



ANANDALAYA
PERIODIC TEST-2
Class: VII

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SECTION- A (READING) (10 marks)

1. Read the passage carefully.

THE NECKLACE by *Guy de Maupassant*

1. A long ago one of the prettiest and charming girls, Mathilde was born. Her grace and beauty were so great that she was meant to live a luxurious life wearing beautiful clothes, expensive jewellery and residing in a big mansion. But it seemed that fate played a trick on her and she was born into a poor family. They had no dowry for her. She finally married a little clerk, Loisel, in the Ministry of Education.
2. Madame Loisel, as she came to be called, was very unhappy with her life. She believed that though she was born beautiful and clever, fate had played a cruel joke. She wished to live a life that would complement her beauty. And when she and her husband sat for dinner, while her husband exclaimed delightedly: "Aha! Broth! What could be better?" She imagined delicate meals served on silver plates.
3. One evening her husband came home with an exultant air, holding a large envelope in his hand. 'Here's something for you,' he said. Swiftly, she tore the paper and drew out a printed card on which were these words: '*The Minister of Education and Madame Ramponneau request the pleasure of the company of Monsieur and Madame Loisel at the Ministry on the evening of Monday, January the 18th.*'
4. Instead of being delighted, as her husband hoped, she flung the invitation across the table, murmuring: "What do you want me to do with this?" "Why, darling, I thought you'd be pleased. You never go out, and this is a great occasion." She looked at him furiously and said "What do you suppose I am to wear at such an affair? I can't go to the party as I don't have anything to wear." He stammered, "Why, the dress you go to the theatre in looks nice to me." Madame Loisel started to cry.
5. The husband was heartbroken. "Look here, Mathilde, how much would a nice but simple dress cost?" "I don't know exactly but I think I could do with four hundred francs", said Mathilde. He grew slightly pale, for this was exactly the amount he had been saving for a gun. Nevertheless, he said, "Very well, I'll give you four hundred francs."
6. The day of the party drew near, and Madame Loisel seemed anxious. "I'm utterly miserable because I don't have any jewellery to wear with my new dress", she said. "How stupid you are! Exclaimed her husband. "Go and see your rich school friend Madame Forestier and ask her to lend you some jewels." Next day she went to see her friend and told her trouble.
7. Madame Forestier took Mathilde Loisel to her dressing room and said, "Choose, my dear." Mathilde finally chose a superb diamond necklace which she wore with her gown. She was the centre of attraction at the party. All ladies praised her. She received many compliments. She felt truly happy and thankful for the first time in her life.
8. When they reached home, she discovered that the borrowed diamond necklace was missing. They looked everywhere but could not find. Scared of going to the prison, they sold everything they had and borrowed thirty-six thousand francs to buy a replacement.

9. The husband worked two jobs. They shifted to a smaller house, Madame Loisel, who had dreams of a luxurious life, had to do her own work. She came to know what abject poverty meant. In ten years, they were able to pay back all the money they had borrowed. By then she had lost all her beauty and grace and looked older. How strange life is, how fickle! How little is needed to ruin or save!
10. One day she saw her old friend, Madame Forestier walking with her daughter. Madame Loisel decided to go and tell her about what happened. "Good morning, Jeanne." The other could not recognise her. "I am Mathilde Loisel." "Oh!... my poor Mathilde, how you have changed!..."
 "Yes, I've had hard times and many sorrows ...and all on your account."
 "On my account!... How was that?"
 "You remember the diamond necklace you lent me for the ball at the Ministry?"
 "Yes, well"
 "Well, I lost it."
 "How could you? Why, you brought it back."
 "I brought you another one just like it. And for the last ten years we have been paying for the diamond necklace. It wasn't easy."
 Madame Forestier had halted.
 "You say you brought a diamond necklace to replace mine?"
 And she smiled. Madame Forestier, deeply moved, took her two hands and said,
 "Oh, poor Mathilde! But mine was an imitation. It was worth at the very most five hundred francs!"

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

Choose the correct answer from the given options. Write the answer along with the option.

- (a) Why does the author say the little girl was meant for the best things in life – a big house, lots of jewellery and other luxuries? (1)
 (A) She was born into one of the richest families in the world.
 (B) She was one of the most beautiful girls, and she had the natural grace usually seen among the rich people.
 (C) She was a well- behaved girl.
 (D) She always dreamt of luxurious life.
- (b) How did the girl's life of living a luxurious life break after marrying Loisel? (1)
 (A) Her husband was not very rich and could not spend too much money on her.
 (B) Loisel was always busy and had no time to spend time with his wife.
 (C) Loisel did not love his wife.
 (D) Suddenly, they lost everything and became poor.
- (c) What kind of a man was Monsieur Loisel? (1)
 (A) He was a cruel, mean and a cheat.
 (B) He was a genius who succeeded in everything he did.
 (C) He loved his wife and went to great lengths to keep her happy.
 (D) He was a poor man but jealous of others.
- (d) What kind of a woman was Madame Loisel? (1)
 (A) She was a dedicated housewife who always supported her husband.
 (B) She was kind, humble and loving woman.
 (C) She was a simple woman who always remained contented.
 (D) She was never satisfied and always grumbled about something or the other. (1)
- (e) What was the main cause of Mathilde's ruin?
 (A) Mathilde's downfall was because of her materialistic ambitions and discontent.
 (B) Mathilde ruined her life because she married Monsieur Loisel.
 (C) Mathilde needed more money to buy a new dress for the party.
 (D) Mathilde ruined her life for losing her friend's diamond necklace.

