



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 - 2

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

Answer the following questions: (1 × 7 = 7 marks)

1. Technology improves learning by providing easy access to information, digital tools, and flexible learning platforms.
2. It reduces deep thinking as students rely on quick answers instead of understanding concepts.
3. It causes eye strain, reduced physical activity, and affects mental health.
4. (b) essential part
5. (c) balanced use of technology is important
6. The key is maintaining a balance between digital and real-world use.
7. “reliance”

Section – B (Writing & Grammar)

II. A. Many students today face stress due to academic pressure and competition. Write an article in about 120–150 words on the topic: “Managing Stress Among Students”

3M

You may include the following points:

- Causes of stress (exams, expectations, competition)
- Effects on health and performance
- Importance of time management
- Role of teachers and parents
- Ways to reduce stress

Managing Stress among Students

Stress among students has become increasingly common due to academic pressure and competition. Expectations from parents and fear of failure often create anxiety, affecting both performance and health.

Effective time management is one of the best ways to reduce stress. Students should plan their schedules and balance studies with relaxation. Physical exercise and hobbies also play an important role in maintaining mental well-being.

Teachers and parents must support students by creating a positive environment and reducing unnecessary pressure. With proper guidance and self-discipline, students can manage stress and perform to their full potential.

B. Your school is planning to organise a career guidance session for students of Grade 10. Write a letter to a well-known career counsellor requesting them to conduct a session in your school. Mention the purpose, expected date, and benefits for students. **4M**

To
The Career Counsellor
[Name/Organisation]

Date: 12 June 2026

Subject: Request to conduct a career guidance session

Sir/Madam,

I am the Head Girl of our school and would like to invite you to conduct a career guidance session for students of Grade 10. The session aims to help students understand various career options and make informed decisions about their future.

We are planning to organise this session in the coming month and believe your expertise would greatly benefit our students. Your guidance will help them gain clarity and confidence in choosing suitable career paths.

We would be grateful if you could accept our request and confirm your availability.

Yours sincerely,
[Name]
Head Girl

III. Choose the best word from the options given to complete the following passage.

1. **from**
2. **its**
3. **grows**
4. **when**
5. **did**
6. **which**
7. **the**
8. **fainted**

Section C (Literature)

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

4M

1. How does Miss Mebbin influence Mrs. Packletide after the tiger hunt?
 - Miss Mebbin blackmails her
 - Gains a cottage in return for silence
2. What does the poet mean by “gilded monuments”? Why are they considered temporary?
 - “Gilded monuments” = grand structures

- Temporary as they decay over time
- 3. How does the setting of the statue contribute to the theme of the poem?
 - Ruined statue in desert shows decline of power
 - Emphasises impermanence

V. Answer the questions in brief.

3M

1. All three texts explore human desire for recognition or legacy. Compare how this desire is portrayed in the characters or themes of the three works.

All three texts explore the human desire for recognition. In *Mrs. Packletide's Tiger*, this desire is driven by jealousy and social status. In *Ozymandias*, it appears as arrogance and a quest for power, which ultimately fails. However, in *Not Marble, Nor the Gilded Monuments*, the poet presents a positive view, suggesting that true legacy lies in artistic expression.

Thus, while ambition for recognition is common, only meaningful creation ensures lasting remembrance.
