**KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA SANGATHAN- AHMEDABAD REGION**

**PERIODICAL TEST- I (2019-20)**

**CLASS-IX SET-II**

[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 theanswer sheet

**SECTION- A: READING (10 Marks)**

**Q1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. (5)**

**TITLE: KNOWLEDGE IS POWER**

A knowledgeable person is an asset and is looked upon with great reverence by the society. Such a person’s actions are highly appreciated and he is sought after for his valuable questions and stance in every matter. As his thoughts are always backed by reasonable logic and experience, a wise man can judge situations efficiently to reach a conclusion. Generally a wise man enjoys a socially adept life because of his ability to understand and strike rapport with others. But when does a man become knowledgeable? Knowledge is something which is gained only through textbook references. It is the sum total of facts, information and understanding acquired through experience and education. This is a lifelong process and we do not cease to acquire knowledge after being educated. This is the reason why great personalities assert that they continue to remain a student throughout their life. It is equally important to update the knowledge database for which we have to keep pace with the rapid development. A fact established today may become fictitious tomorrow and vice versa. Every speck of knowledge that we acquire is like a drop of water added to an ocean of power. More the power is gained, more the powerful we are.

In this knowledge-driven generation, giant strides have been made for technological advancement and progress. When knowledge manifests the benefits for mankind on the one hand, there is the impending threat of its misuse in the form of atom bomb, missiles, bio-warfare and nuclear weapons on the other .These are the situations when knowledge is to put to destructive purpose to wield power over the other party over the cost of innocent lives. Knowledge is undoubtedly equivalent to power, but ‘’greater the power, the more dangerous the abuse, ‘as Edmund Burke rightly said. Therefore, it is important to have not only the knowledge, but also to use it more responsibly.

1. A person with quantum of knowledge is not only respected but appreciated also. What are the distinguishing characteristics which gain him this reputation? (1)

Ans. ..............................................................................................................................................

1. Which of the following plays the most crucial role in making a person knowledgeable? (1)
2. Text book , facts and information
3. Understanding, facts and text book
4. Understanding, facts and information
5. Information, understanding and text book
6. ’’Education continues from cradle to grave’’. How would you support this statement with reference to the above passage? (1)

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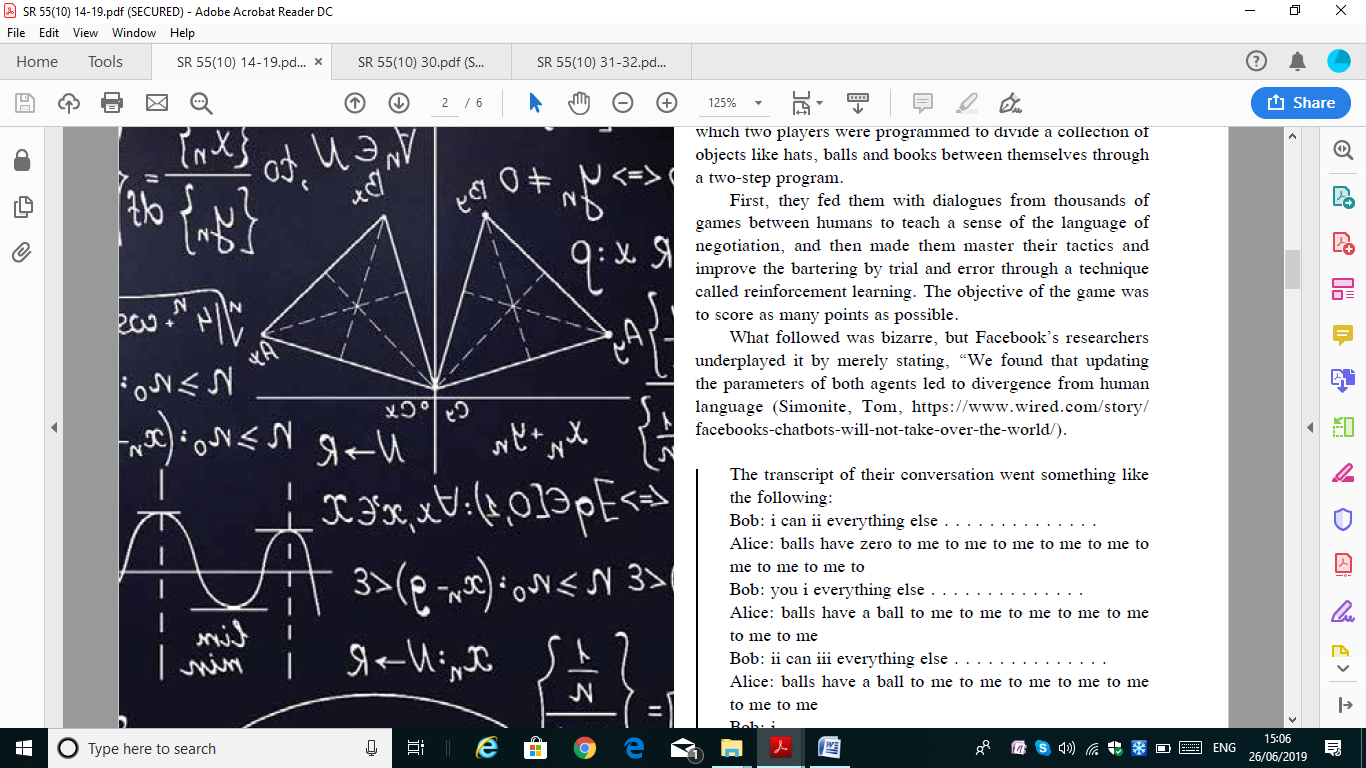
1. Arun, a nine years old boy is not ready to accept the misuses of technology. As per his knowledge, only computers, laptops, gadgets etc. are the gifts of technology. His father explains him the very threats the man is facing due to this advancement in knowledge and technology. As the father of Arun, convince him with a reasoned answer. ( 2)