- (f) What is the main theme of the story 'The Necklace'? (1)
 (A) The Necklace is a story of a woman's unhappy life.
 (B) The Necklace is an awakening tale highlighting vanity and desire.
 (C) The Necklace is a story of beautiful relationship of a husband and wife.
 (D) The Necklace is a story highlighting hard work and honesty.
- (g) What gives the indication that Monsieur Loisel cared for his wife's happiness? (1)
- (h) What shock did Madame Loisel receive in the end after meeting Madame Forestier? (1)
- (i) Find words from the passage that have the same meaning as: (2)
 (A) excited and happy (para 3) _____.
 (B) hopeless and miserable (para 9) _____.

SECTION- B (WRITING) (12 Marks)

2. (A) There is an Inter-school drawing competition on 'Road Safety' to be organised by your school which is sponsored by the Hero Group of Industries. The first three candidates will be given away the prizes of Rs. 5000, 3000 and 2000 respectively. As the secretary of the Art club of your school, write a notice informing the interested students to participate. (Word limit-50 words). Put the notice in a box. (4)

OR

- (B) The Literary Club of your school is going to have a seminar in the school on 'Modern Indian Literature' in which a prominent literary figure is going to deliver a talk. Write a notice giving the details of the seminar in not more than 50 words. Put the notice in a box.
3. (A) You are Kritika / Kunal, President of Madhuban Society, Anand, Gujarat. There is a shortage of clean drinking water and infrequent availability of water for the last three weeks in your society. Write a letter to the Editor of a local newspaper voicing the problem and issues faced by the residents of your society in not more than 120-150 words. (8)

OR

- (B) You are Aruna / Arjun of Abhinav Society, Anand, Gujarat. There is huge disturbance in your society due to loud speakers and DJs throughout the night causing inconvenience especially to elderly people and students. Write a letter to the Editor of a local newspaper voicing the problems faced by the residents of your society in more than 120-150 words.

SECTION- C (GRAMMAR) (10 Marks)

4. Given below are some sets of instructions to fill a pen. Read them carefully and complete the paragraph that follow. Write the correct answer against the correct blank number. Do not copy the paragraph (4x1=4)

<u>How to fill a pen</u>	
<i>Instructions</i>	
• Remove the cap of the pen and hold it in the left hand.	
• Dip it into the inkpot.	
• Catch the ink filler pin in the right hand and pull it.	
• Leave it to move back to its original position.	
• Take the pen out of the inkpot.	

To fill the ink-pen, first of all the cap of the pen is removed and (a) _____. Now, (b) _____. The ink filler pin is caught in the right hand and it is pulled. Next, it is (c) _____ to its original position. Finally, the pen (d) _____ to check if the ink has been filled.

5. Rearrange the words to make meaningful sentences. One has been done for you. (3x1=3)
 (a) distinguished / Max Mueller / poet / was a / German
 e.g. Max Mueller was a distinguished German poet.
 (b) to the study of / he took / great devotion / Sanskrit / as a youth, / with

(c) research work / and / Philosophy / he did / under / on Sanskrit / eminent scholars
 (d) translated / in India / great / Rig Ved / enthusiasm / Max Mueller / which caused

6. The passage below has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction against the correct blank number. Do not copy the passage. (6×½=3)

	Incorrect word	Correction
The real way to distinguish a star to a planet	(a)	
is to see whether it twinkles but not. Stars twinkle	(b)	
but planets don't. Planets shine because they got the	(c)	
light of a sun. the light that we see coming from planets	(d)	
and moon is merely the sunshine in their surface.	(e)	
Stars are like the sun. They shine so they are very hot and burning.	(f)	

SECTION - D (LITERATURE) (18 marks)

7. Read the extract from the poem 'The Shed' and choose the correct answer from the options. (2×1=2)

*"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."*

- (a) The hinges of the door are rusty and creaks in the wind suggest that _____.
 (A) the doors were not opened for a long time.
 (B) the door is made of iron and it has rusted.
 (C) the hinges need to be repaired so that they do not creak.
 (D) the wind is so strong that the door is creaking.

- (b) Which Figure of speech does the poet use in the fourth line of the above stanza?

(A) metaphor (B) alliteration (C) simile (D) repetition

8. Read the extract from the lesson 'Bringing up Kari' and answer the following questions. (2×1=2)

Everyday, I used to take him to the river in the morning for his bath. He would lie down on the sand bank while I rubbed him with the clean sand of the river for an hour. After that he would lie in the water for a long time. On coming out his skin would be shining like ebony, and he would squeal with pleasure as I rubbed water down his back. Then I would take him by the ear, because that is the easiest way to lead an elephant, and leave him on the edge of the jungle while I went to the forest to get some luscious twigs for his dinner.

- (a) Why would Kari squeal with pleasure?
 (b) What kind of dinner does Kari like to eat?

9. Answer the following questions in 40-50 words (ANY FOUR) (4×2=8)

- (a) What do you gather about the wise hermit from the lesson 'The Three Questions'?
 (b) Compare Lalli's violin playing to that of the music teacher.
 (c) Why was Gopal barred from entering the palace?
 (d) Mr. Gessler spent his days in great difficulty. Share arguments in favour of this statement.
 (e) What happens when the adults give too many instructions to their children?

10. Answer the question in 100 – 120 words. (1×6=6)

(A) How does the story 'Ashes That Made the Trees Bloom' highlights values such as honesty, compassion, kindness and diligence with a hint of magical realism? Support your answer with examples from the lesson.

OR

(B) Do you think that Gessler brothers failed as boot makers or as competitive businessmen? Give reasons and support your answer with the examples from the lesson 'Quality'.