

PERIODIC TEST – II, 2019-20  
CLASS – X  
SUBJECT – ENGLISH

TIME : 1 ½ HRS.

M.M. 40

Note -

This paper consists of four sections.

Section – A	Reading	08 marks
Section - B	Writing skill and grammar	16 marks
Section – C	Literature	16 marks

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Attempt all questions.
2. Do not write anything in the question paper.
3. All answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper and written in the answer sheet.
4. Attempt all questions in each section before going on to the next section.
5. Read each question carefully and follow the instructions.

**Section A - READING (10 marks)**

**A.1 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below : 8 MARKS**

Experts say that what customers buy in the name of herbal cosmetics is often the same synthetic cosmetic with a herb or two added, which works to lure customers. A product that says it is 100% natural may be misleading in the sense that it's difficult to stabilize a fully natural base and is always quite expensive, requiring advanced technology. The desired shelf- life of a product is expected to be least two years, but that of a purely herbal product, it would be restricted to about six months. Also, the product won't be aesthetically appealing as the synthetic product. Hence, manufacturers of herbal products have to include synthetic base ingredients to balance the formula.

Herbal ingredients might also cause allergies as they may contain a large number of constituents which may be allergic to that user. Thus, the concept of using 'total extracts' may be harmful, because there are several other ingredients going into the product. Also, things like pH need to be considered before using it.

According to the law experts, customers suing someone is considered extreme. Given the legal system in India and the long-drawn litigation processes, consumers tend to pursue legal action against manufacturers / distributors in the event of any problem. However, with the dawn of consumer forums and more effective laws, protecting the interests of the consumers, the trend is slowly moving towards this direction.

At times, it is not just manipulative manufacturers and passive consumers, but sometimes weak and absent rules regarding the process of manufacturing can also get fake production licenses. Also one cannot make a generalization that synthetics are safe while naturals are harmful. I would say that the difference is that, if one is a known devil (synthetics), the other is unknown. Unlike the case of synthetic cosmetics, herbal cosmetics is still in a nascent stage. You don't have well-defined standards for the use of raw materials in the production of herbal cosmetics.

Finally, customers can also check out their cosmetics by using the 'Cosmetics Ingredient Dictionary', a database of 19,000 ingredients. It claims to help users check out what chemical compounds they use daily. This app lets you feed the names of the ingredients written on the container into the app and then get the reading about it.

1Q. Find the words from the passage that mean the same as the following. Choose the correct option.

(i) with regard to beauty (para-1)

(a) lure (b) aesthetically (c) misleading (d) restricted

(ii) components (para-1)

(a) stabilize (b) appealing (c) formula (d) ingredients

(iii) go after (para-3)

(a) pursue (b) suing (c) effective (d) litigation

(iv) gatherings (para-3)

(a) extreme (b) manufacturers (c) forums (d) consumers

1x4=4

**N---X- English (1)**

2Q. Answer the following questions briefly :

- (i) Why is it misleading when a product is labeled as 100% natural ?
- (ii) Mention two drawbacks of natural products.
- (iii) Why is taking recourse to legal action gaining momentum ?
- (iv) What is the Cosmetics Ingredients in Dictionary ?

1x4=4

**SECTION B - WRITING SKILL AND GRAMMAR [16 MARKS]**

**B.1 Write a letter of complaint addressed to a firm by a customer who has received damaged goods. [5 marks]**

**B.2 Write the story from the given outline. Give a suitable catchy heading to your story. [5marks]**

Alone in the classroom—headache—missed activity class—unnatural sound heard—two dangerous looking men in classroom—ran out—informed police--rewarded

**C.3 The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Identify the error and rectify it. One has been done for you. [4x1=4marks]**

	INCORRECT	CORRECT
I has just lost five hundred rupees and	1) -----	-----
I was upset. "I leave the money on my desk,"	2) -----	-----
I said. The manager is very	3) -----	-----
Sympathetic but he can do nothing.	4) -----	-----

**C.4 Rearrange the following to form meaningful sentences. [2marks]**

- [1] a rich variety / adventure and wisdom / the/ world of books / has / of
- [2] own/ you / book/ convenience / can enjoy / a/ at your /

**SECTION D- LITERATURE [16 MARKS]**

**D.1 Read the following lines carefully and answer the questions given below : 1x4=4**

It was during the meal that, just as Lencho had predicted, big drops of rain began to fall. In the north-east huge mountains of clouds could be seen approaching. The air was fresh and sweet. The man went out for no other reason than to have the pleasure of feeling the rain on his body, and when he returned he exclaimed, "These aren't raindrops falling from the sky, they are new coins. The big drops are ten cent pieces and the little ones are fives."

1Q. What had Lencho predicted ?

2Q. Why did he go out ?

3Q. How did he react when he returned from there ?

4Q. Which word in the passage means the same as 'speak out loudly in surprise'?

**D.2 Answer any four of the following questions in approximately 20 words : 2x4=8**

1Q. How did Mandela's 'hunger for freedom' change his life ?

2Q. What excited Rajvir? Why did Pranjol not share his excitement ?

