



# B.K. BIRLA CENTRE FOR EDUCATION

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

## PERIODIC TEST - 1 ENGLISH 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

Technology has become an integral part of modern education and daily life. It has transformed the way students access information, communicate, and learn new skills. Digital platforms, online resources, and interactive tools have made learning more flexible and engaging, allowing students to explore subjects beyond traditional classroom boundaries.

However, the increasing reliance on technology has also raised certain concerns. One of the major issues is the decline in sustained attention. With information readily available, students may prefer quick answers rather than developing a deeper understanding of concepts. This can affect critical thinking and problem-solving abilities over time.

In addition, excessive use of digital devices can impact both physical and mental health. Reduced physical activity, eye strain, and increased screen time are common problems. Social interactions are also changing, as online communication often replaces face-to-face conversations, which may affect the quality of relationships.

Despite these challenges, technology remains a valuable tool when used responsibly. The key lies in maintaining a balance between digital and real-world experiences. When used thoughtfully, technology can enhance learning, creativity, and communication without causing harm.

#### Answer the following questions:

(1 × 7 = 7 marks)

1. How has technology improved learning for students?
2. Why does reliance on technology affect critical thinking?
3. How can excessive screen time impact students?
4. The phrase “*integral part*” means:
  - a) unnecessary part
  - b) essential part
  - c) optional part
  - d) temporary part
5. The central idea of the passage is:
  - a) technology should be avoided

- b) technology only has negative effects
  - c) balanced use of technology is important
  - d) students should depend fully on technology
6. What is the key to using technology effectively?
7. Find a word from the passage which means the same as “dependence”.

**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)
- Importance of time management
- Effects on health and performance
- Role of teachers and parents
- Ways to reduce stress

**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**

**III. Choose the best word from the options given to complete the following passage.**  $8 \times \frac{1}{2} = 4$

Originally (1) \_\_\_\_\_ the island of Sumatra in South China Sea, Titan Arum (*Amorphophallus titanum*) was discovered in 1878 and (2) \_\_\_\_\_ cuttings were shipped to the Kew Gardens in London. The Titan Arum plant (3) \_\_\_\_\_ at the rate of 10 cm a day to a height of about two meters. (4) \_\_\_\_\_ in full bloom the flower’s diameter is about 1.1 meter. It flowers very rarely and it first (5) \_\_\_\_\_ so in 1889. The giant plant emits a sickening smell and (6) \_\_\_\_\_ attracts insects to pollinate it. It is said that when (7) \_\_\_\_\_ flower first bloomed in London, people (8) \_\_\_\_\_ because of the smell.

1	A.	for	B.	in	C.	from	D.	across
2	A.	their	B.	his	C.	it’s	D.	its
3	A.	is growing	B.	grew	C.	grow	D.	grows
4	A.	If	B.	When	C.	As	D.	Since
5	A.	does	B.	do	C.	did	D.	doing
6	A.	these	B.	those	C.	that	D.	this
7	A.	one	B.	a	C.	an	D.	the
8	A.	are fainting	B.	faint	C.	fainted	D.	were fainting

**Section C (Literature)**

**IV. Answer any two of the following questions in brief.** **2x2=4M**

1. How does Miss Mebbin influence Mrs. Packletide after the tiger hunt?
2. What does the poet mean by “gilded monuments”? Why are they considered temporary?
3. How does the setting of the statue contribute to the theme of the poem?

**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.

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