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O.P. JINDAL SCHOOL, SAVITRINAGAR

Periodic Test –1(Round-1) (2026-2027)

Class VIII Section ..... **MM: 20**
Subject: English **Time: 01 Hour**
Name: ..... **Roll No.....**

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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.

Reading is one of the most important habits a person can develop. It is a gateway to knowledge, imagination, and personal growth. Through reading, people learn new ideas, gain information about the world, and improve their understanding of different subjects. Books, newspapers, magazines, and digital articles provide valuable knowledge that helps individuals make informed decisions in their daily lives. Reading also improves language and communication skills. It increases vocabulary, enhances grammar, and helps readers express their thoughts more clearly. Students who read regularly often perform better in school because they can understand lessons more easily and develop stronger writing skills. In addition, reading stimulates the mind and improves concentration, memory, and critical thinking abilities.

Another important benefit of reading is that it develops creativity and imagination. When people read stories, they create images and scenes in their minds, which strengthens their imaginative abilities. Reading also introduces readers to different cultures, traditions, and perspectives, helping them become more open-minded and empathetic toward others. Furthermore, reading can be a source of relaxation and enjoyment. It reduces stress by allowing people to escape into interesting stories or learn about topics they love. Unlike many forms of entertainment, reading actively engages the brain and contributes to lifelong learning.In today's fast-changing world, reading remains a valuable skill that supports academic success, career growth, and personal development. By making reading a daily habit, individuals can expand their knowledge, improve their skills, and enrich their lives in countless ways.

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

I Choose the correct option.

1. What is one major benefit of reading mentioned in the passage?

i) It increases physical strength.
ii) It improves language and communication skills.
iii) It reduces the need for education.
iv) It replaces social interaction.

2. How does reading help students?

i) It helps them avoid homework.
ii) It improves their sports performance.
iii) It helps them understand lessons and write better.
iv) It makes school unnecessary.

3. What does reading develop besides knowledge?

i) Creativity and imagination

ii) Physical fitness

iii) Driving skills

iv) Musical talent

4. Why is reading considered a valuable lifelong skill?

Section- B (Writing & Grammar)(8 marks)

Q2. Write a letter to the Principal of your school requesting him/her to grant you three days leave. (100-120 words) **(5 marks)**

OR

Write a letter to the Principal asking him/her to arrange a trip to Science museum (100-120 words)

Q3. Choose the correct answer to fill in the blanks.

1. If they had prepared better, they would have won the match. (Identify the type of conditional.)
   i) Zero Conditional ii) First Conditional
   ii) Second Conditional iv) Third Conditional

2. If you don't eat, ... (Complete the sentence with a zero conditional.

3. If you do not exercise, you will gain weight. (Identify the type of conditional.)
   i) Zero Conditional ii) First Conditional
   iii) Second Conditional iv) Third Conditional

Section-C(Literature) (8 marks)

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

My nextdoor neighbour, Mrs. Jones,
Puts little plants between the stones
They are so delicate and small,
They don't mean anything at all

1. Where has Mrs. Jones put the little plants?
i) Everywhere ii) Between the stones
iii) In the corner iv) None of these

2. Who are 'they' referred to in the third and fourth line'?
i) Rocks and stones ii) Small and delicate plants
iii) Both (i) and (ii) iv) None of these

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

a) What were the qualities of Tenali Rama that made him gain a special place in the king's court?
b) Why was the Vijaynagara Empire considered to be in its 'Golden Era' during Krishnadeva Raya's reign?
c) What kind of gardening skills did Mrs. Jones have in the poem 'A Concrete Example"?

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