



Delhi Public School, Howrah

PERIODIC TEST 1 (2024-2025)

Class-XI

Care must be taken not to write anything on the question paper. All the questions must be attempted in the correct sequence.

SUBJECT: ENGLISH CORE (CODE - 301)

Time: - 3 Hours

Maximum Marks- 80

General instructions:

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections-Section A - (READING), Section B- (WRITING) and Section C (LITERATURE).
2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.
3. Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions and follow them.
4. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions

Q. No	SECTION A – READING	26
1.	<p>Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow</p> <p>1. OTT applications have surpassed social networking as the most downloaded app category. With this media service, customers receive streaming content directly over the internet without the usage of cable, broadcast, or satellite television platforms. OTT media platform has developed into a vital form of entertainment that has a significant impact on the minds of young people around the world. It has also increased in popularity in India over the last few years. As the over-the-top platform has become the new normal in the telecoms business, it has turned the tables on many telecom providers by fuelling quick improvements in the direction of digital gadgets and services. It has also increased the internet service adoption, because, unlike traditional television's linear fashion trends, the over-the-top platform now allows customers to quickly access material anywhere, at any time, in a single session, it is attracting an increasing number of users.</p> <p>2. The clearest example of this trend is India's JIO digitalization wave. The aim was to offer low-cost digital services for consumers in India at a scale never imagined before. COVID-19 has also played an important role. Since its widespread adoption, individuals have begun to experiment with a variety of virtual ways to meet their daily demands.</p> <p>3. This has resulted in an increase in the number of OTTs. Due to the countrywide shutdown of multiplexes and cinema halls, several production houses have grown preoccupied with attempting to interact with their audience by publishing their films and shows on a variety of platforms. Disney+Hotstar, Amazon Prime, Netflix, BigFlix, ZEE5, VOOT, Sony Liv, and other independent content providers. The OTTs have opened entirely new worlds for content providers, and their consumer tendencies have just exploded.</p> <p>4. But the overhauling trend in the media world is not devoid of challenges. While the appreciating side of the art of creation has thrived due to increasing demands of contents across the different OTT platforms, a new category of content producers has emerged in India in the</p>	10 marks

recent years. The content that these people produce for these OTT platforms and websites frequently contains either irrelevant or distorted cultural information. Various cases exist that has sparked controversies over its release or streaming. People are divided as to whether the controversies are simple strategies to fuel the interest towards the content, or simply a product of a rising sense of misdirection amongst the amateur creators. Since there is still a disconnect between the law and technology, it is essential that OTT platforms be given clear guidelines and norms so that it respects the values and traditions that were once held in such high regard.

6. A new government regulation states that content must be removed if any government agency or individual opposes any controversial issue. According to the new digital guidelines, OTT platforms will be subject to a three-tier monitoring system. The first level includes an adequate classification of all content on OTT platforms. The Ministry of I&B should implement the second level resolution within 15 days of receiving the complaint. The third floor will have an Inter-Departmental Committee (IDC) set up by the I&B Ministry. The committee is chaired by an authorized official of the Ministry and will consider complaints referred to by the Self-Regulatory Body or the Ministry.

Answer the questions given below.

i. OTT stands for:

- (a) Over-Top-Trend
- (b) On-Top-Trend
- (c) Over-The-Top
- (d) On-The-Top

ii. The OTTs have opened entirely new worlds for content providers because:

- (a) Production is cheaper than in the traditional method
- (b) Consumers are younger and more receptive
- (c) Production method is non-linear, hence they can make the contents in less amount of time
- (d) Consumers are more in number because of the non-linear fashion of accessing the contents

iii. How have OTT platforms turned many tables on telecom providers?

iv. Which of the following words is the closest meaning of 'overhauling'?

- (a) altering
- (b) collapsing
- (c) building
- (d) deteriorating

v. Which of the following best sums up Paragraph 4?

