O. P. JINDAL SCHOOL, SAVITRI NAGAR

Periodic Test –I (Round – I) 2026 – 2027

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 passage carefully:

(1) In recent years, concerns about **digital well-being** have become increasingly relevant, especially among **Generation Z**, who have grown up surrounded by smart phones, social media, and constant connectivity. Studies reveal that Gen Z spends more than six hours a day online—not only for entertainment but also for education, communication, and creative expression. While this digital presence has opened new opportunities, it has also brought challenges related to mental health, productivity, and social behaviour.

(2) One of the major issues highlighted by experts is the **rising level of digital fatigue**. Continuous screen exposure leads to eye strain, difficulty focusing, and disrupted sleep patterns. Many young people admit that late-night scrolling affects their rest, yet they find it hard to disconnect due to fear of missing out, commonly known as *FOMO*. Psychologists emphasize that balancing online and offline activities is essential for long-term well-being.

(3) Despite these challenges, technology offers several benefits when used mindfully. Gen Z has been quick to adopt **digital learning tools**, online skill-building platforms, and virtual collaboration spaces. These tools provide flexibility, instant access to global resources, and opportunities for creative problem-solving. For many students, digital platforms have become essential for shaping academic and career goals.

(4) To promote better digital habits, schools and communities are introducing awareness programmes on **responsible screen use**, encouraging activities such as scheduled screen-free hours, outdoor engagement, and mindful technology consumption. Health experts believe that developing healthy digital routines at a young age can support emotional balance, academic success, and stronger interpersonal relationships.

Answer the given questions based on the above passage: **(5 marks)**

(i) Why has digital well-being become a major concern for Gen Z? Explain in about **40–50 words** using evidence from the passage.

(ii) Select the option that is true for the assertion and reason given below.
Assertion: Digital fatigue is becoming a common problem among Gen Z.
Reason: Gen Z spends long hours on screens due to entertainment, studies, and fear of missing out.
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.

(iii) State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE:
Prolonged screen time can have adverse effects like eye strain, difficulty focusing, and improved sleep patterns. (TRUE/FALSE)

(iv) Substitute the word "mindfully" in the sentence: ***"....technology offers several benefits when used mindfully."*** with **ONE WORD** similar in meaning.

(v) Complete the analogy:
Balanced screen time: emotional balance::Digital fatigue: _____

SECTION B - WRITING AND GRAMMAR

Q2. Read the following conversation Principal and Sports Captain: (4 marks)

Principal: Good morning, Rohan. I hope the sports department is prepared for the upcoming activities.
Sports Captain: Good morning, ma'am. Yes, we are ready for the events planned this term.
Principal: Good. I want you to organise an *Inter-Class Cricket Tournament* for students of Classes IX to XII next month.
Sports Captain: That sounds great, ma'am. When would you like it to be held?
Principal: The matches should begin on *15th April* on the school playground. Finalise the teams and prepare the schedule.
Sports Captain: Sure, ma'am. Should I inform the students about registrations?
Principal: Yes. Put up a notice on the board by tomorrow. Mention the eligibility, venue, last date for registration, and whom they should contact.
Sports Captain: Certainly, ma'am. I will draft the notice and circulate the information today itself.

Based on the conversation given above, you are Rohan/Ritika, Sports Captain of Sunrise Public School, Raigarh. Draft a NOTICE in about 50 words informing students of Classes IX–XII about the upcoming Inter-Class Cricket Tournament.

Q3. Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct option from the brackets (Any FOUR): (4x1 = 4 marks)

Last Sunday, Aarav (a)_____(decide / decided / decides) to visit his grandparents. When he (b)_____ (reach / reached / reaches) their house, he found that they (c)_____ (are gardening / were gardening / will be gardening) in the backyard. Aarav (d)_____ (join / joined / joins) them happily. They told him that they (e)_____ (plant / had planted / will plant) new saplings that morning.

SECTION C- LITERATURE

Q4.Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: (3x1 = 3 marks)

"In those days people never considered education essential for girls, so I never went to school. I got married very young and had children. I became very busy"

I. Identify the speaker & listener in the above lines.

II What social issue/s is/are highlighted in the extract?

i. Lack of interest in studies
ii. Gender-based discrimination in education
iii. Difficulty in attending school due to distance
iv. Preference for private schools
v. Child marriage
vi. Child labour

(A) i and ii (B) ii and v (C) ii, v and vi (D) ii and iii

III. What is the speaker's tone while speaking the above lines.

Q5. Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40- 50 words each: (2x2 = 4 marks)

I. What was "Kashi Yatra," and why was it important to the grandmother?
II. How does the grandmother's personality challenge stereotypes about the elderly?
III. What does the line - *"For a good cause if you are determined, you can overcome any obstacle.."* tell us about the broader theme of the story?