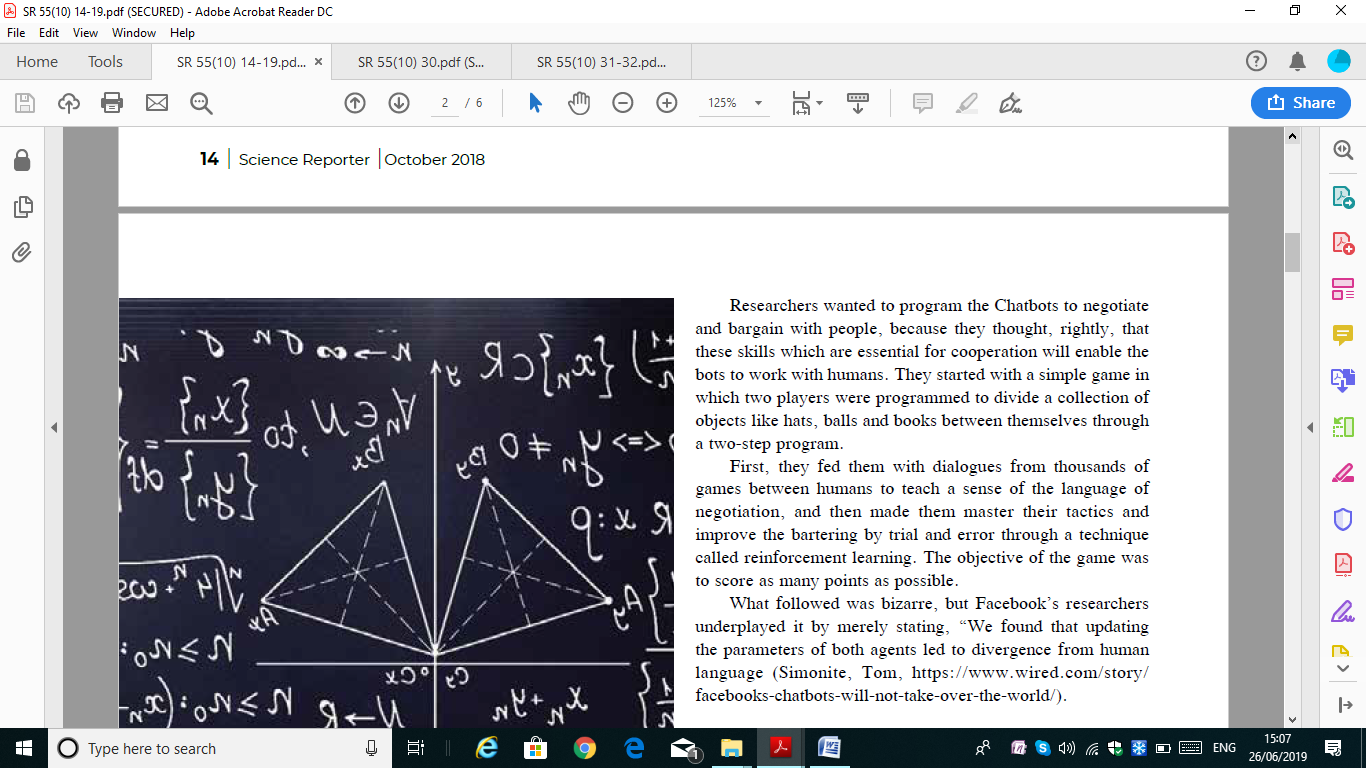
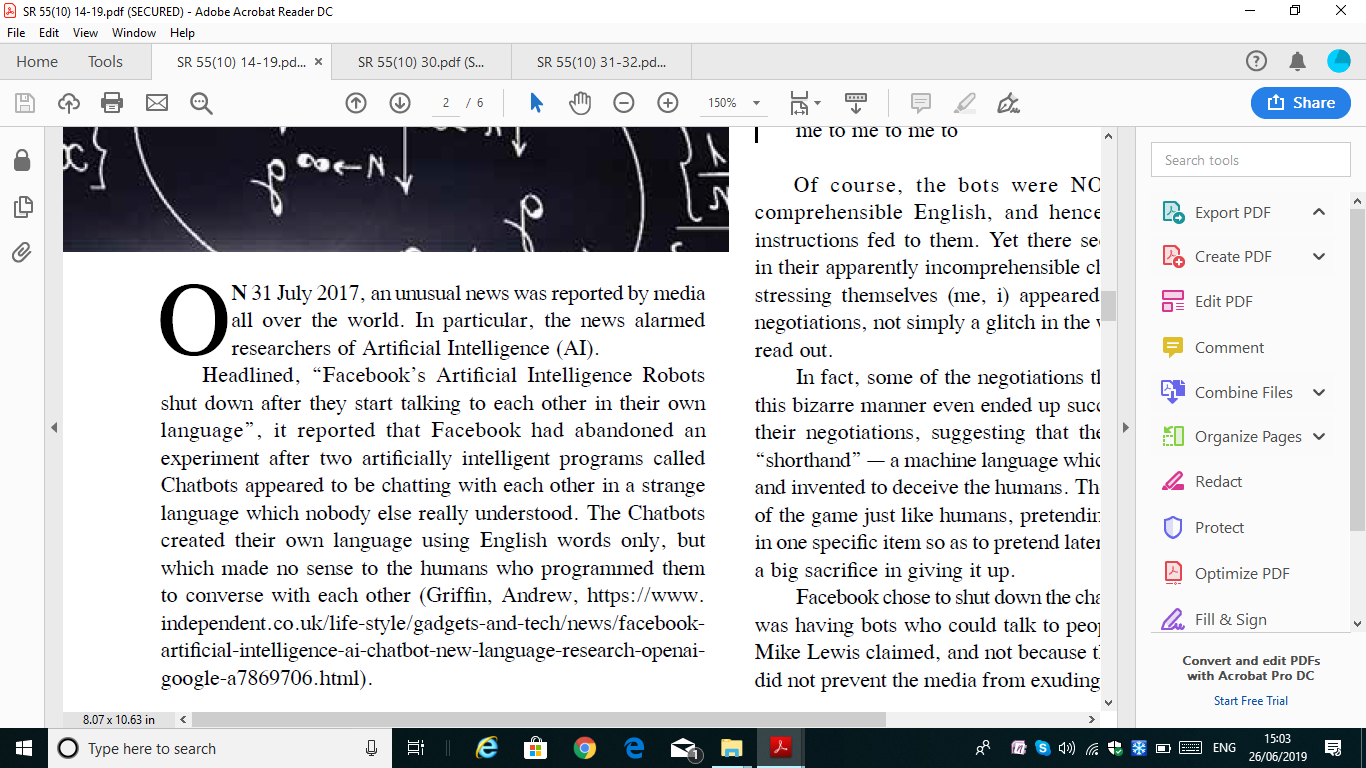
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**Q2. Read the given passage carefully and answer the questions that follow (5)**

