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

Class: X **MM: 20**

Subject: English **Time: 1 Hr.**

General Instructions:

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, CREATIVE WRITING & LITERATURE.
2. Attempt all questions based on specific instructions for each part.

SECTION A- READING

Q1. Read the following passage:

(1) There is no denying that the army is mainly responsible for the defence of the nation. It is also called upon to maintain law and order in times of severe crisis. However, we must not forget that the need to maintain law and order also arises in normal times. It is in these times that we need another force — the police — that compels citizens to obey the law and to act with due regard to the rights of others. The force also protects the lives and the properties of law-abiding citizens.

(2) Laws are essentially made to secure the personal safety of the citizens of a country. They aim to prevent different types of crimes that pose a threat to the security of people and safety of their property, such as larceny, murder and numerous other illegal practices involving violence of any type. Besides ensuring security of the property of the citizens against theft and damage, laws also try to protect the rights of communities and castes to carry out their customs and ceremonies, so long as they do not conflict with the rights of others.

(3) It is important to note that the enforcement of laws multiplies the duties and responsibilities of citizens towards themselves. Those among them, who can be identified as good citizens, obey these laws and take care that everything they do is done with due regard to the rights and well-being of others. Sadly, however, there are people who do not show a natural keenness to understand the true significance of laws.

(4) These people, who can be called indifferent citizens, often seem to be reluctant in terms of their willingness to follow laws. Such citizens are only restrained from breaking these laws by fear of the consequence of their actions. That is why it becomes necessary for the law-enforcing agencies to take steps so that an indifferent citizen may start acting as a good citizen.

(5) It is significant to note in this regard that the supreme control of law and order in a state is usually in the hands of the Home Minister who is responsible to the State Assembly. He/She is assisted by a number of bureaucrats, including the Home Secretary, besides additional and Joint Secretaries. The Inspector General of Police, who heads the police force in a state, carries out the orders issued by the Home Ministry. He/She too has a hierarchy of police officers under him. Thus, to maintain law and order in any state, there is a complex chain of officials.

Answer the following questions based on the passage above : **(5 Marks)**

(i) What is the main idea of the passage ? 1

(A) The chain of officials responsible to the citizens (B) To let us know what the supreme order of law is

(C) It discusses the role of the army and the police (D) Restraints put on a citizen by the government

(ii) Briefly explain (in 30 – 40 words) the importance of laws. 2

(iii) Substitute the underlined word in the following sentence with a word from paragraph (4), that has the same meaning- "His every word seemed to be calm and controlled." 1

(iv) Complete the following sentence appropriately. Based on the use of the word "compels", in Paragraph (1), we need the police to force citizens to _____. 1

SECTION B- CREATIVE WRITING & GRAMMAR

Q2. Attempt any one of the two, (a) or (b), in 50 words. **(3Marks)**

You are Rishabh/Rishita, Class Prefect of Class IX A. Write an email, in 50 words, to the Principal of your school, requesting him/her to provide an interactive board in your classroom. Include valid reasons for your request. You may copy the given template to write your email.

OR

Write an application to your Principal informing him about your sister's marriage and your inability to attend your classes for five days. You are Ankit/Ankita Pandey, Class X-A.

Q3. Fill in the blanks (i) – (iii) with the appropriate option from those given in the brackets.(3 Marks)

Renewable energy is essential to the world's efforts to (i) _____ (reduce/reducing/reduced) dependence on fossil fuels. Solar and wind power (ii) _____ (has emerged/emerge/are emerging) as the most promising alternatives. Many countries (iii) _____ (are invest/is investing/are investing) heavily in renewable infrastructure to ensure a sustainable future for the next generation.

SECTION C- LITERATURE

Q4. Read the following extracts and answer the questions: **(3x1 = 3 Marks)**

(a) "Yes," the frog replied ."You see,
I'm the frog who owns this tree
In this bog I've long been known
For my splendid baritone
And, of course I wield my pen for
Bog Trumpet now and then."

(i) Why is the frog famous in the bog ? 1

(ii) Which characteristic trait of the frog is revealed from the above lines ? 1

(iii) How does the frog introduce himself? 1

Q5. Answer the following in 30 to 40 words each: (Any Three) **(3 X 2 = 6 Marks)**

(i) Why did the narrator feel deeply moved by the boys' devotion ? (Two Gentlemen of Verona)

(ii) Why did the nightingale lose her natural charm in singing ? (The Frog and the Nightingale)

(iii) What message is conveyed by Vikram Seth through the poem "The Frog and the Nightingale'?

