

O. P. JINDAL SCHOOL, SAVITRI NAGAR
Periodic Test – III (Round – II) 2025 – 2026

Class: IX
Subject: English

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

Q1. Read the following passage carefully:

1. Remote, icy and mostly pristine, Greenland plays an outsized role in the daily weather experienced by billions of people and in the climate changes taking shape all over the planet. Think of Greenland as an open refrigerator door or thermostat for a warming world, and it's in a region that is warming four times faster than the rest of the globe, said New York University climate scientist David Holland.
2. Locked inside are valuable rare earth minerals needed for telecommunications, as well as uranium, billions of untapped barrels of oil and a vast supply of natural gas that used to be inaccessible but is becoming less so. Many of the same minerals are currently being supplied mostly by an Asian country, so other countries are interested. But more than the oil, gas or minerals, there's ice – a "ridiculous" amount, said climate scientist Eric Rignot. If that ice melts, it would reshape coastlines across the globe and potentially shift weather patterns in a dramatic manner. Greenland holds enough ice that if it all melts, the world's seas would rise by 24 feet.
3. Since 1992, Greenland has lost about 182 billion tons of ice each year, with losses hitting 489 billion tons a year in 2019. Greenland will be 'a key focus point' through the 21st century because of the effect its melting ice sheet will have on sea levels, said Mark Serreze, director of the National Snow and Ice Data Center. "It will likely become a bigger contributor in the future." That impact is perhaps unstoppable. Greenland is also changing colour as it melts from the white of ice, which reflects sunlight, heat and energy away from the planet, to the blue and green of the ocean and land, which absorb much more energy.
4. Greenland also serves as the engine and on/off switch for a key ocean current that influences Earth's climate in many ways, including hurricane and winter storm activity. It's called the Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation, or AMOC, and it's slowing down because more fresh water is being dumped into the ocean by melting ice in Greenland. A shutdown of the AMOC conveyor belt is a much-feared climate tipping point that could plunge Europe and parts of North America into prolonged freezes. "If this global current system were to slow substantially or even collapse altogether – as we know it has done in the past – normal temperature and precipitation patterns around the globe would change drastically," said climate scientist Jennifer Francis of the Woodwell Climate Research Center. "Agriculture would be derailed, ecosystems would crash, and 'normal' weather would be a thing of the past."
5. None of that takes into consideration the unique look of the ice-covered island that has some of the Earth's oldest rocks. "I see it as insanely beautiful. It's eye-watering to be there," said Holland, who has conducted research on the ice more than 30 times since 2007. "Pieces of ice the size of the Empire State Building are just crumbling off cliffs and crashing into the ocean. And also, the beautiful wildlife, all the seals and the killer whales. It's just breathtaking."

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

(4 marks)

(i) Give two reasons why 'other countries' might be interested in Greenland's rare earth minerals and resources.

Answer in 30-40 words. (Paragraph 2)

2

(ii) Which phrase from paragraph 4 bears evidence to the fact that Greenland plays a critical role in controlling the AMOC?

1

(iii) What would be the most suitable title for paragraph 3?

1

- a) Greenland's Changing Climate and Ecosystem
- b) The Rising Sea Levels and Climate Impact of Greenland
- c) Greenland's Ice Melt: A Threat to Global Energy Balance
- d) Greenland's Melting Ice: A Growing Concern for the 21st Century

SECTION B - WRITING AND GRAMMAR

Q2. Answer any one in 100 words:

(5 marks)

Rita is standing on the balcony of her apartment. She observes a park nearby where once children used to play freely. Now she sees garbage strewn around, broken benches, and very few children. Write a paragraph imagining yourself to be Rita, expressing your feelings about the poor condition of the park and suggesting ways to improve it.

OR

There's a lot of indiscipline in your school. It is not liked by the school authorities. They ask you, the vice Head Boy, to talk to the junior children about the 'Value of Discipline' so as to make them understand the importance of discipline in one's life. Write a paragraph on the above-mentioned topic.

Q3. Rearrange the following words to obtain a meaningful sentence.

(3 marks)

- a) Always/his/I/honesty/shall/remember.
- b) That/life/animal/plant/everyone/has/whether/or/breathes.
- c) Buddha/his/child/kingdom/led/life/a/left/wife/and/the/and/of/beggar

SECTION C- LITERATURE

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

(1x2 = 2 marks)

All the world's a stage,
And all the men and women merely players;
They have their exits and their entrances,
And one man in his time plays many parts,
His acts being seven ages. At first, the infant,
Mewling and puking in the nurse's arms.
Then the whining schoolboy, with his satchel

- a) What does the poet mean by 'exits' and 'entrances'?
- b) Describe the first two ages of man as portrayed in the given lines.

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

(3x2 = 6 marks)

- a) Describe in brief the seven stages in man's life.
- b) Why do you think the Colonel agreed to get his daughter marry to a salesman like Pescud?
- c) How is the title "Best Seller" suitable for the story? Explain.