- (a) The government of India has not stated clear guidelines for the digital exploits in the country.
- (b) The freedom of creation is facing obstacles due to the irresponsible content creators in India.
- (c) There is a risk of a flow of false cultural contents which needs to be lawfully tackled by the government.
- (d) People are exposed to distorted and irrelevant cultural contents due to the rising OTT platforms.

vi. Fill in the blanks appropriately by writing the correct word from the passage.

Covid 19 is one of major factors of the OTT outbreak because the consumers were trying out _____ ways to satiate their demands.

vii. What new category of content producers has emerged?

viii. What was the aim of the JIO digitalization wave?

ix. Explain the three-tier monitoring system according to the new digital guideline.

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2. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow

1. It has never been more necessary to integrate mental health into our understanding of public healthcare. The Government of India attempted to do this through measures like the National Mental Health Policy in 2014 and the Mental Healthcare Act (MHCA) in 2017. Although these are significant steps in the right direction, the fundamental problem is with the execution of these policies. In fact, most states don't even have state-level policies or action plans to ensure implementation. Kerala is one of the few states that has a mental health policy and is also ahead in terms of funding, awareness, adolescent care, and the number of available professionals in most districts.

2. Kerala is pioneering mental health integration in schools. If mental illnesses in children are not accurately diagnosed and treated, there is an increase in the probability of health issues in adulthood. The state administered UNARV, a model for adolescent mental health in schools at a district level in 2007. Students with behavioural and academic problems from Class 8 to 12 were counselled by their teachers, who were trained in adolescent developmental psychology, and mental health disorders. If their problems persisted, they were given cognitive behavioural therapy, problem solving skill therapy, and anger management skills at a clinic. If there were family problems at home, their parents were also given family therapy.

3. This innovative programme ensured that students who might have been suspended or dismissed from school were now treated for their issues. Within this sample, 95 percent of the students returned back to school. The fact that this was done by integrating school teachers curtailing possible social stigma and developing a model that can be implemented in areas with resource constraints, by any district-level administration.

4. Kerala also has one of the highest budgetary allocation for mental health - 1.16% of its total health budget. Most other states do not even allocate separate funds for mental healthcare. In fact, India as a country spends only approximately 0.05% of its total health budget (around Rs. 345 crores) on mental health. To put this in perspective, a cautious estimate of the cost of executing the 2017 MHCA is around INR 94,073 crores. Funding, is one of the most significant hurdles when it comes to implementation. Further, a lack of investment is likely to cause a larger financial burden on the government — around 6.5 times more than actually implementing these policies would. Additionally, Kerala is the only state that meets the requirement of at least one psychiatrist per lakh population and also has the greatest number of clinical psychologists (0.6 per lakh population).

5. Out of the total states, Kerala and Gujarat are the only states wherein several districts routinely conduct Information Education and Communication (IEC) campaigns to spread awareness on mental health issues. India's low mental health literacy, high levels of stigma, and large treatment gaps illustrate the need for such efforts. In all other states, mental health education is "isolated, sporadic and invisible in nature and lacks focus and direction". When state-specific policies and action plans are drafted, it is necessary to include robust mechanisms for IEC activities as well. Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions:

i. UNARV is a:

- (a) Clause of the Mental Healthcare Act
- (b) State implemented model for adolescent mental health in schools
- (c) Budgetary allocation for executing Mental Healthcare Act
- (d) A programme to administer Mental Healthcare Policy

ii. Kerala is ahead of the other states in making the number of healthcare professionals in most:

- (a) cities
- (b) rural areas
- (c) districts
- (d) all of these

iii. Select the option that seems suitable as per the context in paragraph 4.

Statement 1- India as a country is reluctant to spend a great amount on mental health.

Statement 2- Kerala is richer than the other states to have allotted a substantial amount for mental health.

Statement 3- The government of India is not equipped fill the financial gap due to lack of investment.

- (a) Only Statement 1 is true
- (b) Statement 2 is true but Statement 3 is false
- (c) Both Statement 1 and Statement 3 are true
- (d) Statement 3 is true but Statement 2 is false

iv. In all other states, the mental health education is 'isolated' and 'sporadic'. The statement means:

- (a) The mental health education is in a planning state.
- (b) The mental health education is implemented in some parts of the state.
- (c) The mental health education is unheard of by anyone in the state.
- (d) The mental health education is not addressed at every level of the society.

v. What is the relationship between the (1) and (2)?

