



B.K. BIRLA CENTRE FOR EDUCATION

SARALA BIRLA GROUP OF SCHOOLS
A CBSE DAY-CUM-BOYS' RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

PERIODIC TEST - 1 ENGLISH MARKING SCHEME SET - 1

Class: X
Date: 12.06.26
Admission no:

Time : 1hr
Max Marks : 25
Roll no:

General Instructions:

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

Section – A Reading

I. Read the passage and answer the questions given below.

7M

A. Answer the following questions:

(1 × 7 = 7 marks)

1. Students experience stress due to academic expectations, social pressures, and the constant need to perform well.
2. Performance indicators make students link their self-worth to marks and achievements, leading to anxiety and fear of failure.
3. Schools can create a supportive environment where students feel valued beyond academic performance and can express themselves freely.
4. (b) exaggerated and unrealistic portrayals
5. (b) analytical and concerned
6. Mental well-being is essential because it helps individuals think clearly, manage challenges, and achieve success effectively.
7. “importance” / “value” (acceptable: “significant” if justified)

Section – B (Writing & Grammar)

II. A. You are deeply concerned about the increasing use of mobile phones among students and its impact on their studies and health. Write an article in about 120–150 words on the topic:

3M

“Impact of Excessive Screen Time on Students”

- You may include the following points:
- Overuse of mobile phones and gadgets
- Effect on physical and mental health
- Distraction from studies
- Need for balance and discipline
- Suggestions for improvement

Impact of Excessive Screen Time on Students

In today's digital age, excessive screen time has become a major concern among students. The overuse of mobile phones and gadgets is affecting both their physical and mental well-being. Prolonged screen exposure leads to eye strain, poor posture, and lack of physical activity.

Moreover, students often get distracted by social media and online entertainment, which reduces their focus on studies. This imbalance also leads to stress and poor time management. It is essential for students to maintain discipline while using technology.

Parents and teachers must guide students to limit screen usage and encourage outdoor activities. A balanced approach can help students use technology productively without harming their health or academics.

B. You have noticed that the public park in your locality is poorly maintained, with broken benches, litter, and lack of proper lighting. Write a letter to the **Municipal Commissioner** of your city complaining about the condition of the park and requesting immediate action. You are **Riya Sharma**, a resident of Green Valley Apartments, Pune. **4M**

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| • Location and size | • Rules and discipline |
| • Number and types of books available | • Importance for students |
| • Seating arrangement and facilities | |

To
The Municipal Commissioner
Pune

Date: 12 June 2026

Subject: Complaint regarding poor maintenance of Public Park

Sir/Madam,

I am a resident of Green Valley Apartments and wish to draw your attention to the poor condition of the public park in our locality. The park is currently in a neglected state, with broken benches, litter scattered around, and inadequate lighting.

This has made the park unsafe and unsuitable for residents, especially children and elderly people. Despite repeated concerns raised by residents, no action has been taken so far.

I kindly request you to take immediate steps to repair the facilities, ensure regular cleaning, and install proper lighting in the park.

I hope you will address this issue at the earliest.

Yours faithfully,
Riya Sharma

III. The following passage is an extract from an article on ‘Do Memory Pills Enhance Memory’ but some of the words have to be filled in the blanks. **8 x ½ = 4**

1. effective
2. claim
3. into
4. unlikely

5. who
6. better
7. no
8. at

Section C (Literature)

IV. Answer any two of the following questions in brief.

4M

1. Why did Mrs. Packletide decide to hunt a tiger? What does this reveal about her character?
 - She wanted to outshine Loona Bimberton
 - Shows jealousy, vanity, and desire for fame
2. How does the poet suggest that poetry can defeat the passage of time?
 - Poetry preserves memory beyond time
 - Written words outlast physical monuments
3. What do the words on the pedestal reveal about Ozymandias' personality?
 - Reveals pride, arrogance, and desire for power
 - Shows his tyrannical nature

V. Answer the questions in brief.

3M

1. Both "Ozymandias" and "Not Marble, Nor the Gilded Monuments" deal with the idea of immortality. Compare how each poet presents this idea. How does "Mrs. Packletide's Tiger" present a contrasting view of fame?

Both *Ozymandias* and *Not Marble, Nor the Gilded Monuments* explore the idea of immortality but in contrasting ways. In *Ozymandias*, Shelley shows that power and material achievements fade with time, as the once-great king is now forgotten. In contrast, Shakespeare believes that poetry can grant eternal life, as it preserves memory beyond physical decay.

In *Mrs. Packletide's Tiger*, fame is shown as artificial and driven by social competition. Unlike true immortality through art, Mrs. Packletide's desire for recognition is shallow and short-lived.
