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PERIODIC TEST-1 2025-26

ENGLISH

SET - 2

Class: VIII
Date: 13.06.26
Admission no:

Time: 1hr
Max Marks: 25
Roll no:

General Instructions:

1. The question paper contains FOUR sections-READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

SECTION A: READING SKILLS.

(7 marks)

I. Read the passage and answer the questions

In a remote village nestled between two hills, there lived a boy named Arjun who was known for his curiosity and determination. Unlike the other children, who were content with their daily routines, Arjun often questioned the world around him. He would spend hours observing the sky, wondering why the colours changed at sunset, or sitting by the river, trying to understand the movement of water.

One day, a travelling scholar arrived in the village. The villagers gathered around him, eager to hear stories of distant lands. The scholar spoke of great cities, advanced machines, and people who could predict the weather and measure the stars. Arjun listened intently, his mind filled with wonder. After the gathering, he approached the scholar and asked, "How can I learn all these things?"

The scholar smiled and replied, "Knowledge is not limited to cities or books alone. It begins with curiosity, but it grows with effort and patience." He handed Arjun a small notebook and advised him to write down his observations and questions every day.

Inspired, Arjun began to document everything he noticed—the behaviour of birds, the pattern of rainfall, and the changing phases of the moon. Over time, he started finding answers to some of his own questions. He realized that learning was not about memorizing facts but about understanding the world through careful observation and continuous questioning.

Years passed, and Arjun became a respected figure in the village. People would come to him for advice on farming, weather, and even resolving disputes. Though he never left his village, his knowledge and wisdom made him as learned as those who had travelled far and wide.

Arjun's journey shows that true education does not depend on where you are, but on how willing you are to learn.

1. What made Arjun different from other children?
2. How did Arjun begin his journey of learning?
3. How did Arjun help the villagers later in life?
4. Find a word from the passage that means

a) Strong will to do something

b) Watched carefully

5. What did the travelling scholar talk about?

- a) Farming techniques b) Village life c) Distant lands and knowledge d) Games and sports

6. What did the scholar give Arjun?

- a) A book b) A pen c) A notebook d) A map

7. What lesson did Arjun learn?

- a) Learning requires travelling b) Learning comes from observation and questioning
c) Books are not important d) Only scholars are intelligent

SECTION B: GRAMMAR

(4 marks)

II. Read the following questions and fill in the correct verb form (1×2=2)

- a. If she _____ earlier, she would have caught the train. (leave)
b. Each of the players _____ given a medal. (be)

III. Make 2 words using the prefix “dis” and frame the sentences on the same words.

(1 × 2= 2)

SECTION C: WRITING SKILL

(4 marks)

IV. Write any of the following:

- a. Write an email to a librarian requesting the issue of a library card and access to digital resources.

OR

- b. You are Nisha/Vikram. Write an email to the librarian requesting a new library card as you have lost your old one.

SECTION D: LITERATURE

(10 marks)

V. Answer the following questions in brief.

(1×3=3)

- a. What kind of challenges do bakers face?
b. What qualities of the elder brother are highlighted in the story?
c. Write the name of the author of My Elder Brother.

VI. Answer any two of the following questions in about 40 -50 words. (2×2=4)

- a. Do you think talent alone is enough to succeed in competitions like “Baking Big”? Justify your answer with reasons from the chapter.
b. The elder brother is strict but caring. Do you agree? Explain with examples from the chapter to support your answer.
c. Describe the role of judge in a reality show like Baking Big.

VII. Answer any one question from the following in about 60-80 words.

(1×3=3)

- a. Describe the baking competition in the chapter “Baking Big”. How are the contestants selected, what challenges do they face, and what qualities are required to succeed in such competitions?

OR

- b. Explain how the attitude of the younger brother changes throughout the chapter and what important life lesson he learns from his elder brother.