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PERIODIC TEST – 2
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General Instructions:

1. This paper is divided into three sections: A, B and C.
2. All the sections are compulsory.
3. Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them faithfully.
4. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

SECTION- A (READING) 15 Marks

1. Read the passage given below :

1. I was a postgraduate student in Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore. I was on my way to the hostel when I saw an advertisement; it was from the famous automobile company Telco (now known as Tata Motors). The company wanted engineers: young and hardworking, with an excellent academic background. At the bottom of the line: 'Lady candidates need not apply'. I was very upset and not keen on the job, but I now saw it as a challenge.
2. After all, I had done extremely well in academics, better than most of my male peers. I was fuming as I went to my room. I would write to the top person at Telco about this injustice. I did not know who headed Telco but I knew J.R.D Tata was the head of the Tata Group. I decided to address my letter to him. To this day I remember what I wrote. 'The great Tatas have always been pioneers. They are the ones who started iron and steel, chemicals, textiles and locomotive industries in India. They have supported higher education in India Since 1900 and they were responsible for the establishment of the Indian Institute of Science. Fortunately I study there. But I am surprised that a company such as Telco is discriminating on the basis of the gender.
3. I posted the letter and forgot about it. Within days, I received a telegram asking me to appear for an interview at Telco's Pune factory. I was taken aback. There were six people on the panel of interview. 'This is the girl who wrote to J.R.D.', I heard somebody whisper as soon as I entered the room. I thought I would not get the job and so I was rather cool during my interview.
4. Then an elderly gentleman spoke to me in a kind voice. 'Do you know why we said lady candidates need not apply? It is because we have never employed any women in this factory. When it comes to academics you are a first ranker. We appreciate that, but people like you should work in research laboratories.'
5. I was a young girl from small town Hubli. My world had been a limited place. I did not know the ways of large corporate houses and their difficulties, so I answered, 'But you must start somewhere, otherwise no woman will ever be able to work in your factories.' Finally after the interview I got the job. Mr Moolgaokar, the chairman introduced me to J.R.D., 'Jeh, this young woman is an engineer. She is the first woman to work in the Telco factory. J.R.D. looked at me and remarked. 'It is nice that girls are getting into engineering in our country.'
6. I consider J.R.D. a great man because, despite an extremely busy person, he valued a letter written by a young girl seeking justice. He must have received thousands of letters every day. He could have thrown mine away, but he didn't do that. He respected the ambitions of that unknown girl, who had neither influence nor money, and gave her an opportunity in his company. He did not merely give her a job; he had changed her life and mindset forever.

- Sudha Murthy

On the basis of your understanding of the above passage choose the most suitable option (1x3=3) given below :

- (i) Sudha was disappointed when she saw the TELCO advertisement because.....
- a. TELCO didn't employ women candidates b. TELCO was against women employee.
- c. JRD Tata was concerned about the security of women. d. JRD Tata thought that ladies like Sudha should work in research laboratories.
- (ii) JRD was a great man because.....
- a. he gave opportunity to Sudha in TELCO b. he wanted to give justice to Sudha.
- c. though he was busy he valued Sudha's letter. d. All of the above
- (iii) The main purpose of this text is to highlight
- a. Sudha's courage and self confidence b. views of JRD Tata and Sudha about engineering.
- c. the greatness of J.R.D. d. Option 'A' and 'B'

Answer the following questions in brief:

(1x3=3)

- (iv) Why did Sudha Murthy take up the advertisement as a challenge?
- (v) How does the noble character of J.R.D. inspire Sudha Murthy?
- (vi) Give a suitable title to the story.

Find the words in the passage which mean as:

(1x2=2)

- (vii) persons who are first or among the earliest in progress. (Para 2)
- (viii) way of thinking (Para 6)

2. Read the passage given below :

1. The growth pattern of the Moso Bamboo tree that grows in China and the Far East is extraordinary and interesting. After the Moso Bamboo is planted, no visible growth occurs on it for up to five years - even under very ideal conditions! The tree then begins its rapid growth, almost two feet every day, reaching a full height of up to ninety feet within six weeks.
2. Its growth is a wonder, but real. The rapid growth occurs due to the miles of roots it had steadily developed during those fine years of silent but vibrant activity underground. The deeply grounded roots of the Moso not only enable its dramatic growth, but also steadily sustain the mighty tree, standing ninety feet tall.
3. In our lives too certain developments occur quite invisible or indistinctly. Our minds develop silently and often without any apparent sign. As students, it is your steady, long-term preparations that enable you to succeed in your varied pursuits. Keep nourishing your dreams and ambitions so that they will eventually come to fruition, like the Moso Bamboo tree makes its sudden appearance after years of dormant life. It may take a long period, but you should not be disheartened. Your perseverance and patience will surely pay off.

