

# INDIAN SCHOOL SOHAR PERIODIC TEST II (2023- 24) ENGLISH

CLASS: VII MAX MARKS: 20
DATE: 17/01/2024 TIME: 40 MINUTES

#### **GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

• This paper consists of three sections.

Section A - Reading (4 marks)
Section B - Grammar & Creative writing skills (7 marks)
Section C - Literature (9 marks)

• All sections are compulsory.

• Read the instructions carefully and follow them.

#### **SECTION A: READING (4 MARKS)**

#### 1. Read the passage given below:

Language, a verbal medium, plays a crucial role in cultural, racial, and societal development, facilitated by the phonetic nuances delivered through modern technology. Oxford University Phonetics Laboratory, led by Professor John Coleman, secured victory in the 'Digging into Data' competition, aiming to harness large-scale computing for innovative humanities research. Their project involves creating an extensive spoken English database, encompassing a year's worth of recordings. This initiative aspires to construct the world's largest searchable repository of spoken English, catering not only to phoneticians and linguists but also benefitting English language educators, social historians, and the general public. Professor Coleman emphasizes the growing significance of audio searching in a multimedia-centric era, highlighting its adoption even by Google. The resulting database aims to be a valuable resource, yet its full potential in addressing diverse linguistic inquiries is beyond current imagination.

# Based on your understanding of the passage, answer ANY FOUR of the five questions given. 4

i. What is the primary focus of the Oxford University Phonetics Laboratory's project?

A. Written language analysis

B. Spoken English database creation

C. Cultural history research

D. Google's multimedia initiatives

ii. Identify the word which is synonymous to 'creative' from the options given.

A. crucial

B. repository

C. innovative

D. construct

iii. Which technology giant is mentioned in relation to audio searching?

iv. Which university houses the Phonetics Laboratory mentioned in the passage?

v. Besides phoneticians and linguists, who else stands to benefit from the database?

### **SECTION B: GRAMMAR AND CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS (7 MARKS)**

## 2. Write ANY ONE of the two biographical sketches in 50 words using the hints given below. 3

Name	Rabindranath Tagore	
Born	7 May 1861	
Place	Calcutta	
Penname	Bhanu Singha Thakur	
Parents	Debendranath Tagore	OF
	and Sarada Devi	
Spouse	Mrinalini Devi	
Famous	writer, song composer,	
	playwright, painter	
Award:	Nobel Prize in Literature	
	(1913) for Gitanjali	
Died:	7 August 1941	

Name	Mahendra Singh Dhoni	
Born	7 July 1981	
Place	Ranchi, Bihar	
Profession	Indian International Cricketer	
Style	Right-handed (batting),	
	Right-arm medium (bowling)	
Spouse	Sakshi Dhoni	
Achievements	ICC ODI World Cup	
	Champion 2011- Captain	
Award	Padma Shri (2009)	
	Padma Bhushan (2018)	
Role	Wicket keeper	
	Born Place Profession Style Spouse Achievements Award	

3. Do as directed. Attempt ANY FOUR of the following five questions:							
i. Fill in the blank using the	ne appropriate modal f	rom the options give	en.				
I'll prepare breakfast i	myself. You	get up so ea	arly tomorrow mornii	ng.			
A. should not	B. need no	t C. mus	t D.	can't			
ii. Complete the sentence	using a modal with the	e help of the hint giv	en in brackets.				
I swim across the river when I was young. (Past ability)							
iii. Identify the underlined verb as finite or non-finite verb.							
The coach <u>asked</u> all th	e players to get to thei	r places.					
iv. Combine the sentence	s using infinitive.						
My mother went to th	ne post office. She had	to post some letters					
v. Complete the sentence	es with the correct form	n of the verb given ir	brackets.				
Don't waste time	computer gar	nes! You should hav	eouts	ide. (play)			
A. played, playing	B. play, played	C. playing, playe	ed D. playing,	play			
	SECTION C. II	TERATURE (9 MARK	·c)				
4. Read the extract and a				3			
The last bird-song,			,400.00.00				
Will not be long,							
Then silence every	where;						
You will not hear	,						
Those crystal clear							
Notes rippling in th	ne air.						
i. What are referred to a	as 'crystal clear notes'?						
ii. Why is it mentioned a	s the last bird song?						
iii. Name the season tha	t comes after the seasc	on described in the li	nes given.				
A. Spring	B. Autumn	C. Summer	D. Winter				
iv. What is the rhyme sc	heme of the stanza?						
A. aabbcc	B. aabccb	C. aabbcb	D. aabbca				
5. Answer ANY TWO of t	he following three que	stions, in about 25-	30 words each.	4			
i. Why did the local peop	le think Lorenz crazy? (	A Lesson in the Henh	nouse)				
ii. What made the author	consider herself lucky	to have an understa	nding mother? (A Les	son in the			
Henhouse)							
iii. How is the change of s	easons described in the	e poem? (Autumn in	the Hills)				
C. Charaba manadan of A	NIV ONE of the fellows:			.: <b></b>			
6. Give the meaning of <u>A</u> sentence.	INT UNE OF THE FOLIOWIF	ng two words and us	se it to frame a mear	ningtul 2			
i. strut		ii. wither		_			
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