# O. P. JINDAL SCHOOL, SAVITRI NAGAR

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

**Class: IX** **MM: 20**

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

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***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.

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## SECTION A- READING

**Q1. Read the following passage carefully:**

**(1)** In recent years, **cycling** has become increasingly popular among young people as a healthy, eco-friendly, and economical means of transport. Many schools and local communities encourage students to use bicycles for short distances instead of motor vehicles. Cycling not only helps reduce traffic congestion but also lowers air pollution and carbon emissions. Besides being an environment-friendly practice, it promotes an active lifestyle and improves overall physical fitness.

**(2)** Health experts recommend cycling as a regular form of exercise because it strengthens muscles, improves heart health, and enhances stamina. It also reduces stress and anxiety by releasing endorphins, often called the 'feel-good hormones'. Students who cycle regularly often report better concentration and increased energy levels throughout the day. However, wearing safety gear such as helmets and reflective clothing is essential to prevent accidents and injuries.

**(3)** Despite its many benefits, the number of young cyclists in cities has declined due to increasing traffic, lack of dedicated cycling lanes, and dependence on motor vehicles. Experts believe that developing safe cycling infrastructure and spreading awareness about road safety can encourage more students to choose bicycles. Parents and schools also play an important role in promoting cycling as a healthy daily habit.

**(4)** Recognising its importance, many cities now celebrate events such as **World Bicycle Day** and organise cycling rallies to spread awareness about sustainable transport. These initiatives motivate people to adopt eco-friendly habits while improving their health. Experts believe that encouraging cycling from an early age helps create responsible citizens who care for both their well-being and the environment.

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

(i) Why is cycling considered beneficial for students? 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:** Cycling contributes to better physical and mental health.
**Reason:** Regular cycling strengthens the body, reduces stress, and improves concentration.
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:
Cycling not only helps reduce traffic congestion but also triggers air pollution and carbon emissions. **(TRUE/FALSE)**

(iv) Substitute the word "economical" in the sentence: "*..**cycling** has become increasingly popular among young people as a healthy, eco-friendly, and economical means of transport.*" with **ONE WORD** similar in meaning.

(v) Complete the analogy:
**Cycling : physical fitness :: helmets : _____.**

## SECTION B - WRITING AND GRAMMAR

**Q2.** Your elder sister is celebrating her 18th birthday on 15th October at your residence A-20, Pallav Vihar, Jabalpur. As Rohan/Riya, draft an informal invitation in about 50 words inviting your cousin Aman/Aditi to attend the birthday celebration. Mention necessary details and request them to join the family for the occasion. **(3 marks)**

**Q3. Do as directed:** **(5x1 = 5 marks)**

**I. Choose the right modal verb:**
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**II.** Rohan has severe bacterial infection. The doctor prescribes he _____ (should / must / can) take high doses of the drugs.

**III. Use Appropriate modal verb as instructed in the bracket to complete the sentence:**
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**IV. Which sentence expresses the weakest possibility?**
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**V. Select the sentence in which the modal is used correctly.**
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## SECTION C- LITERATURE

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

*"The mighty Himavant is ours-*
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*The generous Ganga is ours-*
*Which other river can match her grace? "*

I. Why is Himvant called 'mighty'?
II. The question mark at the end of the fourth line suggests _____
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**Q5. Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40- 50 words each:** **(2x2 = 4 marks)**

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