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**PERIODIC TEST 1 2019-20**

**CLASS-VIII (SET – 3)**  
**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.** | 5 |
|  | Mike and Morris lived in the same village. While Morris owned the largest jewelry shop in the village, Mike was a poor farmer. Both had large families with many sons, daughters-in-law and grandchildren. One fine day, Mike, tired of not being able to fed his family, decided to leave the village and move to the city where he was certain to earn enough to feed everyone. Along with his family, he left the village for the city. At night, they stopped under a large tree. There was a stream running nearby where they could freshen up themselves. He told his sons to clear the area below the tree, he told his wife to fetch water and he instructed his daughters-in-law to make up the fire and started cutting wood from the tree himself.  They didn’t knew that in the branches of the tree, there was a thief hiding. He watched as Mike’s family worked together and also noticed that they had nothing to cook. Mike’s wife also thought the same and asked her husband ” Everything is ready but what shall we eat ? ” Mike raised his hands to heaven and said ” Don’t worry. He is watching all this from above. He will help us.”  The thief got worried as he had seen that the family was large and worked well together. Taking advantage of the fact that they did not know he was hiding in the branches, he decided to make a quick escape. He climbed down safely when they were not looking and ran for his life. But, he left behind the bundle of stolen jewels and money which dropped into Mike’s lap. Mike opened it and jumped with joy when he saw the contents. The family gathered all their belongings and returned to the village. There was great excitement when they told everyone how they got rich.  Morris thought that the tree was miraculous and this was a nice and quick way to earn some money. He ordered his family to pack some clothes and they set off as if on a journey. They also stopped under the same tree and Morris started commanding everyone as Mike had done. But no one in his family was willing to obey his orders.  Being a rich family, they were used to having servants all around. So, the one who went to the river to fetch water enjoyed a nice bath. The one who went to get wood for fire went off to sleep. Morris’s wife said ” Everything is ready but what shall we eat ?” Morris raised his hands and said, ” Don’t worry. He is watching all this from above. He will help us.”  As soon as he finished saying, the thief jumped down from the tree with a knife in hand. Seeing him, everyone started running here and there to save their lives. The thief stole everything they had and Morris and his family had to return to the village empty handed, having lost all their valuables that they had taken with them. |  |
|  | a) Why did Mike and his family decide to rest under the thief’s tree ?   1. Being a large family, they knew that they could easily defeat the thief 2. It was a convenient spot for taking a halt at night 3. There was a stream nearby and wood enough to build a house 4. That was the only large tree that could shelter their large family   b) Which of the following best describes Morris ?   1. He was a rich businessman 2. He bullied his wife 3. He paid his servants well 4. He was greedy and imitated Mike   c) What did Mike mean when he said “He is watching all this from above”?   1. He had spotted the thief and wanted to scare him 2. He was telling his wife to have faith in god 3. It was just a warning for his family members to stick together 4. He was begging the thief to help his family   d) Why did the thief return to the tree?   1. To wait for Mike to return 2. To set up a trap 3. To wait for Morris’s family 4. Not mentioned in the passage   e) How did the fellow villagers react to Mike getting rich overnight?   1. They were jealous of him 2. They were very excited 3. They followed his example 4. They envied him |  |
| 2. | **Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.** | 5 |
