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PERIODIC TEST I 2025-26

ENGLISH

Class: VIII

Time: 1hr

Date: 03.07.25

Max Marks: 25

Admission no:

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General Instructions:

1. The question paper contains THREE sections-READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

SECTION - A READING (7 Marks)

I. Read the following comprehension and answer the questions briefly:

1x7=7

A 92-year-old lady, who is fully dressed each morning by eight o'clock with perfect make-up, even though she is blind, moved to an old age home. Her husband recently passed away. She didn't even have children too. After many hours of waiting patiently in the lobby she smiled sweetly when she was ready. She was provided a visual description of her tiny room.

"I loves it," stated with the enthusiasm of an eight-year-old having just been presented with a new puppy.

"But.....but Mrs. Jones, you haven't seen the room," said the attendant. "That doesn't have anything to do with it," she replied. "Happiness is something you decide, I have already decided to love it. It s a decision I make every morning I wake up. I can spend the day in bed, recounting the difficulty I have with the parts of my body that don't work. , or get out of bed and be thankful for the ones that do. Each day is a gift, and as long as I am alive I'll focus on the new day and all the happy memories I've stored away, just for this time in my life. 'The attendant was touched by the elderly woman's sense of cheer and boundless enthusiasm.

On the basis of the reading of the passage, answer the questions:

1. Why did the old woman move to an old age home?
2. How did she react when the attendant gave a description of the room she had to live in?
3. What resolution did she make when she woke up every morning?
4. What does the story tell about the old woman?

5. What metaphor did Mrs. Jones use to describe aging, and what advice did she give tied to that metaphor?
6. From the passage, find out the one-word substitute for '*Give an account of*'
7. Find the antonym of the word: Dead.

SECTION B- WRITING & GRAMMAR (8 Marks)

II. Write an **email** to your friend describing an unexpected adventure or mishap you encountered during your summer break. **1x4=4**

OR

Essay: "Imagine waking up one morning with the ability to read minds. Describe how this new power will change your day—and whether it turns out to be more of a blessing or a burden. **1x4=4**

III. The following paragraphs have not been edited. There is one error in each line. Identify and write the error and its correction against the correct blank number. **1x4=4**

	Error	Correction
Last summer, I go to my cousin's village and helped in the harvest.	a)	
The fields were golden and seem even more beautiful than I remembered.	b)	
I hear the distant songs of farmers as we worked under the hot sun.	c)	
It was a wonder experience that I will never forget.	d)	

SECTION C – LITERATURE (10 marks)

IV. Choose the correct answer to the following questions: **1x3=3**

1. The elder brother would be really annoyed with the narrator because....
 - a. he wasted his time playing all the time.
 - b. he would fly paper butterflies and kites.
 - c. he would throw pebbles in the air.
 - d. all of the above.

2. According to the elder brother, English is not a child's play because ...
 - a. it needs practice.
 - b. one has to focus a lot on the language.
 - c. one need not give up on fun
 - d. One has to be away from all pleasure

3. Which of the following is NOT TRUE?
 - a. The elder brother loved to sketch.
 - b. The elder brother was fond of calligraphy.
 - c. The younger brother had no interest in sports.
 - d. The younger brother had no interest in studies.

V. Attempt **ANY TWO** of the four questions given below, within 30-43 words each. **2x2 = 4**

1. Give Character sketch of the narrator's elder brother.
2. Why is the role of a judge on reality TV difficult?
3. How do different crew members work together to produce an effective baking reality show?

VI. Attempt **ANY ONE** of the questions given below.

1x3=3

- a. How are reality shows not totally real? How is a reality show defined?
- b. After the elder brother failed the exam, what insight did he share with the younger brother?