- (1) Information Education and Communication.
- (2) Mental Healthcare Policy.

(a) (1) is an outcome of (2).

(b) (1) is a strategy whereas (2) is a national policy of the government.

(c) (1) has a limited reach whereas (2) has a wider reach.

(d) (1) and (2) are independent of each other.

vi. What ratio of psychiatrist per population has Kerala been able to maintain?

vii. According to UNARV, what would the schools do if the problems of the students persisted?

viii. What was the outcome of integrating school teachers in the programme of UNARV?

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Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow

1. The science of the Earth—geology—is perhaps the most varied of all the natural sciences. It is concerned with the origin of the planet Earth, its history, its shape, the materials forming it, and the processes that are acting and have acted on it. Geology is one of several related subjects commonly grouped as the Earth sciences, or geoscience. Geologists are Earth scientists concerned primarily with rocks and materials derived from rocks that make up the outer part of the Earth. To understand these materials, geologists use the knowledge gained in other fields of science such as physics, chemistry, and biology; thus, geological fields—such as geophysics, geochemistry, geochronology, and paleontology—incorporate other sciences, enabling geologists to understand better the working of Earth processes through time.

2. Although each Earth science has a particular focus, they all frequently overlap with geology. Thus, the study of the Earth's waters in relation to geological processes involves knowledge of hydrology and oceanography. The mapping and measurement of the Earth's surface formations involve knowledge of cartography and geodesy, the measurement of the Earth's precise shape and dimensions. Clues to the origin of the Earth are also sought from astronomical studies of extraterrestrial bodies.

3. As a major science, geology not only involves the study of landforms and other surface features of the Earth but also is concerned with the structure and inner parts of the planet. Such knowledge is of basic scientific interest, but it is also placed at the service of humanity. Applied geology, for example, focuses on the search for useful minerals within the Earth, the identification of geologically stable locations that are suitable for various types of construction, and the forecasting of natural hazards—such as earthquakes—that are associated with the geodynamic forces.

- a. On the basis of your reading of the passage make notes on it, using headings and sub-headings. Use recognizable abbreviations (minimum 4). Also supply an appropriate title to it.
- b. Write a summary of the above passage in about 50 words.

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SECTION B – WRITING AND GRAMMAR		23
4.	<p>Attempt any one from the questions given below.</p> <p>A. You are Sanjana/Sanjay Mishra and want to sell your car which you have been using for five years since you decided to buy a new car. Write an advertisement, in not more than 50 words, to be published under the classified columns of a national daily. Furnish all the necessary details.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <p>B. Your school, Medha Public School, Noida needs a canteen manager. On behalf of the Principal, write an advertisement in about 50 words to be published in the classified columns of a local daily. Mention the educational and professional qualifications, other qualities required for the post, who to apply to, and the last date for the receipt of applications.</p>	3
2.	<p>Attempt any one from the questions given below.</p> <p>A. Suppose you are Lalit/Lalita, the Director of the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, Karnal, Haryana. Draft an attractive poster in not more than 50 words to spread awareness about the conservation of water. Suggest some measures.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <p>B. Suppose you are Mohan/Mohini, the secretary of the Blue Jay Social Welfare Society, Manish Vihar, Delhi. You are planning to launch a campaign to discourage smoking. Design a poster in not more than 50 words to underline the harmful effects of smoking.</p>	3
6	<p>Attempt any one from the questions given below</p> <p>A. You are Rishi/Rishona. You want to become a nutritionist and want people to know about the nutritional values of Indian food and the benefits of a balanced diet. Write a speech on 'The Importance of Eating a Balanced Meal' to be delivered at a conference. (120 – 150 words)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <p>B. Is today's health service adequate to meet the emergency crisis? What can be done to improve our healthcare system to meet all kinds of challenges? Write a speech as Divya/Devansh Agarwal addressing the above-mentioned questions at a local gathering. (120 – 150 words)</p>	5
7.	<p>Attempt any one from the questions given below</p> <p>A. The recent rise in incidents of violent behaviour of students is a matter of concern for all. The problem can be curbed if students learn how to manage anger. Write a speech as the Principal of the school on the topic, to be delivered in the school morning assembly. (120 – 150 words)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <p>B. Write a speech in 120-150 words on 'The Benefits of early rising' to be presented at a local community club meeting. You are Karuna/Karan, Head Girl/Head Boy. (120 – 150 words)</p>	5
8	<p>Read the following paragraph and fill in the blanks with appropriate form of word given in the bracket.</p> <p>What we call life is a very complex affair. It is not simply eating, reproducing and finally dying. Every creature (a)_____these. Man has to lead a highly complicated life. It is like (b)_____ through a maze and coming out. He is an economic being and a social animal. He has to earn, make a home, look after his people and attend to his obligations to the society and the Government. So, in order to be successful he has to (c) _____ certain qualities.</p> <p>a. 1.do 2. is doing 3.was doing 4.does</p> <p>b. 1.gone 2.going 3.went 4.making</p> <p>c. 1. developing 2. develops 3.developed 4. develop</p>	1 X 3 = 3