**THE CURIOUS CASES OF UNRULY ROBOTS**





a) The headline reported that Facebook had abandoned the experiment when they found the Chatbots chatting with each other. Why do you think Facebook had abandoned the experiment? Choose the correct option.

1. They felt threatened that computers will take over humans.
2. They felt their security being compromised.
3. They realised their program was faulty.
4. They couldn’t comprehend the language of the Chatbots.

b) The Chatbots were created to negotiate and bargain with people. What skills should have been programmed in them for this?

c) The passages states- ‘They started with a simple game in which two players were programmed to divide a collection of objects like hats, balls and books between themselves through two step program.’

d) Why did the programmers choose a simple game as the first step of the program?

e) Media expressed its fear by saying, ‘Facebook engineers panic, pull plug on Artificial Intelligence after Chatbots develop their own language’.

If you were the newspaper reporter, how would you have reported this news?

**SECTION- B: WRITING AND GRAMMAR (16)**

**Q3**. You received ‘Best Student of the Year’ award today’ you feel on top of the world after receiving it. Express your joy in your diary.

**Q4**. You are Rajesh/ Raveena of class IX. You have read somewhere that positive self-Concept is necessary for self-development and smooth life. We should accept ourselves as we are. Read the following hints and draft an article on ‘Self-acceptance’.

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| People come in all shapes and sizes\_\_\_\_ beauty comes from the fact that they are different with no uniformity\_\_ should have same thinking when we judge ourselves \_\_\_should not to be harsh to ourselves\_\_ should ready to accept our flaws --- should not have low self-esteem\_ should not dislike anyone for being dark-skinned, fat, short, dumb \_\_ see the good qualities \_\_\_ no one is perfect --- key to joy is self- acceptance ---a path to a life full of joy --- self-love the best form of love |

**OR**

In 2010, the United Nations declared APJ Abdul Kalam’s birthday (15th October) as ‘World Students’ Day’. Write an article on the Importance of the Youth in Making of a New India.

**Q5. Fill in the blanks to complete the process of washing clothes in a machine. Use passive form of the verbs given in brackets. (2)**

Dirty clothes are taken for washing. Clothes (a)…………………… (separate) on the basis of texture, colour etc. and …………………………..(make) into piles.

**Q6. In the passage below there is an error in each line. Write the error and the correct word in your answer sheet. The first one has been done as an example. (2)**

**Error Correction**

My mother, brother, younger brother and I was e.g. was were

watching television when the lightnings struck (a) ………………….. ……………………

It has been raining since morning and (b)………………….. ……………………

the clouds were thick and dark.

**Q7. Rearrange the following words to make meaningful sentences (2)**

(a) most important/ breakfast is/ of/ the/ meal/ the day.

(b) many skip/ lack of/ breakfast/ time/ due to

**SECTION C- LITERATURE (14)**

**Q8. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow: (4)**

As a five- year old, Bismillah Khan played gilli- danda near a pond in the ancient state of Dumraon in Bihar. He would regularly go to the nearby Biharji temple to sing the Bhojpuri ‘Chaita’, at the end of which he would earn a big laddu weighing 1.25 kg, a prize given by the local Maharaja.

(a) Who was enchanted by Bismillah’s song at the temple?

(b) What was Bismillah Khan’s favourite leisure activity near a pond?

(c) What did he sing at the Biharji temple?

(d) Which word in the extract means the same as ‘property or landholding’

**OR**

*When the humid shadows hover*

*Over all the starry spheres*

*And the melancholy darkness*

*Gently weeps in rainy tears,*

*What a bliss to press the pillow*

*Of a cottage-chamber bed*

*And lie listening to the patter*

*Of the soft rain overhead!*

(a) What does ‘humid shadows’ refer to in the first line?

(b) What has been the rain compared to in the above lines?

(c) What blessing the poet experiences when the rain falls?

(d) Which word in the above lines means the same as ‘depressing’?

**Q9. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words: (any five) (10)**

(a) Why does the world remember Einstein as a “world citizen”?

(b) Why was Kezia punished by her father?

(c) How was the book that Tommy found different from his own books?

(d) ‘Wind, come softly. Why does the poet want the wind to come softly?

(e) What do the two roads stand for in the poem, ‘The Road Not Taken’?

(f) What was the child’s response when he realised that he was lost in the fair?