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On the basis of your understanding of the above passage choose the most suitable option (1x2=2) given below :

- (i) 'It may take a long period, but you should not be disheartened' teaches you to be...
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| a. kind | b. healthy |
| c. humble | d. hopeful |
- (ii) The phrase 'keep nourishing' here means....
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| a. to promote growth | b. disapprove |
| c. ignore | d. to be a hindrance |

Answer the following questions in brief:

(1x3=3)

- (iii) What are the values you learn from the given passage?
 (iv) Which activity of Moso Bamboo is termed as 'silent but vibrant' activity by the author?
 (v) What makes a student enable to succeed in various tasks?

Find the word in the passage which mean the as:

(1x2=2)

- (vi) perfect and flawless. (para 1)
 (vii) fulfillment or accomplishment. (para 3)

SECTION - B (WRITING) 10 Marks

3. Imagine that Ravi and Maya are friends. They are in habit of using social apps frequently. As a result they are not able to keep themselves at par with their academics in school. They realise it and wish to control this habit. Construct a dialogue between them in not more than 80 words. (4)

4. Write a story in not more than 120 words using the hints given below and give it a suitable title and also the moral you learn from it. (6)

A boy is small and weak - poor at games - is ridiculed - his companions - realises the importance of exercise and healthy food habits - he resolves to be in the first eleven - practises in secret - gets a chance to play - everybody makes fun of him - but the boy's fine performance brings victory to his school.

SECTION - C (GRAMMAR) 5 Marks

5. Fill in the blanks using suitable prepositions and correct forms of verbs. (1/2x4=2)

Rea and Girma, two lovely lion cubs i. ----- rescued ii. ----- illegal wildlife traders last year. The poachers iii. ----- sold them as exotic pets. The lonely and scared cubs were placed in a cell iv. ----- a police station, so the Ethiopian officials asked Born Free Foundation to offer them a home.

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| a. have been | b. were | c. was | d. had been |
| a. from | b. with | c. for | d. of |
| a. would have | b. have | c. had | d. will have |
| a. under | b. behind | c. on | e. at |

6. Read the dialogue given below and complete the passage using reported speech. (1x3=3)

Manu : Is there any problem with your car?

Woman : I've a flat tyre. But I just don't know how to change the tyre.

Manu : Let me give you a hand.

Manu saw a woman standing near her car by the road. He asked her (a) _____ .

The woman replied (b) _____ but (c) _____. Manu offered to lend her a hand in changing the tyre.

SECTION - D (LITERATURE) 20 Marks

7. Read the extract from the poem and answer the following questions: (1x4=4)

*There's a shed at the bottom of our garden
With a spider's web hanging across the door,
The hinges are rusty and creak in the wind,
When I'm in bed I lie and I listen,
I'll open that door one day.'*

- (i) What tells you that the shed had not been visited frequently?
- (iii) Which sound does the poet hear when he is in bed?
- (iii) Why does the poet wish to open the door of the shed one day?
- (iv) What does the phrase 'hinges are rusty' mean here?

OR

Read the extract from the lesson and answer the following questions:

'The music master's eyes lit up. He put them on, trying not to look too happy. "Well, I suppose these will have to do... These days children have no respect for elders, what to do? A Hanuman incarnate... only Ram can save such a naughty fellow!"

- (i) What made the music master eyes lit up?
- (ii) Why was he of the opinion that children do not have respect for elders?
- (iii) Whom did the phrase 'Hanuman incarnate' refer to in the above lines?
- (iv) Why did music master pretend not to look too happy?

8. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words. (Any five) (2x5=10)

- (i) What is the central idea of the poem **Chivvy**?
- (ii) What made the king angry in the lesson Gopal and the Hilsa Fish? Why?
- (iii) What risks did Ravi had to take on keeping Mahendran as his pet in the house?
- (iv) How do some small animals obtain their water intake in the desert?
- (v) Why did Soapy want to spend the winter months in Blackwell Island?
- (vi) How did Ravi conclude that Mahendran was a descendant of the Egyptian cat - god?

9. Answer the following questions in 80 to 100 words. (Any two) (2x3=6)

- (i) Gopal played a trick, but without harming anyone. Does it prove that it is a true test of one's wit? How? Explain by giving real life example.
- (ii) Desert life is a lesson in adaptability. Explain this statement and support your answer with examples from lesson.
- (iii) Write the character sketch of the music-master in the lesson - A Gift of Chappals.