9.	<p>Re-arrange the jumbled up words and phrases to construct a meaningful sentence.</p> <p>A. the/from/these are/learn/examples/we can</p> <p>B. to/her/all/her friends/inviting/birthday/next week/party/she is</p> <p>C. than/mist/no sooner/disappeared/did/the/rise/sun/the</p> <p>D. of smoke/outside/a ring/there/curling/the kitchen/out of/was/chimney</p>	1 x 4 = 4
SECTION C – LITERATURE		31
10.	<p>Read the following extract and answer the questions accordingly.</p> <p>A. "My mother's, that was before I was born And the sea, which appears to have changed less Washed their terribly transient feet."</p> <p>i. Where was the photograph of the mother taken?</p> <p>ii. How does the mother look in the photo?</p> <p>iii. What figure of speech is used in the last line of the extract? OR</p> <p>B. "She enters the thickness, and a machine starts up Of chitterings, and of tremor of wings, and trillings – The whole tree trembles and thrills It is the engine of her family."</p> <p>i. The 'engine' in the extract refers to the :</p> <p>(a) Goldfinch who has brought food for her family</p> <p>(b) The Laburnum tree that provides shelter to the Goldfinch and her family</p> <p>(c) The babies of the Goldfinch who are making noises</p> <p>(d) Both the tree and the nest that are dependent on the Goldfinch</p> <p>ii. The figure of speech used in the word 'chitterings' is:</p> <p>(a) Metaphor</p> <p>(b) Personification</p> <p>(c) Alliteration</p> <p>(d) Onomatopoeia</p> <p>iii. Which month is the poem set in?</p> <p>(a) Summer</p> <p>(b) Spring</p> <p>(c) Autumn</p> <p>(d) Winter</p>	1 X 3 = 3
11.	<p>Read the following extract and answer the questions accordingly.</p> <p>A. "The wind dropped, and the sky immediately grew dark. Then came a growing roar, and an enormous cloud towered aft of the ship. With horror, I realised that it was not a cloud, but a wave like no other I had ever seen. It appeared perfectly vertical and almost twice the height of the other waves, with a frightful breaking crest."</p> <p>i. When does the above incident take place?</p> <p>(a) December 25, 6pm (b) January 2, 6pm (c) January 3, 6pm (d) January 5, 6pm</p> <p>ii. Complete the sentence with the correct word: "But then a tremendous _____ shook the deck"</p> <p>(a) wave (b) green and white water</p> <p>(c) explosion (d) frightful breaking crest</p> <p>iii. The narrator did not abandon the wheel because:</p> <p>(a) He was too injured to move and the wheel supported him</p> <p>(b) He couldn't risk leaving the wheel as he was navigating through the crisis</p> <p>(c) The when might get loose and he couldn't risk that</p>	(3x1=3)

(d) He was waiting till the water level came to high

OR

B. "This made her unhappy. She could not help me with my lessons. She did not believe in the things they taught at the English school and was distressed that there was no teaching about God and the scriptures. One day I announced that we were being given music lessons. She was very disturbed."

i. What made her unhappy?

ii. Why was she disturbed at the narrator getting music lessons?

iii. Which word in the extract closely means 'agitated'?

