



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

SET: 2

CLASS: VIII

MAX. MARKS: 20

Date: 16/01/2024

TIME: 40 MINUTES

General Instructions:

- The Question Paper contains THREE sections.
- Section A- Reading 4 Marks
- Section B- Creative Writing & Grammar 7 Marks
- Section C-Literature 9 Marks
- Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

SECTION A- READING SKILLS**1. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:**

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Chandrayaan-3 was launched on July 14, 2023. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) initiated this project with the aim of achieving a successful landing on the moon's surface using its Vikram lander, which deployed the Pragyaan rover to conduct experiments and gather valuable data. The mission is focused on studying the moon's geology, mineralogy, and exosphere, contributing to our understanding of the moon's origin and evolution.

The objectives of the Chandrayaan-3 mission are to demonstrate a safe and soft landing on the lunar surface, showcase rover roving on the moon, and conduct in-situ scientific experiments. To achieve these mission objectives, the Lander is equipped with several advanced technologies, including laser- and RF-based altimeters, velocimeters, and a propulsion system. To successfully demonstrate these advanced technologies under Earth conditions, various special tests for the Lander, such as Integrated Cold Test, Integrated Hot Test, and Lander Leg Mechanism Performance Test, have been planned and carried out successfully.

Answer ANY FOUR of the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. Choose the option that lists the set of statements that are the primary goals of Chandrayaan-3?
- I. Studying Mars' atmosphere
 - II. Achieving a successful landing on the moon's surface
 - III. Exploring the asteroid belt
 - IV. Showcase rover roving on the moon
 - V. Observing Jupiter's moons
- A. IV and II B. I and V C. I and IV D. II and III

Showcase rover roving on the moon

- ii. Which technologies are equipped in the Lander for Chandrayaan-3?
- A. Advanced radar and sonar systems
 - B. Laser- and RF-based altimeters, velocimeters, and a propulsion system
 - C. Infrared telescopes and spectrometers
 - D. Magnetic field detectors and ion thrusters
- iii. What tests have been conducted to demonstrate advanced technologies in the Lander under earth conditions?
- iv. Which organization initiated the Chandrayaan-3 project?
- v. Find the synonym of 'establishment' in the above passage.

SECTION B: CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR

WRITING

- 2. Attempt ANY ONE of the following questions.** 3
- i. You have just read an inspiring biography of a famous personality. Write a diary entry in about 50 words expressing how this person's life story has influenced you.

OR

- ii. You met your old friend in the market today after five years. Write a diary entry in about 50 words expressing your thoughts and emotions on the meeting.

GRAMMAR

- 3. Complete ANY FOUR of five of the following tasks, as directed.** 4
- i. Choose the correct modal from the given options to complete the given sentence.
It is dangerous to drive in the rain. You _____ be very careful.
A. can B. might C. will D. should
- ii. Fill in the blank with an appropriate modal.
You _____ finish your homework before watching TV. (obligation)
- iii. Choose the correct determiner from the given options to complete the given sentence.
Don't you have _____ friends in the school?
A. much B. few C. little D. any
- iv. Fill in the blank with an appropriate determiner.
_____ Indian should be proud of his/her country.
- v. Identify the determiner in the given sentence and write what type it is.
Give me some advice to improve my writing skills.

SECTION C

- 4. Read the extract and answer ANY THREE of the following questions:** 3

*"Somebody said that it couldn't be done
But he with a chuckle replied
That "maybe it couldn't," but he would be one
Who wouldn't say so till he'd tried."*

- i. What is the primary message conveyed in the poem's excerpt?
A. The task is impossible
B. The speaker doubts the possibility
C. The speaker is determined to attempt the task
D. The speaker agrees with the initial statement
- ii. Which poetic device has been used in the first line?
A. Repetition
B. Simile
C. Alliteration
D. Metaphor
- iii. What is the rhyme scheme used in the above lines?
- iv. What does the speaker mean by 'it' in the first line?
- 5. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 25-30 words.** 4
- i. What aspects of the magic lantern left a lasting impression on Ray? (Old Toys and New Magic)
- ii. How did the person respond to the people who discouraged him? (It Couldn't Be Done)
- iii. What was the mesmerizing card trick performed by the magician? (Old Toys and New Magic)
- 6. Write the meaning of ANY ONE word given below and frame a meaningful sentence.** 2
- i. chatter
- ii. wind
