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PERIODIC TEST – 1
Class: VII

Subject: English
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M.M: 40
Time: 1 hr 30 min

General Instructions:

1. The Question Paper contains four parts.
2. All the parts are compulsory.
3. Read carefully and answer the optional questions according to the specific instructions.

SECTION A
READING (10 Marks)

1. Read the passage given below:

The Tiger Story

1. Tiger! The word itself arouses a sense of awe and excitement. Perhaps no other animal in the world has the same capacity of stirring the imagination of people – even of those who remain indifferent to all forms of wildlife.
2. The tiger is not only a symbol of power, but also of reverence among many cultures of the world. Even places where tigers have become extinct, they continue to live on myths and legends.
3. In some places, farmers offer thanks to tigers for preying on the deer, which would otherwise have ravaged their crops. Honey-gatherers of the Sunderbans pray to the tiger before entering the jungles to gather honey. They believe the tiger, if kept happy by their prayers, will not harm them. The Tujia people of China deify the white tiger whose statue can be found in their homes.
4. Though the earliest Indian representation of tigers has been found on Harappan seals of about 2300 BC, tigers have always been considered as immigrants to India. The latest evidence suggests that they originated in China and not Russia, as had always been previously assumed, and spread outward from Turkey in the west, Siberia in the east, and south into the Indian subcontinent.
5. Over the centuries, the tiger has acquired a reputation for beauty and grace, for ferocity and cunningness, and most of all, for mystery. It has always been a difficult task to study the life of a tiger, as it tends to lead a secret, nocturnal life. The aura of mystery around it comes from its solitary way of life. The male protects his territory zealously, and does not allow any other male to come close.
6. Do you know that each tiger has its own pattern of stripes? These could be used to identify individual tigers, the way our fingerprints can identify us! The striped coat has a special function. It helps the tiger in camouflaging itself while attacking its prey.
7. As lord of the jungle, the tiger reigns supreme and is at the top of the food chain. It preys mainly on large mammals like deer, buffalo and fish, birds, reptiles and even crocodiles. Thus, the balance of herbivores and the carnivores is delicately maintained in the wilderness.
8. A tiger's life is a cycle of work and rest. It spends most of its time resting, conserving its energy for its next kill. Tigers generally avoid human population. The man-eaters are

usually old or wounded tigers, who cannot hunt wild prey, or those whose habitats have vanished due to human intervention.

9. A tiger is well-equipped for stalking and bringing down its prey. Add to that its agility, speed over short distances, and its versatility. It has been known to climb trees and is an expert swimmer. A combination of all these qualities makes it a devastating predator.
10. Rampant poaching for tiger parts continues to threaten the tiger's existence. Development projects such as mining, thermal and hydroelectric dams, growth of human population and deforestation are taking toll on tiger's habitat.
11. It is only the intervention of wildlife protection groups that curbed the rapid disappearance of tigers in the wild. The tiger now enjoys a protected status and a number of organisations working actively around the globe to save the tiger. We must actively participate and support such organisations that are effectively involved in tiger conservation and save these beautiful creatures from extinction.

Answer the questions given below.

- (a) *The tiger is not only a symbol of power, but also of reverence.* Write any two customs that support this statement. (2)
- (b) Why have Indian tigers always been considered immigrants? (1)
- (c) How does the tiger's coat help it in the wilderness? (1)
- (d) What makes a tiger become a man-eater? (1)

Choose the best answer from the given options.