|  | A word often associated with Bitcoin is "blockchain", which is where all confirmed transactions Bitcoin users make are placed as "blocks". More specifically, whenever a "block", or a transaction, enters the online system, its validation is needed on the peer-to-peer computer network. That means that all Bitcoin users are aware of every single block, and this makes stealing or spending the same currency twice impossible.  This is one of the reasons why millions of people trust Bitcoin and see a very bright future ahead of it. All transactions occur only between the buyer and the seller, with the help of private "keys", or passwords, they come up with, and their electronic gadgets.  In addition, people in living in the countries with high levels of corruption find Bitcoin to be the easiest and most reliable channel for sending and receiving money.  At first, all new users must install a virtual wallet onto their electronic devices. This wallet is like an online bank account where all future transactions will be noted.  Next step, Bitcoin needs some real money which will be translated into a virtual currency. This can be done through an online payment, a bank transfer or a third-party website. Once the funds are stored in the virtual wallet, the users should order bitcoins and then use them as they please. This simple process is very similar to trading stocks, for example.  Rick Falkvinge, the Founder of the Swedish Pirate Party, said that "Bitcoin will do to banks what email did to the postal industry", meaning that banks will lose most of their business thanks to this new development.  If you lose your virtual wallet, you will lose your Bitcoins forever. It was reported that one Bitcoiner (a Bitcoin user) accidentally threw away his hard drive, losing 7,500 Bitcoins amounting to £4 million. Unlike in the offline world, refunds are not possible for Bitcoin transactions. One user learned this the hard way by accidentally sending $137,000 instead of $5 to a seller. |  |
|  | **a) What**inspired the creation of Bitcoin?   * 1. corrupt politicians   2. corruption in Microsoft   3. corrupt banks   **b) Where** can you find your Bitcoins if you lose your virtual wallet?   * 1. nowhere   2. in the Lost and Found section   3. online   **c) Why** does Rick Falkvinge think Bitcoin will seriously damage banks?   * 1. because it will hack the bank software   2. because it will make them obsolete   3. because all bankers will want to work for Bitcoin   **d) Where** is the virtual wallet located?   * 1. in the user's pocket   2. in the user's safe   3. on the user's phone, tablet or laptop   **e) How** is stealing money prevented in the Bitcoin system?   * 1. all users can see all transactions   2. there are numerous passwords   3. there is video surveillance |  |
|  | **SECTION-B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR-16 MARKS)** |  |
| 3. | You are Sohail/Suman, the captain of your school. Write a  for the cultural programme to be held in your school. Give details of the date, venue & time to be held. | 4 |
| 4. | Write a paragraph on the topic ‘An Indian Farmer’.  Hints: grows food for us, bread giver, works hard, looks after cattle, tills the land &sow seeds, waters his fields, protects from pest and stray cattle, at the harvest time cuts the crop, thresh it & take the grain to the market, hailstorms / floods/ droughts cause great loss, old methods of agriculture, poverty & ignorance, necessity to spread awareness. | 6 |
| 5. | **Fill in the blanks using the proper forms of the verbs from the brackets.**   1. We heard with ---------- that the lion had been recaptured. (relieve) 2. The zoo keeper was stuck in a tree and his ----------- was filmed by the TV crew.(rescue) 3. There was much --------- in the village when the snake charmer came visiting.(excite) 4. When the zoo was flooded, there was a lot of --------- and many animals escaped into the countryside.(confuse) | 4 |
| 6. | Rearrange the following words/ phrases to make meaningful sentences:   1. saw / itself / mirror / the / baby / in 2. that / The / said / it was / Iranian / an interesting / theory / president. | 2 |
|  | **SECTION D (LITERATURE – 14 Marks)** |  |
| 7. | “Tilly saw the sea slowly rise, and start to foam, bubble and form whirlpools. She remembered that she had seen this in class in a video of a tsunami her Geography teacher had shown in a video.”   1. What were the warning signs that Tilly saw? 2. Where had Tilly seen these warning signs before? 3. What had caused the Tsunami? 4. Write a similar word for ‘Swirling’. | 4 |
| 8. | Answer **ANY FIVE**  from the questions given below:     1. Is Macavity a real cat? Explain. 2. Do you think the Indian princes were short – sighted in their approach to the event of 1757? 3. What was the difficulty to understand about the earth when the jet was six miles high? 4. How are Meghna and Almas’s stories similar? 5. What is Connie’s Christmas present? Why is it “the best Christmas present in the world? 6. What sort of things did Jaya and children like her collect and what did they do with those things? | 10 |