

**ATOMIC ENERGY EDUCATION SOCIETY**  
**PERIODIC TEST – II (2018-19)**

**CLASS: X**

**DATE OF EXAM: 26-09-18**

**TIME: 3 HOURS**

**SUBJECT: ENGLISH**

**MARKS: 80**

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**General Instructions:**

(i) The question paper is divided into three sections :

Section A: Reading

**20 marks**

Section B: Writing and Grammar

**30 marks**

Section C: Literature and Long Reading Text

**30 marks**

(ii) All questions are compulsory.

(iii) You may attempt any section at a time.

(iv) All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.

**SECTION A (READING-20 MARKS)**

**1. Read the following passage carefully.**

These days, it is not unusual to see people listening to music or using their electronic gadgets while crossing busy roads or travelling on public transport, regardless of the risks involved. I have often wondered why they take such risks: is it because they want to exude a sense of independence, or is it that they want to tell the world to stop bothering them? Or is it that they just want to show how cool they are? Whether it is a workman or an executive, earphones have become an inseparable part of our lives, sometimes even leading to tragicomic situations.

The other day, an electrician had come to our house to fix something. We told him in detail what needed to be done. But after he left, I found that the man had done almost nothing. It later turned out that he could not hear our directions clearly because he had an earphone on. Hundreds of such earphone addicts commute by the Delhi Metro every day. While one should not begrudge anyone their moments of privacy or their love for music, the fact is 'iPod oblivion' can sometimes be very dangerous.

Recently, I was travelling with my wife on the Delhi Metro. Since the train was approaching the last station, there weren't too many passengers. In our compartment, other than us, there were only two women sitting on the other side of the aisle. And then suddenly, I spotted a duffel bag. The bomb scare lasted for several minutes. Then suddenly, a youth emerged from nowhere and picked up the bag. When we tried to stop him, he looked at us, surprised. Then he took off his earpieces, lifted the bag, and told us that the bag belonged to him and that he was going to get off at the next station.

We were stunned but recovered in time to ask him where he was all this while? His answer: he was in the compartment, leaning against the door, totally immersed in the music. He had no clue about what was going on around him. When he got off, earplugs in his hand, we could hear strains of the song.

**1.1. On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each** **2 x 4 = 8**

- (a) What reasons does the author offer for the people taking risks on the road?
- (b) Why were the people in the train doubtful about the bag?
- (c) Explain the term: “earphone addicts”.
- (d) Why didn’t the owner of the bag come to claim the bag?
- (e) Why were the passengers stunned?

**1.2. On the basis of your reading of the passage, fill in any two of the following blanks with appropriate words/phrases** **1 x 2 = 2**

- (a) The electrician didn’t carry out the work properly because \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) According to the author, people take risks by using their electronic gadgets \_\_\_\_\_.
- (c) \_\_\_\_\_ lasted for several minutes.

**1.3. Find words from the paragraph indicated which are similar in meaning to the words given below. (Any Two)** **1 x 2 = 2**

- (a) show (para 1)
- (b) picked (Para 3)
- (c) absorbed (para 4)

**2. Read the passage given below carefully.**

It is no small honour to be asked to address the Convocation of a University in India, and certainly it is a unique experience for me, at any rate, to be called upon to address a University Convocation at one place a second time.

I know poverty and misery and I quite appreciate by personal experience what it is to be poor, what it is to have no clothes, what it is to have no books, what it is to struggle through life, what it is to walk through the streets without an umbrella, without conveyance along miles in dusty roads. I have been through it all and I can understand the difficulties that most of you graduates have to face up today. I am speaking from a long experience of 60 years. Please do not imagine that all the 60 years were milk and roses. To be able to accomplish something I want to tell you that you have to go through such an experience.

I admit, success in life is not always to the intelligent or the strong and it is to some extent a bit of a gamble, but nonetheless those who have got their minds right and those who know their job will sooner or later, sooner perhaps than later make their way in life. But they should not be disappointed if they do not, they have to face up life and take it as they find it. This is the kind of philosophy that I have learnt by experience, and I make a free gift of it to you all.

What I say is this that the great things in life are not really great things in life. The Nobel Prize, the F.R.S. and the like, many of them leave a bitter taste in the mouth. What I love is to enjoy the common things of life. I am happy that I am still able to sleep at night provided I have a three

mile walk in the evening. I am still able to enjoy a good lunch or good dinner. I am still able to look at the blue sky and like it. I still like to walk in the open fields and like the smell of the *Ragi* or the *Jowar*. I feel a younger man when I see the Babul flower and say God has given us these wonderful things. That is the real philosophy of life to appreciate what we see around us.

We think that happiness consists in going to pictures and seeing thrilling films and techni - colour dramas. Not at all, the great things in life are the God-given things which cost nothing. What you need is the desire to appreciate them. If you have your minds and hearts open, you have around you things which give you joy. There is the butterfly jumping about in flourishing colours on all sides. Look at this wonderful thing that God has given for our enjoyment.

We have to love nature and appreciate nature and appreciate her wonderful gifts, her marvellous ingenuity, her resourcefulness, her infinite variety. It is the same thing that has inspired me all my life.

- *An extract from the convocation address of C.V. Raman, delivered at the Agra University on 18 November 1950.*

**Attempt any eight of the following questions.**

**(1 x 8 = 8)**

- (a) What were the main difficulties C.V. Raman had to experience in his childhood?
- (b) According to C.V. Raman, what should one do to get success in life?
- (c) Why has life been termed as a gamble?
- (d) What were the common things C.V. Raman enjoyed in life?
- (e) What do the great things in life cost?
- (f) Which wonderful gifts given to us by God must we appreciate?
- (g) How does C.V. Raman's speech inspire us?
- (h) What instance, quoted by C.V. Raman in his speech, show that he was a nature lover?
- (i) What is the philosophy of life C.V. Raman speaks of?

