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PERIODIC TEST – 3
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- The paper is divided into four parts.
- All parts are compulsory.
- Read the instructions carefully and answer the optional questions.

SECTION A
READING (10 MARKS)

1. Read the passage carefully.

1. The Rio Grande is not the longest river in America, but it counts among one of the most important rivers in the country. The reason for that is its location. The river has been serving as the official border between Texas and Mexico since 1846. The literal meaning of Rio Grande is Big River. However, the river is known in Mexico as Rio Bravo. This translates into the ‘furious river’. Its curving route and sharp twists and turns, the river seems to be in a terrible rage.
2. Rio Grande is the fourth or the fifth longest river in America. This varies according to the varying length of the river. Because the river twists so much, it frequently changes its course and its length. Officially, it is 3,051 km in length.
3. The river starts in Colorado and has its mouth in the Gulf of Mexico. Downwards is the best word to describe the movement of the river. It flows from north to south as well from high mountains to lower lands before plunging in the gulf.
4. Rio Grande is also unique in a way that this river cannot be navigated by ocean-going vehicles. The Rio Grande with its fertile valley, along with its tributaries, is a vital source of drinking water for seven US and Mexican states, and flows primarily through arid and semi-arid lands.
5. However, the river is slowly drying up. Parts of it are already dry. This is caused by the voluminous consumption of water required to irrigate farmland and to continually hydrate cities. Experts are engaged in trying to solve this problem.
6. Perhaps the greatest significance of the river is that it is a symbol of cooperation between the people of Mexico and Texas. The water of the river is used by the people on either side of the border. It acts as a border but also as a common space. Today, Rio Grande stands as a symbol of peace and friendship between two nations and its people.

On the basis of your reading the passage, answer the following questions.

- (a) Choose the correct answer from the give options.
- (i) According to the passage, Rio Grande is so important because _____ (1)
- (A) It is a source of drinking water for most of the United States.
- (B) it is the border between Texas and Mexico.
- (C) it is the longest river system in the United States of America.
- (D) it is known by two different names.
- (ii) It is difficult to measure the exact length of the Rio Grande because _____ (1)
- (A) it seems to be very angry river.
- (B) it is very long river.
- (C) it shifts its course frequently.
- (D) most of the river is dry.
- (iii) 'downward' the best way of describing the river because _____ (1)
- (A) it extends from East to West.
- (B) it provides water to Mexico, which is to the south of United States.
- (C) ships cannot navigate it easily.
- (D) it starts high in the mountains and loses height in its course.
- (iv) The river seems to be furious because _____ (1)
- (A) it has many twists and turns.
- (B) it is angrier than other rivers.
- (C) its name means furious.
- (D) it makes a lot of noise.
- (b) What is the difference between Rio Grande and other big rivers? (1)
- (c) Why have parts of the river dried up? (1)
- (d) How do you think Rio Grande symbolises cooperation? (1)
- (e) Find words from the passage that mean the following: (3)
- (i) regularly (para 2) _____
- (ii) people who have extensive skill or knowledge in a particular field (para 5)

- (iii) something that represents or stands for something else (para 6) _____

SECTION B
WRITING (9 MARKS)

2. Write a short story using the given outlines in not more than 100-120 words. Give a suitable title to the story. (5)
- Suresh – walking – picks up purse – finds a lot of money – a card with the owner's address – in dilemma – decides – returns it – owner very happy – offers reward – Suresh denies – says, done the duty – gets rewarded in other way.
3. Patrick got A grades in the examination and all his friends were amazed. Imagine that Tony, one of Patrick's best friends, wanted to know the secret of his good score. Complete the conversation that might have taken place between the two of them. (4)

Tony : Congratulations! What a great achievement.

Patrick : Thank you, but I was hoping to do better this time.

Tony : How many (a) _____ everyday?

Patrick : I didn't study much. But I had to (b) _____ and that did the wonder.

Tony : Did you study (c) _____ or someone helped you?

Patrick : Actually, I got to know an elf who was very helpful to me.

Tony : Oh! That's great.

Patrick : You know, the elf (d) _____ our studies. So, I had to
(e) _____ and that increased my knowledge considerably.

Tony : Do you still have (f) _____? Can you (g) _____ me also?

Patrick : No, (h) _____. But I will certainly tell you if I meet him again.

SECTION C
GRAMMAR (7 MARKS)

4. Rearrange the words to form meaningful sentences. One has been done for you. (3)
- (a) is a term / identify / 'Extreme Sports' / that is / any activity / very dangerous / used to
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- (b) a plane or / jump off / and / some people / a high cliff / try to / through air / fly or glide
- (c) to their / adventure seekers / utmost / limits / push themselves / the
- (d) are very / the sportsman / and / theses sports / can / risky / seriously hurt
5. Given below are some instructions to bake a chocolate cake. Write the process and complete the paragraph. Do not copy the passage. (4)
1. First of all, take two cups of flour, a spoon of baking powder and one cup of cocoa powder.
 2. Mix them well and sieve.
 3. Take two eggs and beat them till they are fluffy.
 4. Add half a cup sugar and mix well.
 5. Pour the batter into a cake mould.
 6. Put the mould in an oven for 45 minutes.
 7. Remove from oven, cut and serve.

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SECTION D
LITERATURE (14 MARKS)

6. Read the extract from the poem and answer the following questions. (2x1=2)

*Words are the food and dress of thought
They give it its body and swing
And everyone's longing today to hear
Some fresh and beautiful thing;
But only words can free a thought
From its prison behind your eyes.*

- (a) How can be words the 'food and dress'?
- (b) What does the poet mean by 'prison' here?
7. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words. (ANY THREE) (3x2=6)
- (a) What was done on a 'dumb day' and why was it the most difficult according to some children?
- (b) Why was Kalpana Chawla called 'a heroine' by the journalist?
- (c) What did Emperor Akbar do to show his love for Tansen?
- (d) Why did the crocodile's wife want to eat the monkey's heart?
8. Answer the following question in 80-100 words. (1x6=6)
- (A) Schools are meant for formal education of the children. What differences do you find between Miss Beam's school and the other schools?

OR

- (B) 'The Monkey and the Crocodile' is a story of friendship and betrayal. What lessons do you learn from the story?