays characters with incredible abilities. These stories not only entertain but also explore deeper questions about human potential and the limits of science. Whether real or imagined, supernatural powers continue to capture our imagination. They remind us of how much we still don't understand about the mind, nature, and the universe itself.

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

I Choose the correct option.

1. Which of the following is NOT mentioned as a supernatural power?
 - i) Telepathy
 - ii) Telekinesis
 - iii) Invisibility
 - iv) Precognition
2. Which word has the same meaning as 'that you can trust'?
 - i) Extraordinary
 - ii) Illusion
 - iii) Reliable
 - iv) Inconsistent

3. What is the scientific view of supernatural powers?

- i) They are fully proven.
- ii) They are widely accepted.
- iii) They are viewed skeptically.
- iv) They are part of mainstream physics.

II Answer in short.

1. What role does popular culture play in beliefs about supernatural powers?

SECTION-B WRITING and GRAMMAR (8 marks)

Q2. Write an application to the Principal asking him/her to sanction three days leave for an urgent piece of work.(100-120 words) (5 marks)

OR

Write a letter to the Principal asking him/her for a scholarship. (100-120 words)

Q3. Choose the correct answer to fill in the blanks. (1x3=3 marks)

1. A number of soldiers injured during the war.

- i) were
- ii) is
- iii) was
- iv) might

2. One of my friends badminton internationally.

- i) play
- ii) plays
- iii) are playing
- iv) none of these

3. "Snakes and mongoose supposed to be enemies.

- i) is
- ii) had
- iii) are
- iv) was

SECTION-C LITERATURE (8 marks)

Q4. Read the extract and answer the questions. (1x2=2 marks)

When night comes, I bury my face in my arms
And dream that my paper boats float on and on
Under the midnight stars.
The fairies of sleep are sailing in them
And the lading in their basket full of dreams.

1. Where does the poet dream of his paper boat?

- i) In the fairyland
- ii) Under the midnight stars
- iii) In the basket
- iv) None of the above

2. What do the fairies of sleep carry in their basket?

- i) Stars
- ii) Dreams
- iii) Shiuli flowers
- iv) All of the above

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

- a) Why does the poet write his personal details on the paper boats ?
- b) How was moonlight a help as well as hindrance for Neel and Rupa?
- c) What was Neel's thought before he went to sleep?