(iv) How do Jacopo and Nicola show their dedication and love for their family member in 'Two Gentlemen of Verona'?

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SECTION A- READING

Q1. Read the following passage:

(1) Travel, they say, broadens the mind, but who exactly are 'they' ? These mysterious sages seem to know a thing or two about the transformative power of packing a suitcase and jetting off to distant lands. As Mark Twain wisely put it, "Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry and narrow-mindedness." Indeed, leaving behind your familiar surroundings and completely involving yourself in a new culture is like enrolling in a crash course in the School of Life.

(2) Take, for instance, the confusing world of foreign languages. You might think you know how to navigate a city because you can book a hotel and call a taxi, but try finding your way through a maze of winding streets in an old European town. Suddenly, "Where is the train station ?'' seems sadly not enough. It's a humbling experience, much like realizing that 'piazza' is Italian for 'square' and not a type of pizza. But therein lies the beauty: each navigational blunder is a lesson, each wrong turn a new entry in your personal map of life.

(3) Then there are the historical landmarks. Visiting the Colosseum isn't just a chance to take an Instagram-worthy selfie; it's a real-life history lesson that textbooks can only dream of. As you stand in the shadow of this ancient arena, you might find yourself daydreaming about gladiators and emperors, only to be jolted back to reality by a selfie stick to the face. Travel has a way of making history real, even if it sometimes includes the odd bruise.

(4) Moreover, travel teaches resilience and adaptability. Missed flights, lost luggage, and questionable hotel rooms can turn even the most meticulously planned vacation into a comedy of errors. Yet, these are the moments that foster growth and creativity. Who knew you could fashion a comb out of a hotel toothbrush and a bit of resourcefulness.

(5) Travel is a passport to a world of knowledge, where every stamp tells a story and every journey is a chapter in the grand, unfinished novel of your life. So, next time you find yourself lost in a foreign city, remember: you're not just a tourist; you're a student of the world, and the curriculum is as vast as your curiosity.

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

(i) According to Mark Twain, how does travel influence people ?

(ii) How does the author use the metaphor of 'crash course in the School of Life' to interpret the value of travel ?

(iii) The comparison of 'navigational blunder' to a 'lesson', in the context of travel, primarily highlights :

(A) the inevitability of getting lost while travelling.

(B) the educational value of travel experiences.

(C) the frustration of not knowing a foreign language.

(D) the importance of planning every detail of a trip.

(iv) Provide one textual evidence with reference to paragraph (4) to prove that travel promotes creativity.

SECTION B- GRAMMAR & CREATIVE WRITING

Q2. Fill the blanks with the correct form of the tenses: (Attempt any TWO) (2 Marks)

Very few people (i) _____ loneliness. It seems to me that most people (ii) _____scared of (iii) _____ left on their own.

(i)	(a) enjoy	(b) enjoys	(c) enjoyed	(d) enjoying
(ii)	(a) is	(b) am	(c) are	(d) was
(iii)	(a) be	(b) being	(c) been	(d) having

Q3. Attempt any one in about 50 words. **(3 Marks)**

You are Gaurav Singh of 4 A Enclave, Swarka, New Delhi. You want to sell your car. Draft an advertisement in not more than 50 words for publication in the times of India giving details of make, model, condition and giving your contact address.

OR

You are Shalini, resident of Vijay Vihar, Haryana. You want to let out a house. Draft an advertisement in about 50 words to be published in the classified columns of a newspaper.

SECTION C- LITERATURE

Q4. Read the following extract and answer the questions: **(1x2 = 2 Marks)**

'My mother's, that was before I was born

And the sea, which appears to have changed less

Washed their terribly transient feet.'

(i) When did this incident take place?

(ii) Read the assertion and the reason below, with reference to the given extract.

Assertion: the sea in the photograph remains the same.

Reason: the sea touched the girls' feet in the picture.

A. Assertion is true, reason is the correct explanation.

B. Assertion is true, reason is not the correct explanation.

C. Assertion is true but reason is false.

D. Assertion and reason are false.

Q5. Answer the following in 40 to 50 words each: **(3 X 3 = 9 Marks)**

(i) Mention three reasons why the author's grandmother was disturbed when he started going to the city school.

(ii) Comment on the title 'The Portrait of a Lady'?

(iii) Explain- ***"Both wry with the laboured ease of loss".***