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O.P. JINDAL SCHOOL, SAVITRINAGAR

Periodic Test –1(Round-2) (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. **(1x4-4 marks)**

Setting goals is one of the most important habits for achieving success in life. Goals provide a clear sense of direction and help us focus on what we want to accomplish. Without goals, people often lose motivation and spend their time on activities that do not contribute to their personal growth. Whether a student wants to score higher marks, an athlete hopes to win a competition, or an artist dreams of improving a skill, having a goal makes it easier to plan and work consistently.

Goals also help us manage our time effectively. When we know what we want to achieve, we can organize our daily tasks according to our priorities. This reduces distractions and increases productivity. Setting both short-term and long-term goals allows us to measure our progress and celebrate small achievements along the way. These small successes build confidence and encourage us to keep working hard.

Challenges and failures are a natural part of life, but goals give us the determination to continue even when things become difficult. Instead of giving up, we learn from our mistakes and improve our efforts. It is also important to set realistic and achievable goals. Unrealistic goals may lead to disappointment, while achievable goals motivate us to perform better. Reviewing our goals regularly helps us make changes when our interests, abilities, or circumstances change.

On the basis of reading of the passage answer the following questions.

1. According to the passage, what is one major benefit of setting goals?
a) It helps people avoid all failures.
b) It gives direction and keeps people focused.
c) It guarantees instant success.
d) It eliminates the need for planning.

2. Why is it important to review goals regularly?
a) To compare ourselves with others.
b) To avoid working hard.
c) To make changes when circumstances or interests change.
d) To set more difficult goals every day.

3. Which word in the passage means 'to succeed in doing something difficult'?

a) Priorities b) Accomplish c) Circumstances d) None of these

4. Why is it important to set achievable goals?

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

Q2. You have lost your pencil box somewhere in the school. Write a notice about this for your school notice board. (not more than fifty words) **(5 marks)**

OR

Write a notice inviting names of the students to participate in cultural programme on Foundation Day of your school in not more than fifty words. Give all the necessary details like number of activities and last date for nomination.

Q3. Do as directed.

1. The man repeated the same thing thrice.(Identify the part of speech of the word 'repeated.)
   i) Conjunction ii) Preposition
   iii) Verb iv) Adjective

2. The jury got divided among themselves.(Identify the part of speech of the word 'themselves'.)
   i) Determiner ii) Pronoun
   iii) Adverb iv) Preposition

3. She drank the soup out of the smallest bowl. (Identify the part of speech of the phrase 'out of'.)
   i) Adjective ii) Preposition
   iii) Conjunction iv) None of these

Section-C(Literature) (8 marks)

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

At last came one of the merry troup.
The gayest laddie of all the group:
He paused beside her and whispered low
"I'll help you cross, if you wishto go."

1. What did the gayest laddie offer to the old woman?
a) To carry her bag
b) To help her cross the road
c) To give her some money
d) To call her family

2. Which quality of the laddie is shown in these lines?
a) Pride and envy
b) Kindness and helpfulness
c) Laziness and sluggishness
d) Anger and irritation

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

a) How does the poet show helplessness of the old woman in the poem 'Somebody's Mother'?
b) How do the four young men's observations about the camel serve as a turning point in the play 'Wisdom Paves the Way'?
c) Does the king's offer to the four men reflect his values as a ruler in the play 'Wisdom Paves the Way'? Justify your answer.

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