

Std.IX Section : _____

Subject : English**Marks : 20**

Date : _____

Periodic Test - III

Name : _____ Roll No. _____

Time : 1.00 Hr.**General Instructions :**

- (i) The question paper is divided into three sections.

Section A : Reading.	04 Marks
Section B : Writing & Grammar.	06 Marks
Section C : Literature.	10 Marks
- (ii) Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.
- (iii) Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.
- (iv) You can attempt any section at a time.
- (v) You must attempt the questions of same section.
- (vi) Write all the answers in the answer sheet provided to you. Do not write anything on the question paper.
- (vii) Number your answers correctly.

Section A (Reading - 4 Marks)**1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.****4M**

The Internet has revolutionized communication and information-sharing across the world. With the click of a button, we can now send messages, hold video conferences, or access vast libraries of knowledge from any location. It has transformed not just how people interact, but also how they learn, work, and conduct business. Online learning platforms now allow students to take courses from world-class universities without ever stepping outside their homes. Businesses, too, have taken advantage of this digital revolution, offering services and selling products globally through websites and apps.

Apart from education and business, the Internet has also changed entertainment and social life. People can watch movies, listen to music, or play games online without waiting for CDs, cassettes, or DVDs. Social media platforms connect friends and families across continents, making the world seem smaller and more connected. News from any part of the world reaches us instantly, keeping everyone updated about current events and global issues. In short, the Internet has brought the world closer and made life faster and easier.

However, this convenience comes with its own set of challenges. Information overload, cybercrime, and reduced face-to-face interaction are some of the downsides of this digital age. There is also a growing concern about digital addiction, especially among children and teenagers. Too much screen time often affects health, reducing physical activity and disturbing sleep. Fake news and misleading information on online platforms have also created problems, making it difficult for people to trust what they read.

The key, therefore, lies in balancing our digital lives and ensuring that technology enhances, rather than controls, our daily existence. Responsible use of the Internet can make it a powerful tool for progress, but careless use can create serious problems for individuals and society. If used wisely, the Internet can

remain a blessing and continue to help people connect, learn, and grow in positive ways.

1.1 : On the basis of your reading of the above passage, choose the correct option. [1x4 =4 Marks]

1. How has the Internet changed communication?
2. What is one major drawback of excessive digital usage?
3. The word "revolutionized" in the passage means:
a) destroyed b) completely changed c) delayed d) disturbed
4. According to the passage, what is one advantage of online learning?
a) It increases digital addiction
b) It reduces global trade
c) It gives access to top courses from home
d) It stops students from reading books

Section B : Writing & Grammar - 6 Marks

Q.2 : Attempt any one of the following.

3M

A) Write a diary entry expressing how you felt when you were praised in front of the whole class for your performance in Inter School Debate Competition.

OR

B) Develop a story in 100-120 words using the following hint. Give a suitable title to your story.

Sunny day, Rohan is going to picnic and suddenly starts raining

Q.3 : Choose the correct option. (Any 3)

3M

1. The teacher along with the students _____ going to the library.
a) are b) were c) is d) be
2. He has been living in this city _____ five years.
a) from b) since c) for d) by
3. Identify the correct narration of the sentence:
He said to me, "I am reading a book."
a) He said to me that he was reading a book.
b) He told me that I was reading a book.
c) He said to me that I am reading a book.
d) He said me that he is reading a book.
4. Identify the part of the sentence that contains an error and choose the correct option to replace it:
She don't like playing football.
a) don't; doesn't b) like; likes c) playing; play d) She; Her

Section C : Literature - 10 Marks

Q.4 : Read the following extracts carefully and answer the questions that

follow.

2M

A) So, she decided to fight the system in her own quiet way when the right moment arrived. And the right moment came when she turned sixteen. At sixteen, most of the girls in her village used to get married. Santosh was also under pressure from her parents to do the same. A marriage as early as that was the last thing on her mind. She threatened her parents that she would never marry if she did not get a proper education.

1. In this extract, who is she, and which system did she choose to challenge?
2. Why did she decide to rebel against the system?
3. When did the "right moment" come?
 - a) after her marriage
 - b) at the time when she went to school
 - c) at the age of sixteen
 - d) after scaling mount Everest
4. What was the last thing in her mind?
 - a) to scale the mount Everest
 - b) to go for higher education
 - c) a marriage
 - d) to fight against the system

OR

B) "In the Kingdom of Fools, both the king and the minister were idiots. They passed an order to change night into day and day into night. They ordered that everyone should be asleep during the day and work only after dark. Anyone who disobeyed would be punished. The people did as they were told, for fear of punishment. The king and the minister were delighted at the success of their project."

1. What strange law did the king and the minister introduce in the kingdom?
2. Why did the people obey the new law?
3. The people followed the king's strange orders because:
 - a) they respected the king's wisdom
 - b) they were afraid of being punished
 - c) they liked working at night
 - d) they were also fools
4. The word "delighted" in the passage means:
 - a) disappointed
 - b) annoyed
 - c) very happy
 - d) surprised

Q.5 : Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow:

2M

A) "Remember, no men are strange, no countries foreign
Beneath all uniforms, a single body breathes
Like ours: the land our brothers walk upon
Is earth like this, in which we all shall lie."

1. What is the central message of the above lines?
2. Who are referred to as "our brothers"?
3. What poetic device is used in "a single body breathes"?

- a) Metaphor b) Personification c) Simile d) Alliteration

4. The word "foreign" in the poem means:

- a) local b) known c) from another country d) friendly

OR

B) *So she made a very little cake,
But as it baking lay
She looked at it and thought it seemed
Too large to give away*

1. Why did she bake a small cake?

2. As she watched it being baked, what did she think of it?

3. What kind of nature did the lady have?

- a) kind b) softspoken c) greedy d) short-tempered

4. What is the rhyming scheme of the stanza?

- a) abbc b) abcc c) free verse d) abcb

Q.6 : Answer the following questions in about 30 - 40 words. (Any 2) 3M

1. What qualities did A.P.J. Abdul Kalam admire in his father?

2. What surprised Margie about the old-fashioned school described in The Fun They Had?

3. Why does the poet want to go to Innisfree?

Q.7 : Answer the following questions in about 100-120 words. 3M

A) How did Iswaran manage to influence his master with his storytelling skills?

OR

B) Einstein succeeded in his professional life but failed miserably in his personal life. Why could Einstein not balance his family and professional life?