**SECTION –B**  
**(WRITING & GRAMMAR 30 MARKS)**

3. Many young people are tempted to go abroad either for higher education or better prospects regardless of their aptitude or financial constraints. This deprives our own country of the expert knowledge of such people. Write a letter in **100-120** words to a newspaper editor apprising the students of the vast opportunities in India and stating why they should stay back in India. You are Gautam/Gauri 2, Gobind Enclave, Meerut. **(8)**

**OR**

You are the Principal of Green Valley Public School, 57 E Outer Ring Road, New Delhi. Write a letter to the Sales Manager, Adarsh Stationery Mart, 33 B Block, New Delhi placing order for registers, ledgers, pens, pencils, computer sheets for account department and waste paper baskets.

**4. In 200-250 words write a story based on the input given below: (10)**

An old woman recalls-her daughter lost in a major train accident-had complained-not found-grand daughter posted pieces of news on Facebook-sent mails urging people to circulate it-six months later received a mail-old woman's daughter found-communication at its best

OR

True story-Mohammad Aamir Ali-son of Jamia Millia Islamia electrician-second among seven brothers-scored good marks in school board examinations-couldn't get through to Jamia's BTech course three consecutive years-took admission for diploma in mechanical engineering at Jamia in 2015-project on charging infrastructure for electric vehicles at zero cost-Professor Waqar Alam supported-attracted attention of Frisson Motor Works, North Carolina-offered annual salary package of over \$100000 from an American firm-passion and hard work can take you places.

**5. Read the paragraph given below and fill in the blanks with the help of options that follow. (Any Four) (1 X 4 = 4)**

Our family is one of a kind. On one hand we all (a) \_\_\_\_\_ a sweet tooth, on the other we cannot face its consequences. We (b) \_\_\_\_\_ detect the aroma of a gajar halwa or a chocolate fudge cake miles away. However, the aftermath (c) \_\_\_\_\_ our obsession with the sweet things in life (d) \_\_\_\_\_ us distressed. I wish I could (e) \_\_\_\_\_ those extra tiers of fat as a hereditary gift.

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|-------------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|
| (a) (i) shares    | (ii) share     | (iii) shared  | (iv) are sharing |
| (b) (i) will      | (ii) would     | (iii) can     | (iv) could       |
| (c) (i) for       | (ii) about     | (iii) on      | (iv) of          |
| (d) (i) leaves    | (ii) leave     | (iii) left    | (iv) are leaving |
| (e) (i) dismissed | (ii) dismisses | (iii) dismiss | (iv) miss        |

**6. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Identify the error in each line and write it along with the correction. The first one has been done as an example. (Any Four) (1 X 4 = 4)**

	Error eg. or	Correction and
Forests, rivers, mountains, plants or animals	(a) _____	_____
are all parts in our heritage. They are our	(b) _____	_____
natural wealth and we were largely	(c) _____	_____
dependent on it. Our lives are linked	(d) _____	_____
together like the chain and if we destroy	(e) _____	_____
even one of these, we could been harming		
ourselves.		

**7. Rearrange any four of the following word clusters to make meaningful sentences.**

**(1x4=4)**

- (a) standing / at the / one day / I / beach / was
- (b) number / come / of people / a large / had / there
- (c) hawkers / there / eatables / so many / were / selling
- (d) wave / suddenly / came / huge / a
- (e) road / all the / rushed / towards / the / people

**SECTION-C**  
**(Literature-30 MARKS)**

**8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow.**

**(1 x 4 = 4)**

**‘Evidently the wrong animal had been hit, and the beast of prey had succumbed to heart failure...’**

- (a) What had Mrs. Packletide wanted to kill and why?
- (b) How did the two animals die?
- (c) Who was Miss Louisa Mebbin?
- (d) How did Miss Louisa Mebbin take advantage of this situation?

**OR**

***“Now Amelia, you mustn’t give way. We’ve all got to die some time or other. It might have been worse.”***

- (a) Who is the speaker?
- (b) What prompts the speaker to say these words?
- (c) What does the speaker mean by ‘it might have been worse’?
- (d) What does it reveal about the speaker’s character?

**9. Answer any four of the following in 30-40 words each.**

**(2 X 4 = 8)**

- (a) Why does Ozymandias refer to himself as ‘King of Kings’? What quality of the king is revealed through this statement?
- (b) What were Ali’s old ways and when did his life take a new turn?
- (c) Bring out the irony in the statement –‘your song must be your own’.
- (d) Why does Shakespeare refer to war as ‘wasteful’?
- (e) Although Nicola and Jacopo are young boys, the author refers to them as gentlemen. Why does he do so?

**10. Answer the following in about 100-120 words. (8)**

How did the postmaster change from an indifferent, hard-hearted individual into a warm humane person?

**OR**

Imagine you are Mr. Abel Merryweather. Write a letter to your friend, James explaining your decision to get married as well as the disgraceful behaviour of your daughters and sons-in-law.

**11. Answer the following question in 200-250 words: (10)**

Helen describes her father as ‘the most loving and indulgent.....’ Give a short character sketch of Arthur H. Keller

**OR**

Why was Helen accused of plagiarism? What effect did it have on her?

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