

SECONDARY SCHOOL EXAMINATION
FIRST PERIODIC TEST (2023-24)
CLASS-IX
ENGLISH

Time: 01 Hour

Max. Marks: 20

Note: All questions are compulsory. Marks are indicating against question.

SECTION-A: (READING)

Q.1 Read the given poem carefully and answer the following questions.

(5 Marks)

Success is counted sweetest
By those who ne'er succeed.
To comprehend a nectar
Requires sorest need.

Not one of all the purple Host
Who took the Flag today
Can tell the definition
So clear of victory

As he defeated – dying-
On whose forbidden ear
The distant strains of triumph
Burst agonized and clear!

- (i) Success is counted sweetest by those who..... succeed.
- always
 - like to
 - never
 - sometimes
- (ii) According to the poem, what is the "sorest need"?
- The need for success
 - The need for love
 - The need for money
 - The need for food
- (iii) What is the theme of the poem?
- The importance of flag
 - The bitterness of defeat
 - The sweetness of success
 - The futility of war
- (iv) What is the tone of the poem?
- Happy
 - Bitter
 - Both a and b
 - None
- (v) In the first line of the poem, what is success compared to?
- A sweet nectar
 - A bitter truth
 - A sour grape
 - A salty tear

SECTION-B: (WRITING AND GRAMMAR)

(3 Marks)

Q.2 You and your friend Faizan/Faiza are planning to watch an IPL match. You have got some passes for it .Write a letter informing him/her about this and give other details also.

OR

You are Ali/Anam Head Boy/Girl of your school. Your school is going to publish its Annual Magazine next month. Write a NOTICE in about 50 words for your school Notice Board and invite write ups from the students. Add all the necessary details.

Q.3 Fill in the blanks using appropriate modals.

(2 Marks)

- a. I..... get back to my work.
- b. How she do that to us?
- c. We..... to love our neighbours.
- d. I borrow your colour pencils?

SECTION-C: (LITERATURE)

Q.4 Read the stanza carefully and answer the questions that follow:

(3 Marks)

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveller, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

- (i) Name the poem and the poet of this poem?
- (ii) What do the 'Two roads' symbolise?
- (iii) What does the poet mean by 'yellow wood'?

Q.5 Answer the following questions briefly (Answer any four).

(4 Marks)

- (i) What do you think a telebook is?
- (ii) What did Margie write in her diary?
- (iii) Who helped Evelyn to continue with music?
- (iv) How is Shehnai different from Pungi?
- (v) Where did Bismillah Khan play the Shehnai on 15 August, 1947?

Q.6 Answer the following questions.

(3 Marks)

- (i) What are the things the child sees on his way to the fair? (The Lost Child)
- (ii) Who was Nana? How did Toto tease Nana? (The Adventures of Toto)
- (iii) How does Toto come to grandfather's private zoo? (The Adventures of Toto)
