

## ANANDALAYA PERIODIC TEST – 3

Class: IX

Subject: English Language and Literature M.M: 80
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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) 20 Marks**

- 1. Read the passage given below:
  - 1. Liz had just finished wrapping up the final details for the surprise party she was planning for her husband. She had been meticulously preparing for this event, designing every aspect of the party from the invitations to the food, and she was very excited about it.
  - 2. Family members whom Guermo hadn't seen in years were flying in from Peru in a few days. Liz had tracked down several college friends, and they were coming from various places across the country. The caterer and band were set. The best part for Liz: she knew Guermo did not have a clue about the party. She could not wait to see the look on his face when he walked into a big "Surprise!" in his own home.
  - 3. The party was to be on Saturday. As Liz was daydreaming about picking relatives up at the airport the next day and taking them to their hotel, Guermo walked into the kitchen and said, quite certainly, "Sweetheart, I don't want anything special done for my birthday." "What do you mean?" Liz responded nonchalantly, though her heart began to pound. "I mean that I don't want a surprise party." "Okay," Liz said with a shrug. "Not a problem."
  - 4. Liz's mind raced. There was nothing she could do about Guermo's request now. And, frankly, she didn't want to. Liz had been planning this for more than a year. The party would go off as she intended. She did not want all of her effort to be for naught.
  - 5. When Guermo came home Saturday evening from playing soccer with friends, he was shocked. Tears filled his eyes. (This response was something Liz had not predicted.) Among the crowd he saw friends whom he had not seen in nearly 20 years and family members who had come from Peru just for this evening. But along with being deeply moved, he was also angry with his wife. He felt ambushed. He knew he could be emotional, and he did not like people to see him that way. That was why he did not like being surprised.

(Source- englishforeveryone.org)

- 1.1 On the basis of your understanding of the above passage complete the statements given below (1x6=6) with the help of the options that follow:
- (i) Given the circumstances, the most likely reason that Liz's heart began to pound in the middle of the story is because Liz was

a. angry

b. confused

c. nervous

- d. heartbroken
- (ii) Which excerpt best summarizes the moment in which conflict first arises in the story?
  - a. "Sweetheart, I don't want anything special done for my birthday."
- b. "Okay," Liz said with a shrug. "Not a problem."
- c. "What do you mean?"
- d. None of the above
- (iii) To ambush someone means to
  - a. make someone cry

- b. lie to someone repeatedly
- c. attack someone in a surprise manner
- d. present someone with all their friends and family

As used in paragraph 3, which is the best synonym for 'without doubt'? (iv)

a. quite b. possibly c. certainly d. nonchalantly

When Guermo tells Liz that he does not want a surprise party, why did Liz decide not to tell (v) him about the party?

a. there was very little time left to cancel the party

b. as family and friends would not be willing to go

c. the friends very much wanted to

d. Guermo wanted an expensive gift

attend the party

What was the main reason Guermo did not want to be surprised? (vi)

a. He was a shy person c. He knew he would get emotional b. He did not have good relations with his family d. He liked to avoid a crowd because of the noise

because of the surprise

they made

1.2 Answer the following questions in brief: (1x2=2)

- What was the highlight of Liz's preparation for Guermo's surprise party? (v)
- (vi) What response from Guermo had Liz been predicting? What was Guermo's reaction?
- 2. Read the passage carefully-
  - 1. Moods, say the experts, are emotions that tend to become fixed, influencing one's outlook for hours, days or even weeks. That's great if your mood is a pleasant one, but a problem if you are sad, anxious, angry or simply lethargic.
  - 2. Perhaps the best way to deal with such moods is to talk them out; sometimes, though there is no one to listen to. Modern pharmacology offers an abundance of tranquilizer antidepressants and anti-anxiety drugs. What many people don't realize, however, is that scientists have discovered the effectiveness of several non-drugs approaches to pry you loose from an unwanted mood. These can be as good as prescription drugs and have the added benefit of being non-toxic and non-addictive. So in moments of bad moods try one of these antidotes instead of rushing to the chemists. Of all self-help techniques aerobic exercises seem to be the most effective cure for a bad mood. Aerobic exercises such as running, cycling, brisk walking, swimming or other repetitive activities that boost the heart rate increase the circulation of blood and improve the body's utilization of oxygen. Just for 20 minutes, three to five times a week is just what you need.
  - 3. "Colour can be a nutrient for the mind as vitamins are for the body," says Patricia, a New York colour psychologist. She suggests keeping away from red to defuse irritability and anger. Avoid wearing colours that make you feel down- black or dark blue. Go for warm, bright and active colours that lighten your mood. Neutral colours such as soft shades of blue have a soothing, calming effect and these alleviate anxiety and tension.
  - 4. There is a reported basic link between food and mood. Carbohydrates eaten alone stimulate the brain's production of serotonin responsible for making us feel calm and relaxed. It is a sort of comfort food with a tranquilizing effect. Eating proteins tends to sustain alertness and energy. The best proteins are shell-fish, chicken etc.
  - 5. A strong connection has been found between high caffeine intake and increased depression, irritability and anxiety. People are often depressed when their thought patterns are negative and distorted. It is important to recognize and learn to change negative ways of thinking.

(Source: www.rd.com)

2.1 On the basis of your reading of the above extract, answer the following questions in 30-40 words each:

(2x4=8)

- a) What is the expert viewpoint regarding moods?
- b) Explain the significance of 'Colour can be a nutrient for the mind as vitamins are for
- c) Why are aerobics, food or colour therapy better than anti-depressants?
- d) What is the use of aerobic exercises?