- (e) The tiger is a mysterious life because _____. (1)
 - (A) it is beautiful and graceful.
 - (B) it is ferocious and cunning.
 - (C) it protects his territory well.
 - (D) it leads a secret solitary life.
- (f) The tiger is a devastating predator because _____. (1)
 - (A) it is agile, can climb trees and is a great swimmer.
 - (B) it can kill large mammals like deer and buffalo.
 - (C) it maintains the balance of herbivores and carnivores.
 - (D) it spends time resting and conserve energy to hunt next time.
- (g) Tiger arouses a sense of awe and excitement because _____. (1)
 - (A) it is a symbol of power.
 - (B) it has the capacity of stirring the imagination of people.
 - (C) it is worshipped in many places.
 - (D) it is the lord of the jungle.
- (h) State True or False. (1)
 - (i) Rampant poaching is the only cause for the depletion of tiger's numbers.
 - (ii) The tiger continues to feature prominently in mythology and folklore in some cultures.
- (i) Find out the words from the story which mean the same as the following words. (1)
 - (i) respect (para 2)
 - (ii) worship (para 3)

SECTION B
WRITING (9 Marks)

2. You have lost a precious thing during your visit to Shimla and Manali in the summer holidays. Express your feelings of sorrow in a diary entry. (40-60 words) (4)
3. A. Write an essay on the topic 'The person you admire the most'. (130 – 150 words) (5)

OR

B. Write an essay on the topic 'Noise Pollution'. (130 – 150 words)

SECTION C
GRAMMAR (7 Marks)

4. Complete the passage with suitable conjunctions from the help box. (3)

but	as	so	however	and	because
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He was old (a) _____ used to stay in front of my house with his five-year old granddaughter. I used to give my leftovers to this beggar every day (b) _____ I never spoke to him. One monsoon day, I looked out of my window and started cursing the rain. That day I could not give the beggar and the girl their daily quota of leftovers (c) _____ I could not step out of my house. (d) _____ they went hungry, I am sure. (e) _____, what I saw from my window surprised me. The beggar and the young girl were playing, laughing, clapping and screaming joyously on the road (f) _____ there was no traffic. I envied their zest for life.

5. There is an error in each line of the passage. Identify and write the error and the correction against each number line. Do not copy the passage. (4)

	error	correction
The Postmaster took up his duties on the village	(a)	
of Ulapur. Though the village was an small one,	(b)	
there was a indigo factory nearby, and the proprietor	(c)	
a Englishman, had managed to get a post office	(d)	
established. The Postmaster belonged of Calcutta.	(e)	
He felt very awkward in a remote village. His	(f)	
office and living room were in a dark thatched shed,		
not far through a green slimy pond, surrounded on	(g)	
all sides of a dense growth.	(h)	

SECTION D
LITERATURE (14 Marks)

6. Read the poem 'The Squirrel' and answer the following questions. (2)
- (A) *He wore a question mark for tail,*

*An overcoat of gray,
He sat up to eat a nut.
He liked to tease and play,
And if we around his tree,
He went the other way.*

- (a) Why does the poet say that the squirrel wore a question mark?
- (b) How does the squirrel tease the poet?

OR

- (B) Read the extract from the poem '*The Rebel*' and answer the following questions.

*When everybody is praising the sun,
The rebel remarks for the need for rain.
When everybody is greeting the rain,
The rebel regrets the absence of sun.
When everybody goes to the meeting,
The rebel stays at home and reads a book.
When everybody stays at home and reads a book,
The rebel goes to the meeting.*

- (a) How does the rebel behave when there is rain? Why?
- (b) Why does the rebel want to go to the meeting?

7. Answer the following questions in 60-80 words (ANY THREE) 3x2=(6)

- (a) What were the questions that occurred to the king? Why did he decide to consult the hermit?
- (b) Why do the little ants live very peacefully? Explain
- (c) What impressions do you get about the beggar in the story 'A Gift of Chappals'?
- (d) Justify ants as tiny teachers.

8. Answer the following question in not more than 100-120 words. (ANY ONE) (6)

- (A) You must have read about many revolutions from the history. Great rebels have struggled to change the course of history. Give some examples that you know and explain why rebels are important?

OR

- (B) The king took good care of the bearded man who actually was his enemy. What is your opinion about the action done by the king? What were the consequences of his action? What would have happened if the king would not have saved the man?