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Read the following extract and answer the questions accordingly.

A. "Our whole tribe was poverty stricken. Every branch of the Garoghlanian family was living in the most amazing and comical poverty in the world. Nobody could understand where we ever got money enough to keep us with food in our bellies, not even the old men of the family"

i. Why was the poverty of the Garoghlanian family comical?

(a) ...because others used to laugh at them for their poverty.

(b) ...because the narrator found it amusing, hence conveyed the same to the readers.

(c) ...because it is strange as to how they managed to sustain themselves despite the poverty.

(d) All the reasons above.

ii. What was the family most famous for?

(a) Poverty (b) Honesty (c) Wealth (d) The family was not famous at all.

iii. How old is the narrator in the story?

(a) eleven (b) six (c) nine (d) twelve

iv. The narrator said that horse had nothing to do with either him or Mourad. What does this suggest?

(a) It suggests that the horse is just an illusion for Mourad and him.

(b) It suggests that the narrator immediately recognized the horse and knew it belonged to John Byro

(c) It suggests that the narrator knew that Mourad could not have bought it as he had no money.

(d) None of the above

OR

B. "The farmer, John Byro, I said. He visited our house. He wants his horse. You've had it a month. I want you to promise not to take it back until I learn to ride."

i. How much did the horse cost according to John Byro?

(a) six dollars (b) ninety dollars

(c) sixty dollars (d) eight dollars

ii. What was Mourad doing when the narrator said the above?

1- He was sitting under the peach tree

2- He was patting the horse

3- He was nursing a wounded robin

4- He was teaching Aram to ride the horse

(a) Only 1 (b) 2 and 4 (c) 1 and 3 (d) Only 4

iii. The dogs didn't bark when they had gone to return the horse to the barn. What does this symbolize?

(a) It symbolizes that the dogs were lazy.

(b) It symbolizes that the dogs were alert to see the horse.

(c) It symbolizes that the dogs knew Mourad very well.

(d) None of the above

iv. Which of the following is the central to the theme of the story?

(4x1=4)

	(a) Importance of passion (c) The poverty of the family	(b) The relation between the narrator and Mourad (d) Honour and Honesty	
13.	<p>Attempt <u>any one</u> question from each part in about 40-50 words each.</p> <p>PART A:</p> <p>i. Use references from the poem 'A Photograph' by Shirley Toulson to prove that it is about the transient nature of life.</p> <p>ii. Why is the colour 'yellow' significant in the poem 'The Laburnum Top' by Ted Hughes?</p> <p>PART B:</p> <p>i. Why was moving to the city a 'turning point' in the relationship between the narrator and the grandmother?</p> <p>ii. Briefly explain why the narrator and his family needed a response to their Mayday Calls.</p>		3X2=6
14.	<p>Attempt <u>any one</u> of following in about 40-50 words each.</p> <p>1. Why according to, Aram, uncle Khosrove is a perfect predecessor to Mourad?</p> <p>2. "A suspicious man would believe his eyes instead of his heart." Explain the context of this speech by John Byro.</p>		3X1=3
15.	<p>Answer <u>any one</u> of the following questions in about 120-150 words.</p>		
	<p>1. The grandmother's isolation in the city was amplified by her detachment from her traditional lifestyle in the village. Justify the statement with suitable references from the text.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>2. How does the story 'We Are Not Afraid To Die' uphold the themes of tremendous courage, forbearance and patience?</p>		1 x 6=6
16.	<p>Answer <u>any one</u> of the following questions in about 120-150 words.</p> <p>i. The boys returned the horse because they were conscience-stricken. How far do you agree with the statement? Substantiate your views with suitable references from the text.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>ii. Assess the symbolism of the white horse in the story 'The Summer of the Beautiful White Horse'.</p>		1 x 6=6