	2.2	2.2 On the basis of your reading of the above extract, answer the following:				
	e)	The word which	means the same as 'reme	dy' from para 2		
		i) boost	ii) cure	iii) exercise	iv) tranquiliser	
	f)	The word which	means the same as 'kindl	e' from para 4		
		i) calm	ii) sustain	iii) stimulate	iv) tends	
			'activate' as given in par			
	h)	The antonym of	'straightened' as given in	n para 5 is		
		SE	CTION-B (WRITING A	AND GRAMMAR) 30 Ma	ırks	
3.	Books can be our best friends. They can teach us several things with the simple act of reading.					
	Write an article for the school magazine on 'The Influence of a Book on One's Life' in about 100-150 words.					
	100	-130 words.	(	)R		(8)
	You are Ankit/Ankita studying in class IX. You went on a morning walk and saw a boy					
	drowning in the water. You saved the boy. The crowd appreciated you. Write a diary entry for this incident describing your feelings on helping to save a life. (100-150 words)					
4.	Buil	ld a story in your	own words in 150-200	words using <b>any one</b> of t	he hints given below.	
	Build a story in your own words in 150-200 words using <b>any one</b> of the hints given below. Supply a suitable title.					
	It was an amazing day, full of fun and frolic. We all stood amazed to see a strange flying					
	object over our heads. We started guessing					
	OR					(10)
		•		s regular work of watering	the plants as if they	
5.	were his own children. He then  Complete the following passage by inserting the appropriate word from options given here.					(4)
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	Of all the books I a), I find the ones I like least are the ones b) praised by critics. It					
	makes me wonder whether the fault c) with me or is it the critics who are making a					
	mistake. If a book d) be understood only by reading an analysis of e) by a critic, then					
	surely the book is f) to perform its function. Is it not g)function of books to inform,					
	educ	cate them and h)_	the reader more aware	of life?		
	a)	i) have read	ii) read	iii) am readin	g iv) reads	
	b)	i) much	ii) more	iii) very	iv) most	
	c)	i) lie	ii) lies	iii) is lying	iv) lay	
	d)	i) might	ii) could	iii) may	iv) can	
	e)	i) this	ii) that	iii) it	iv) these	
	f)	i) likely	ii) able	iii) unable	iv) disable	
	g)	i) the	ii) a	iii) an	iv) their	
	h)	i) makes	ii) make	iii) made	iv) making	
6.	Rea	rrange the follow	ing words and phrases to	form a meaningful sentence	ee.	(4)
	i) he	i) he / that / had been / by / captured / one night / a tribe / dreamed / he				
	ii) to	ii) told / would have / he / he / to produce / was / in a day/ the sewing machine				
	iii) spent / trying / years / to perfect / Elias Howe / a sewing machine					
	iv) speared / could not, / if / he / would be / he / by / the tribe					
7.	The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line against which a					(4)
	blan	ik is given. Write	the incorrect word and	the correction in your ans	wer sheet against the	

correct blank number.

- i The body could be consider a permanent furnace.
- ii The food we take in is 'fuel', who the body 'burns up'.
- In these process, about 2,500 calories are being used iii
- every day in the body. Its enough heat to bring 23 litres iv
- of water to the boiling point! What happened to all v
- this heat in the body? If there were not temperature
- controls in the body, we could certainly think of ourself vii
- as 'hot stuff'. We know that our body heat remains at a average viii temperature of 98.6 degrees Fahrenheit.

## **SECTION-C (LITERATURE TEXTBOOKS) 30 Marks**

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

> "Let us remember, whenever we are told To hate our brothers, it is ourselves That we shall dispossess, betray, condemn

Remember, we who take arms against each other."

- What is meant by 'it is ourselves that we...condemn'? (i) (1)
- What do you understand by 'whenever we are told'? (1) (ii)
- What are the reasons we take up arms against each other? (iii) (1)
- (iv) What does 'condemn' used here mean? (1)

Or

"After school, we went home and told our respective parents about the incident. Lakshmana Sastry summoned the teacher, and in our presence, told the teacher that he should not spread the poison of social inequality and communal intolerance in the minds of innocent children. He bluntly asked the teacher to either apologise or quit the school and the island."

- What do 'we' and 'the incident' stand for in the above passage? (i) (1)
- (ii) For what reason did Lakshmana Sastry ask the teacher to not spread the poison of social (1) inequality and communical intolerance?
- (iii) Why did he speak bluntly to the teacher? (1)
- What does 'poison' used here mean? (iv)
- (1)
- 9. Answer any *five* of the following questions in 30-40 words. What is the theme of the poem 'The Road not Taken'? (i)
- (ii) In what sense was Toto a pretty monkey? (2)
- What does legend mean in 'A Legend of the Northland'? Why is the poem called so? (iii) (2) (2)
- What are the Guru's words of wisdom? When does the disciple remember them? (iv)
- How has the tree, mentioned in 'On Killing a Tree', grown to its full size? (v)
- What was the doctor's reaction when the snake was close to him? (vi)
- What does the poet like to do when it rains? (Rain on the Roof) (vii)
- 10. Answer any *one* of the following question in about 100-150 words Santosh Yadav and Maria Sharapova's success stories clearly show that determination and persistent endeavour are the keys to achieving success. How can any individual employ these lessons to achieve success? Elaborate.

OR (8)

(2)

Albert Einstein was quite different from the other children of his age. Do you think that those who think differently succeed in life like Einstein did? Elaborate.

11. Answer any *one* of the following question in about 100-150 words

The prince in 'The Happy Prince' becomes a humane being after he ceases to be a human. Comment.

> OR (8)

Prashant, despite being faced by adversity, is able to show extraordinary determination and courage to fight. Do you think adversity brings out the best in people?