3Q. Why does the poet Leslie Norris says, " And stares with his brilliant eyes, At the brilliant stars in the Poem," A Tiger In The Zoo" ?

4Q. What message do we get from the poem, " The Ball Poem" by John Berryman ?

5Q. Why does the thief say that it is difficult to rob a careless man ?

6Q. How did Ebright's mother help him in becoming a scientist ?

**D.3 Why did Seagull's father and mother threaten him and persuaded him to fly ? How did they do it ?**

Or

Science is a good servant but a bad master. How is this applicable to Griffin's scientific discovery ?

1x4=4

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N---X- English (2)

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SECTION A- READING COMPREHENSION(8 MARKS)

A.1. one mark for each correct answer.

ANS. A.1 (i) (b)aesthetically (ii) (d)ingredients (iii) (a)pursue (iv) (c) forums 1x4=4

A.(1.2).1 correct mark for comprehending.

Ans.1. It is misleading because it is difficult to stabilize a fully herbal base for the cosmetic. Also, natural cosmetics are expensive and require advanced technology

Ans.2. Natural products have a much shorter shelf-life of just six months unlike synthetic products that last for two years. Also, they are not as appealing aesthetically as synthetic products.

Ans.3. Legal action is gaining momentum because of the dawn of consumer forums and more effective laws to protect the interest of consumers. This trend is making a difference.

(iv) What is the "Cosmetics Ingredients Dictionary "

1x4=4

SECTION B - WRITING SKILL AND GRAMMARS [16 MARKS]

B.1. In Formal letter:

Value Points:

Format 1 marks

Content 2 marks

Accuracy 2 marks

[5 marks]

B.2 Write the story from the given outline. Give a suitable catchy heading to your story.

Value point

Title of the story 1 mark

Moral of the story 1 mark

Fluency 3 marks

[5marks]

ANS. C.1 Edit :Value points:

1 mark for each correct answer .1x4=4

1.has.....have 2 leave.....left 3 is.....was 4. Can.....could 4 Marks

B.4 Re- ordering of sentences.

1 mark for each correct answer. 1x 2= 2 2marks

ANS. C.2 1. The world of books has a rich variety of adventure and wishes.

2. You can enjoy a book at your own convenience.

SECTION C - LITERATURE [16 MARKS]

C.1 Read the following lines carefully and answer the questions given below :

Value points:

Marks will be awarded on the basis of comprehending

1 mark for each answer

Ans.1 Lencho had predicted that big crops of rain began to fall as the huge clouds could be seen approaching.

Ans.2 He went out because he wanted to have the pleasure of feeling the rain on his body.

Ans.3 He exclaimed that those raindrops were like new coins-big drops were ten cent and small ones were five.

Ans.4.' exclaimed'

C.2 Answer any four in approximately 20 words : 2x4=8

Value points :

Content 1 mark

Expression 1 mark

For each correct answer

Ans.1. When he came to know about the truth he joined African National Congress. He became bold and strived with every possible way to get the freedom, self-respect and dignity to his people.

Ans.2. The sight of vast sea of lush green tea bushes coupled with tall sturdy trees excited Rajvir. Pranjol did not share Rajvir's excitement as he was born and brought up on a tea plantation

Ans.3. Because there is a similarity between him and the stars. Stars look brilliant in the sky. Similarly, tiger's eyes look like the glittering stars in the sky.

Ans. The sense of 'responsibility' referred to here relates to learning what it is like to experience grief at the loss of a much loved possession.

Ans.5. Greedy man can afford to be robbed but careless man at times may never come to know that he has lost something or he has been robbed. Careless man if robbed, deprives the thief of the pleasure which he gets out of theft.

Ans. 6. Supported, motivated. It was Ebright's mother who recognized his driving curiosity and bright mind. She always encouraged his interest in learning. She organized trips for him so that he could learn more.

C.3. Long answer: one out of two is to be attempted  
Format-1; Content -1; Format-1; Grammar-1 1x4=4

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TYPOLOGY	QUES.	OBJECTIVE TYPE QS. INCLUDING MCQ(1 Mark each)	SHORT ANSWER QS. 30-40 Words (2 marks)	LONG ANSWER QS. 100-150 WORDS	MARKS	TOTAL MARKS
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			each)	(5 marks/4 marks each)		
READING	A.1	1x4+1X4		-	8	
	A.2	-	-	-	-	8
WRITING SKILL AND GRAMMAR	B.1			1X5	5	5
	B.2			1X5	5	5
	B.3	4X1=4			4	4
	B.4		1X2		2	2
	B.-5	-	-	-	-	16
LIT. &S.R. TEXT	C.1	1X4			4	
	C.2		2X4=8		8	
	C.3			1X4=4	4	
	C.4					16
TOTAL	-	16X1=16	10	14	40	40
A Letter To God		1x4=4				
Nelson Mandela...			2			
Glimpses Of India			2			
A Tiger In The Zoo			2			

<b>The Ball Poem</b>			<b>2</b>			
<b>The Thief's Story</b>			<b>2</b>			
<b>The Making Of Scientist</b>			<b>2</b>			