



PERIODIC TEST 1 (APRIL, 2023)

SUBJECT - ENGLISH

TIME: 90 MINS

GRADE-VIII

MAX.MARKS: 40

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.
3. Draw margins on the right hand side.

I. Read the passage given below.

(10)

Smoke started coming out of a block of flats. Within minutes the first two floors were burning. Then women and children ran out of their flats. There was a lot of noise. A woman started screaming 'My baby is in the house'.

She ran forward. She wanted to get into the house. But before she could do so a man caught hold of her and dragged her away. Just then the firemen came. They had brought with them their dog Hero. They had trained their dog. Weeping loudly the woman told the firemen 'My baby is in the flat'. 'Don't worry', they told her. Then they told Hero, 'Go and bring the baby'.

Hero ran into the smoke-filled entrance. They heard him barking, a few times, but could not see him. Suddenly the crowd cheered loudly. Hero was coming out of the house. He was half-carrying and half-dragging a bundle. The mother ran forward and picked up the bundle. The boy was in it. He was smiling. The mother hugged the baby and started crying. '

'Well done, Hero', the firemen patted Hero and said everything was alright. But Hero kept barking and wanted to enter the block of flats again. The firemen thought there might be another baby inside. So they let Hero enter the flat once more. A few minutes later Hero came running out. He was dragging another bundle. The crowd cheered and ran forward to look at the bundle. 'Look', said a woman, 'he has saved another baby'.

They opened the bundle and burst out laughing. Hero had rescued a big doll!

On the basis of passage answer the questions given below.

- (i) Why did the people run out of the flats?
- (ii) What did the woman scream?
- (iii) Did she want to get into the house?
- (iv) Who stopped her?
- (v) What was the name of the dog?
- (vi) What was the dog trained in?
- (vii) Why did the fireman allow the hero to enter the fire a second time?
- (viii) What was in the first bundle?
- (ix) What was in the second bundle?
- (x) Pick out the word from the passage which means 'save'.

Section B Grammar and Writing (15)

II. Do as directed.

(2)

1. Fill in with the correctly.

- i. It _____rain tomorrow.
- ii. Vinni _____play the piano when she was young.

2. Join the sentence using conjunctions (2)

iii. I had a stomach ache. I went to the doctor.

iv. The class teacher was not there. I spoke to the class monitor.

3. Choose the correct option. (1)

v. She is tired. She _____ all day.

a) is working

b) works

c) has been working

d) will be working

III. Imagine you are the secretary of the allocation society in your school. You are holding an oratorical competition in which participants have to make a speech on the topic, the importance of preserving local art forms. You need to write a notice informing the students about this. Compose the notice in not more than 50 words. **(5)**

OR

Imagine five years have passed, and the goddess hasn't come to transform Subal and Sushil back to their original sl's. How would the father and the son feel? What would a regular day in their lives look like? Would it be different from the play? Write dialogue between Subal and Sushil, highlighting the tribulations they would have faced if their roles had remained reversed. Write at least 4 pair of dialogues.

IV. After reading the story on Nelson Mandela, do you find any similarities of dissimilarity between African and Indian cultures? Write a letter to your uncle and share your thoughts about the two cultures with him. **(5)**

OR

Imagine you had a dream last night about your adventures in a fantasy land. Narrate your dream to your partner.

SECTION- C LITERATURE (15 MARKS)

V. Answer the questions given below (Any 5) (3X5=15)

- i)** How did Sadiq get the Nawab to come for the lunch?
- ii)** What did the goddess who grants wishes do? What happens because of this?
- iii)** Write about any four styles of Indian paintings.
- iv)** "I hear you are a famous cook Mohammed Qadir"
 - a. Who said these words and to whom?
 - b. What was the speaker expecting to be served by Mohammed Qadir?
 - c. What did Mohammed Qadir say he cooked best?
- v)** The poet of the poem, "A letter from a parent", writes in a humorous way about a child's candid description of his family. Many times, humor helps us accept or cope with difficult situations in family life. Express your thoughts through a small note.
- vi)** A wandering singer would sing a ballad, what values can be propagated through ballads.
- vii)** Pick out phrases from the poem. "Wandering Singers" that tell us that singers:
 - a. Considered all human beings as one.
 - b. Sing about the history and culture of our country.
 - c. Are not concerned with their own past or future?