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PERIODIC TEST-II (2017-18)**

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**CLASS- IX
SUB: ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE**

Time: 3Hrs

Maximum Marks:80

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. All questions are compulsory.
2. This paper consists of 3 sections.

Section A- Reading	20 marks
Section B- Writing and Grammar	30 marks
Section C- Literature and Long Reading Text	30 marks
3. Do not write anything in the question paper.
4. All the answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper and written in the answer sheet provided.
5. Read each question carefully and follow the instructions.
6. Strictly adhere to word limit.

SECTION- A (Reading: 20 marks)

Q1. Read the given passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. (8)

The first written public examinations were introduced over 1400 years ago with the establishment of the imperial examination system in 606 AD in China. By the middle of the 19th century, competitive examinations had been introduced in Britain and India to select government officials. Public examination in schools have a shorter but still considerable history.

At present, the examination systems in India are characterised by heterogeneity. They differ in their vintage, organisational design, financial stability, autonomy, organisational culture and credibility. For instance, the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) is unique in conducting exams through the distance mode; the Indian School Certificate Examination confines itself only to private schools; and the West Bengal Board of Madrasa Education is for Islamic educational institutions only. The Amrik Singh Report(1997) on reorganising boards wondered "Can there also be a system whereby it becomes possible to grade and categorise the boards in respect of how efficiently and honestly examinations are organised?"

To do so, a set of parameters was chosen to measure effectiveness, transparency and economic efficiency of the functioning of these organisations. These parameters include indicators like cost incurred per student, fees charged per student, number of examinees per employee and number of affiliated schools per employee. The functioning of a total of 20 boards was analysed in terms of 18 performance indicators in 2005.

The data collected from the states shows that most boards have an operating surplus. The CBSE, along with the Maharashtra board , seem to fare the best.

Another important measure of effectiveness of the functioning of the boards is the time taken for declaration of examination results. It was found that this ranged from a mere 26 days in the case of Karnataka Secondary Education Examination Board in 2005 to 48 days for class X in neighbouring Maharashtra. The Supreme Court has recently issued directions that results should be declared within 45 days from the end of the examination. In 2005, 10 of the 20 boards, which provided this information, could not declare results within 45 days.

Q. 1.1 Answer the following questions briefly. (1X8=8)

- i) When were the first written public examinations introduced?
- ii) Mention two features of the examination system in our country.
- iii) What conclusion did the Amrik Singh Report bring forth?
- iv) Which boards seem to fare the best in terms of operating surplus?
- v) Mention the directions issued by the Supreme Court?
- vi) Give one feature of National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS).
- vii) The examinations are characterised by _____.
- viii) West Bengal Board of Madrasa Education is for _____ institutions only.

Q. 2 Read the given passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. (12)

Forget goodwill and equality when it comes to our friendship. Research has shown that when it comes to picking friends, we feel most comfortable in the company of people who we think are on the same level as us socially or even slightly below us. It doesn't matter how well you're doing as long as you believe you are better off than your friends and neighbours, you find your life more fulfilling.

This new research might come as a shock to many, but if we are completely honest with ourselves, we would realise that we have felt slightly threatened by a friend's success some time or the other. Even with past friendships, the real reason could be that at some point, one of you may have felt a bit superior or inferior to the other. Even if we don't spell it out, most friendships have a lot going on below the surface.

As much as we may try to deny it, or pretend otherwise, most of us are easily impressed by a great job, a large bank account or rising social status when it comes to picking a partner, or friends. In both cases, we want people who are there for us and reinforce our own self-worth. So, more often than not, the question that is running through our head is: how can we choose a good friend, if we were not as good ourselves?

But it's not all about the outward trappings. Very often, it is the emotional bit that is relevant. For instance, a woman losing vast amounts of weight may get not very complimentary feedback from close friends, no matter how fabulous she looks. She could be accused of being too thin or even arrogant suddenly. What has happened basically is that as her friendship status has gone up, she is forcing her friends to re-evaluate theirs.

Q. 2.1 Answer the following questions. (2X4=8)

- i) According to research, when are we most comfortable picking friends?
- ii) Why do we feel threatened by our friend's success?
- iii) What impresses us easily when it comes to picking a partner, or friends?
- iv) When do we wish to be re-evaluated?

Q. 2.2 Pick out words from the passage which are similar in meaning to the following: (1X4=4)

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| i) association | ii) surprise |
| iii) appropriate | iv) warned |

SECTION- B (WRITING & GRAMMAR:30 marks)

Q.3 You are Ashmit/Ashmita. Recently you came across a news item about lack of fitness and stamina in the children who fall down during assembly and games period. Write an article for a newspaper highlighting the importance of games and sports and physical fitness for students in about 100-120 words. (8)

Q.4 Complete the following story in 200-250 words. (12)

Karim was taken aback, seeing the sudden ray of the lightening passing through the window .Though it was a fine December Evening without any sign of storm.....

Q.5 Complete the following paragraph by choosing the correct option given below.(3)

The peacock is perhaps the most beautiful (i)_____ the male birds, with its long blue neck, fan shaped crest and its gorgeous tail. (ii)_____ feather has beautiful pattern of sharp colours and (iii)_____ it is raised, the tail spreads like a fan.

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| (i) (a) in | (b) into | (c) among | (d) within |
| (ii) (a) Each | (b) Every | (c) Several | (d) Some |
| (iii) (a) while | (b) which | (c) whose | (d) when |

6.In the passage given below, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and after the omitted word. (4)

Pre-word Missing Word Post-word

A reporter was interviewing witness about an accident. She him if he had seen the accident taking. If he could tell her what he seen. The witness replied that had seen a car coming at a very speed and hitting the scooter. The reporter asked him the scooterist was driving his lane. The witness said that he was not fault.	interviewing (a) _____ (b) _____ (c) _____ (d) _____ (e) _____ (f) _____ (g) _____ (h) _____	a _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	witness _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
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Q. 7 Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. (3)

- (a) communicate in/of animals/a number/language/chemical
- (b) to pass messages/smelly chemicals/pheromones are/secreted by/some insects
- (c) antennae/others/messages with the/pick up these/help of

SECTION-C (LITERATURE & LONG READING TEXT: 30 marks)

Q. 8 Read the given lines and answer the questions. (4)

And out again I curve and flow
To join the brimming river
For men may come and men may go
But I go on forever

- i) Whom does 'I' refer to?
- ii) What do the last two lines indicate about 'I'?
- iii) Quote the line that shows the eternal flow of the river.
- iv) Identify the rhyme scheme in these lines.

OR

Or is it some humble lay,
Familiar matter of today?
Some natural sorrow, loss or pain,
That has been, and may be again

- (a) Who is singing and where?
- (b) What is the poet trying to guess?
- (c) What does 'humble lay' stand for?
- (d) What possible theme the poet guess of the song?

Q. 9 Answer the following questions in about 30 to 40 words each. (2X4=8)

- (a) What provoked the grandmother to learn the Kannada alphabet?
- (b) What significance Duke holds in Hooper's life?
- (c) Why did the poet leave the first road?
- (d) What did the Professor mean by intelligent reading?

Q. 10 Answer one of the following questions in about 100 to 120 words. (8)
Devotion, dedication and strong determination help overcoming obstacles. Justify the statement with reference to the character of Krishtakka?

OR

The brook teaches us the value of continuous effort to achieve the goal. Explain with reference to the text.

Q. 11 Answer one of the following questions in 150 to 200 words. (10)

How did Gulliver help the Lilliputians in the war with Blefuscu?

OR

Give a brief character sketch of the king of Brobdingnag.