



# B.K. BIRLA CENTRE FOR EDUCATION

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

PERIODIC TEST I 2026-27

ENGLISH SET 2

Class: VII

Time: 1hr

Date: 10.06.26

Max Marks: 25

Admission no:

Roll no:

## General Instructions:

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

## SECTION - A READING (7 Marks)

I. Read the following passage and answer the questions briefly:

(1 x 7 = 7)

Curiosity is the engine of intellectual achievement and the spark behind every great discovery in human history. It is the strong desire to know or learn something new, driven by an open mind and a sense of wonder. While children are naturally curious, questioning everything they see, this trait often diminishes as people grow older and become more set in their ways. However, maintaining a curious mindset is vital for personal growth, as it encourages us to explore unfamiliar ideas and challenge our own assumptions.

In the classroom, curiosity leads to deeper engagement and better retention of information. Students who ask "why" and "how" are not just memorizing facts; they are seeking to understand the underlying principles of a subject. Furthermore, curiosity fosters empathy by making us interested in the lives and perspectives of others. By staying curious, we remain lifelong learners, adaptable to change and better equipped to solve the complex problems of the modern world. It is the bridge between what we know and the vast possibilities of what we have yet to discover.

On the basis of the reading of the passage, answer the questions:

1. According to the passage, what is curiosity the "engine" of? (1)
2. What happens to curiosity as many people grow older? (1)
3. Mention one benefit of curiosity for personal growth. (1)
4. How does curiosity help a person solve complex problems? (1)
5. Why are curious students doing more than just "memorizing facts"? (1)
6. How does the text describe the relationship between curiosity and empathy? (1)
7. "Curiosity is the bridge between known facts and future possibilities." Do you agree? Justify your answer using the passage. (1)

**SECTION B - WRITING & GRAMMAR (8 Marks)**

II. You spent an entire afternoon volunteering at a local animal shelter. Write a diary entry expressing your feelings about the experience and the animals you helped. (4 Marks)

**III A. Identify the main clause, the subordinate clause and rewrite the sentences: (1x2=2)**

1. Although it was very cold, we went for a walk in the park.
2. Please wait here until the bus arrives.

**B. Choose the correct answers: (1x2=2)**

1. The instructions were very **helpful / helpless**, and I finished the task quickly.
2. It was **careful / careless** of him to leave his umbrella on the train.

**SECTION C – LITERATURE (10 marks)**

**IV. Choose the correct answer to the following questions: 1x3=3**

1. Owens ran a ... in 10.2 seconds.  
a) 1000 centimetre                      b) 0.1 kilometre                      c) 100 metres                      d) 10 yards
2. In the phrase "he started to dream about how he would spend the money," what does "dream" signify?  
a) an illusion during sleep                      b) imagining or envisioning  
c) a goal to achieve                      d) none of these
3. Which of the following is NOT a reason why Ivan looked at his wife with anger?  
a) He didn't like her family.                      b) He thought she would spend all the money.  
c) He believed she wouldn't enjoy travelling.                      d) He feared her family would ask for the lottery money.

**V. Attempt the questions given below, within 30-43 words each. 2x2 = 4**

1. What were the 'implications' that Ivan and Masha imagined of, once they win the lottery?
2. Write a note on Usain Bolt.

**VI. Attempt ANY ONE of the questions given below. 1x3=3**

1. What changes do you notice in the behaviour of Ivan and Masha once they start imagining life with the lottery money?

2. How was Owens' life different from Bolt's?

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