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**PERIODIC TEST-1 2019-20**

**CLASS-X**  
**ENGLISH**

[TIME : 1:30 HOURS] [MAX.MARKS-40]

-: GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:-

(i) There are 3 sections A, B and C.

Section A: Reading 10 marks

Section B: Writing and Grammar 16 marks  
Section C: Literature 14 marks

(ii) Attempt all questions.  
(iii) All the answer must be correctly numbered as in the question paper and write in the answer sheet

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|  | **SECTION - A (Reading – 10)** |  |
| 1. | **Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.** | 10 |
|  | **Bill Naughton** Oranges! I loved them. I used to eat them all day and every day. But one day a policeman found seventeen oranges in my pockets. He locked me up and I have never eaten an orange again. I want to tell you the story. I was working for the Swift Delivery Company, and I often went in and out of the docks. I was not really a thief. But I usually left the docks with something under my apron. I had made the apron myself and it was a big one. When there was a banana boat in the docks, I drove my little chart beside it. Sometimes bunches of bananas fell to the ground. Often my friends kicked a bunch to me from the boat. I always picked up the bananas and quickly hid them under my apron. Then I spent the rest of the day eating bananas. I liked bananas, but I liked oranges best of all. I only took things when I found them. But some people planned a theft very carefully. Clem Jones was a careful planner. Let me tell you about Clem. One day Clem was coming out of the docks. He was carrying a box.  ‘What have you got in there?’ asked Pongo, the policeman.  ‘A cat,’ replied Clem. ‘Please don’t ask me to open the box. The cat will run away.’ ‘A cat?’ Pongo said. ‘I don’t believe you. Open that box.’ ‘But the cat will run away,’ Clem said again.  ‘There isn’t a cat in that box,’ replied Pongo. ‘Open it up.’ Clem got very angry, but finally opened his box. Out jumped a ship’s cat. The cat ran back into the docks. Clem ran after the cat. He was shouting angrily. Two minutes later, Clem came back with the same box. He was holding the lid down tightly. Pongo laughed and Clem looked at him furiously. Clem looked angry all the way home. Then he smiled. He opened the box in the kitchen and took out a large Dutch cheese.  That was Clem’s story. But I was not so lucky. Pongo, the policeman, caught me because my apron string broke. He noticed that my trouser pockets were full.  ‘Hey! Wait a minute,’ Pongo shouted. He made me move the pony-and-cart to one side. Then he took me into his hut and looked into my pockets. There were seventeen oranges. Pongo counted them and placed them carefully on the table.  ‘Too many people are stealing from the docks. ‘Pongo said. ‘You’ve stolen these oranges. Have you anything to say?’ I said nothing. I was very frightened, but I kept quiet. I had read a lot of detective stories. I knew that the best plan was to say nothing.  ‘So you won’t say anything,’ said Pongo. ‘I’m going to bring another policeman here. He’ll be a witness against you.’ Pongo left the hut and locked the door behind him. I was very worried. I looked at the walls. I looked at the door. I looked at the seventeen oranges, and I looked at the apron with its broken string. I’ll lose my job, I thought. Perhaps I’ll go to prison. What will my father say? What will my father do? There was no escape. I was locked in the hut and the oranges were on the table. Pongo had gone to bring a witness. I was in trouble.  ‘Oh, my god! I said. ‘What can I do?’ ‘Eat the oranges,’ said a voice in my head. ‘Eat the evidence.’ Eat them? I asked Yes, said the voice in my head. Eat them and the evidence will be gone. Be quick! Eat them all.’ I thought for half a second. Then I took an orange. I peeled it and put it in my mouth. Soon only the pips were left.  ‘You have to swallow the pips too,’ said the voice in my head. You have to swallow all the evidence.’ Yes, of course,’ I said. I swallowed the pips and put some of the peel in my mouth.  ‘Don’t eat it!’ said the voice. ‘There isn’t time. Swallow it. Be quick! Swallow it!’ I took a small knife from my pocket and cut the oranges into large pieces. I swallowed the pieces of orange one after the other. There were still three oranges on the table when I heard Pongo outside. I stopped. My stomach was nearly full.  ‘Be quick! Swallow them!’ said the voice in my head. I was lucky. Pongo and the other policeman had seen some carts at the dock gate. They went and talked to the drivers. This gave me a few more minutes. I must swallow all the oranges, I thought. Only three left! I swallowed the first one, and then the second one. Suddenly the door began to open. I swallowed the last piece of the last orange. Pongo and the other policeman walked in.  ‘This is the thief,’ Pongo said. ‘I caught him with his pockets full of oranges.’ Then Pongo looked at the table. ‘Where are the oranges?’ he asked. ‘They’ve gone. Where are they?’ ‘I can smell them,’ said the other policeman. I said nothing. Pongo looked everywhere for the oranges. He looked in my pockets. He looked in my apron. But he didn’t find one orange. Finally Pongo understood what had happened. But it was very difficult to believe.  ‘Seventeen oranges!’ he said. “Seventeen big oranges! How did you eat them all?” I said nothing. Pongo was not able to send me to prison. There was no evidence. Pongo became angry and shouted at me, but I didn’t say a word. In the end, he had to let me go. I told Clem Jones about the seventeen oranges.  ‘Pongo locked you in that hut for half an hour,’ said Clem. ‘He had no right to do that.’ Perhaps Clem was right. I don’t know. I didn’t have time to think about it. I had eaten seventeen large oranges and I felt very sick. For a week, I was running to the toilet all the time.   1. The narrator says- ‘I was not really a thief.’   Why does he say so, even though he used to steal bananas and oranges?   1. Clem Jones was a careful planner. Cite evidence from the text that substantiate this statement? 2. The narrator says- ‘That was Clem’s story. But I was not so lucky.’   Why did he call himself ‘unlucky’? How did he compensate this bad luck with his smartness?   1. ‘You have to swallow the pips too,’ said the voice in my head. You have to swallow all the evidence.’   Whose voice is mentioned here? Does everyone hear this voice? When do people usually hear this voice?   1. Mentioned below are a few skills that the narrator possessed. Put a cross in the box opposite to statement that shows a skill of the narrator: 2. I am a very tactful person. 3. I am an enterprising person. 4. I can survive on fruits for the whole day. 5. I am a careful planner. 6. I am fast in my dealings. 7. I panic easily. 8. I am a problem solver. |  |
|  | **SECTION-B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR-16 MARKS)** |  |
| 2. | You went to watch a football match in your city. You were so excited as it is your favourite game and your school team is also participating. You are overjoyed as your school team performed well and won the match with thumping victory. Write the experience in your diary. (80-100 Words) | 4 |
| 3. | Write a complain to the chairman of the Municipal Board regarding insanitary conditions of the locality you live in. You are Anuj/Apurva, residing at 11, station Road, Chitragupt colony, Meerut. | 6 |
| 4. | Complete the passage given below by choosing the correct option  Human civilization (a)……………a consequence of man’s ability to organize (b)…….range of sounds he can produce into a highly efficient system of communication,(c)………..animals are content wit the production of sounds as are flex of (d)……..stimuli to signal certain basic emotions.   1. (i)is (ii)are (iii)were (iv)am 2. (i)a (ii) the (iii)an (iv)this 3. (i) whereas (ii)who (iii)where (iv) when 4. (i)example (ii) certain (iii) stimuli (iv) instance | 2 |
| 5. | **The following paragraph has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Identify the error and write the correct word against the correct blank number.**  It was quite pleasant working for my master. I made  the tea at the morning and then would take my (a)\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_  time buy the day’s supplies, usually making a profit (b )\_\_ \_ \_\_\_\_\_  by about a rupee a day. I think he knew I made a (c)\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_  little money but he did not seems to mind. (d)\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ | 2 |
| 6. | **Re-arrange the following words/phrases to make meaningful sentences**   1. often/snore/we/a/cold/have/when/we 2. nasal/because/is/this/blocked/are/airways | 2 |
|  | **SECTION D (LITERATURE - 14)** |  |
| 7. | **Read the extract/passage given below and answer the questions that follow**  ‘God’, he wrote, ”if you don’t help me ,my family and I will go hungry this year. I need a hundred pesos in order to sow my field again and to live until the crop comes, because the hailstorm---------   1. Who is ‘he ‘in the above extract? 2. Why did the speaker need money? 3. How much money does the speaker need? 4. Why did the speaker need money?   OR  Some say the world will end in fire  Some say in ice.  From what I’ve tasted of desire  I hold with those who favour fire.   1. What does the word ‘some’ signify? 2. What do people say about the end of the world? 3. The poet thinks that the world will end in-----------------. 4. With whom does the poet agree? | 4 |
| 8. | **Answer the following questions in 30-40 words.(Any five)**   1. What two images of the tiger are presented in the poem ,’A Tiger in the Zoo’. 2. What does Anne write about her father and grandmother in her diary? 3. Describe the sky when ‘Dakota’ took off from Paris. 4. What does Mandela thank the international leaders for? 5. What kind of a boy was Hari Singh in the beginning? What kind of change was witnessed in him at the end of the story? 6. How can you distinguish the Asian Lion from the Bengal Tiger? | 10 |