

O. P. JINDAL SCHOOL, SAVITRI NAGAR**Periodic Test –III (Round – I) 2025 – 2026****Class: X****Subject: English Lag. & Litt.****MM: 20****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

(1) Coffee is one of the most widely consumed beverages in the world, prepared from the roasted seeds of the *Coffea* plant. Originating in Ethiopia, it gradually spread to Arabia and later to Europe, becoming a global favourite. India ranks among the top ten coffee-producing countries, with Karnataka, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu accounting for nearly 90% of its total production. Coffee is known locally as *Kaapi* in the southern regions and has a rich cultural significance in households and cafés alike.

(2) The appeal of coffee lies in its rich aroma, deep flavour, and stimulating quality. The caffeine content in coffee acts as a mild stimulant that enhances alertness, focus, and mental energy. Scientists believe that moderate coffee consumption can improve concentration and even protect against certain diseases like Parkinson's and Type 2 diabetes. However, its effects vary depending on individual tolerance and lifestyle habits.

(3) Despite its energising benefits, overconsumption of coffee can cause negative effects such as insomnia, anxiety, and elevated heart rate. Nutritionists recommend a daily intake of no more than two to three cups for healthy adults. For people sensitive to caffeine, alternatives such as decaffeinated coffee or herbal beverages are suggested.

(4) The process of coffee production, from cultivation to the final brew, is highly labour-intensive. Coffee plants require a tropical climate with well-distributed rainfall and fertile soil. The cherries are hand-picked, pulped, fermented, washed, dried, and roasted before they can be ground and brewed. Each stage demands precision and expertise, often carried out by skilled workers, which adds to the cost and value of the beverage.

(5) Brazil remains the largest coffee producer globally, followed by Vietnam and Colombia. India, though smaller in scale, is well known for its premium *Arabica* and *Robusta* varieties, particularly from the Coorg and Chikmagalur regions. The Coffee Board of India has also been promoting sustainable coffee farming to ensure fair trade and environmental conservation. Thus, coffee is not merely a beverage but a symbol of global connection, livelihood, and tradition.

Answer the following questions based on the passage:**(4 marks)**

(i) Coffee is one of the most preferred beverages in the world.

Support the above statement in about 40 words with evidence from the text.

(ii) Select the option that is true for the assertion and reason given below.

Assertion: Coffee helps increase focus and alertness.

Reason: It contains caffeine that stimulates the brain and nervous system.

A. Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.

B. Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.

C. A is true, but R is false.

D. A is false, but R is true.

India is among the top ten coffee-processing countries in the world, with Karnataka, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu contributing to the majority of its export.

(iv) Substitute the word '**precision**' with ONE WORD similar in meaning, in the following sentence from paragraph 4:

Each stage demands precision and expertise, often carried out by skilled workers...

SECTION B - WRITING AND GRAMMAR

Q2. Answer any one in 100 - 120 words:

(5 marks)

You are Ananya Mehta / Arjun Mehta, a student of Class XI living at 22, Green Park, Delhi. You are interested in joining a summer course in Creative Writing offered by the Oxford Language Institute, Mumbai. Write a letter of enquiry to the Director of the institute, seeking details regarding the duration, course content, eligibility, fees, accommodation, and mode of application.

OR

As Ritika Sharma / Rohan Sharma, a concerned resident of B-78, Lake View Colony, Jaipur, you have noticed that streetlights in your locality remain non-functional for several weeks. This has caused frequent accidents and created safety concerns, especially for women and elderly residents returning home after dark. Write a letter to the Editor of a national daily, drawing attention to this issue and requesting the concerned civic authorities to take immediate action to repair and maintain proper street lighting in your area.

Q3. Read the conversation below and complete the passage that follows (Any THREE): (3 marks)

Mother: "Did you clean your room, Rohan?"

Rohan: "Not yet. I was finishing my homework."

Mother: "Please do it before dinner."

Rohan: "Sure, Mom. I'll take care of it."

Rohan's mother asked him _____ (1) his room. Rohan replied that he had not, as he _____ (2) his homework. His mother requested him _____ (3) it before dinner. Rohan agreed and assured her that he _____ (4) care of it.

SECTION C- LITERATURE

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

(2x1 = 2 marks)

“Griffin was a brilliant scientist. He had carried out experiments which could make the human body invisible. Finally, he swallowed certain rare drugs and his body became transparent as a sheet of glass — though it also remained as solid as glass.”

(i) What does the phrase “transparent as a sheet of glass” mean in the above extract?

(ii) Which of the following statements correctly describe Griffin? (You may choose more than one options)

a) He was a careless doctor.

b) He was a brilliant but selfish scientist.

c) He discovered a way to become invisible.

d) He used his discovery only for helping others.

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

(2x3 = 6 marks)

1. *The baker's furnace is essential in a traditional Goan village.* Do you Agree? Justify with suitable evidence.

II. *The people of Coorg have a tradition of courage and bravery.* How has it been recognised in modern India?

III. What are the various legends regarding the origin of tea?