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**Periodic Test – I (Round – II) 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:**

(I) In today's digital age, teenagers are spending increasing amount of time on screens, whether for school, social media, gaming, or entertainment. According to a 2024 nationwide survey by the Indian Digital Wellness Foundation, the average screen time for teenagers (ages 13–19) has reached 7.2 hours per day, a significant rise from 4.5 hours in 2019.

(II) The survey included 10,000 participants across urban and semi-urban areas and revealed the following average daily screen time by age group:

| Age Group | Average Screen Time (per day) |
|---|---|
| 10–12 | 4.1 hours |
| 13–15 | 6.5 hours |
| 16–19 | 8.0 hours |

(III) Experts warn that excessive screen time can negatively affect physical and mental health. Common problems include eye strain, poor posture, disturbed sleep, reduced physical activity and increased anxiety. In fact, 62% of teenagers surveyed reported feeling tired or irritable after long hours on their devices.

(IV) However, not all screen time is harmful. Educational apps, online classes and creative digital tools can enhance learning and skill development when used in moderation. The key, health experts say, is balance and time management.

(V) Parents and schools play a critical role in setting screen-time boundaries and encouraging outdoor activities and social interaction. Introducing tech-free hours, using blue light filters, and ensuring regular breaks are some ways to reduce the harmful effects of screens.

(VI) Interestingly, the study also found that teenagers who were involved in offline hobbies like reading, art, or sports reported better focus and emotional well-being than those with high screen use. This suggests that combining technology with real-world interests can lead to a healthier, more balanced lifestyle. With digital devices becoming an inseparable part of modern life, building healthy tech habits among teens is more important than ever.

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

(i) What are the main reasons teenagers use screens in today's digital age and what does it reveal about them?

(ii) The age group that shows the highest increase in average screen time compared to the group immediately younger is _____. 1

(iii) Complete with a suitable reason: 1

Experts believe that excessive screen time should be curbed because _____.

## SECTION B- CREATIVE WRITING & GRAMMAR

**Q2. Attempt any one of the two, (a) or (b), in 50 words. (4 Marks)**

Write a factual description of "A Memorable Trip or Excursion" in not more than 100 words, mentioning the location activities and why it remains unforgettable

**OR**

Write a factual description in not more than 100 words on 'SWAMI VIVEKANANDA'.

(a) Date of birth-12.01.1863 at Simla. (b) Father—Biswanath Dutta, a lawyer (c) Early name-Bile, Naren dranath. (d) B.A. with Honours in Philosophy from Scottish Church College, Calcutta. (e) Turning points in life came in contact with Ramkrishna Paramahansa became Sannyasi—travelled throughout India on foot—speech at the Parliament of Religion, Chicago. (vi) Works—Set up Ramkrishna Mission in 1897 and Belur Math in 1899.

**Q3. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in the brackets: ( 3 Marks)**

(i) It's already 10 pm; they _____ have taken a different route if they are not still at home.

a) ought to b) should c) might d) can

(ii) To learn how to make a new dish, someone _____ to teach you how to go about it.

a) Must b) needs c) will d) would

(iii) When I was the captain I _____ often organize get-togethers to todevelop bonding among the team mates.

a) Could b) will c) shall d) would

## SECTION C- LITERATURE

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

The great night duly arrived, moonlit and cloudless. A platform had been constructed in a comfortable and conveniently placed tree, and thereon crouched Mrs. Packletide and her paid companion, Miss Mebbin. A goat, gifted with a particularly persistent bleat, such as even a partially deaf tiger might be reasonably expected to hear on a still night, was tethered at the correct distance. With an accurately sighted rifle and a thumbnail pack of patience cards the sportswoman awaited the coming of the quarry. (Mrs. Packletide's Tiger)

(i) On what kind of night did the event take place ? 1

(ii) What does the writer mean when he says "such as even a partially deaf tiger might be reasonably expected to hear on a still night"? 1

(iii) Where was the platform constructed? 1

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

(i) What does Mrs. Packletide's decision to hunt a tiger revel about her character?

(ii) What is the central theme of "The dear departed"?

(iii) Miss Mebbin was a clever opportunist. Substantiate with reference to Mrs. Packletide's tiger ?

(iv)What are the three things that grandfather plans to do next Monday? (The dear departed)