



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

CLASS: VII

DATE: 17/01/2024

MAX MARKS: 20

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**

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

OR

<b>Name</b>	<b>Mahendra Singh Dhoni</b>
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

