

ST. ARNOLD'S CENTRAL SCHOOL, PUNE
PERIODIC TEST-2, 2017-18
SUBJECT - ENGLISH

STD: VII

M.M: 50

SECTION A - READING

1. Read the following passage carefully:

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1. Astronauts have an exciting and adventurous life. Those who are on a mission and travel into space may be required to spend weeks and at times even months in spacecrafts. The absence of gravity in space makes astronauts float inside the spacecraft and they have to push themselves off the walls of the spacecraft to move about. Not just the astronauts, every little free object floats freely in the spacecraft!
2. Astronauts travelling in space have to eat very carefully, lest the food gets into their nose or eyes, and they have to drink through straws fixed in containers. Strips of Velcro are extremely useful in holding on to small things and preventing them from floating about in the spacecraft. Having a bath is a novel experience. Astronauts wipe their bodies with a damp sponge and they use a special shampoo that doesn't have to be rinsed off. Sleeping peacefully can be quite an ordeal. The men and women aboard the spacecraft have to strap themselves to their beds so that they don't float away while sleeping! Astronauts miss home and their friends; they communicate with people on earth through emails and sometimes they even get to chat with them.
3. When the astronauts have to work outside the spacecraft, they have to wear a spacesuit which is equipped with all the things they need to survive in space. It's incredible how the spacecraft controls the body temperature and also provides them with the air they need to breathe. Astronauts face numerous challenges, but their adventurous spirit gives them the zest to carry out their missions with tremendous patience and caution.

1.1 Answer the questions given below / Complete the sentences

(1 x 5 = 5)

- a) What challenges does the lack of gravity pose for astronauts?
- b) Astronauts stay connected with their family and friends on earth through _____
- c) What precaution helps an astronaut to sleep peacefully?
- d) How does the spacesuit support an astronaut working outside the spacecraft?

1.2 Find words in the passage that mean the same as

- a) difficult experience (paragraph 2)
- b) to be careful (paragraph 3)

1.3 Choose the appropriate options from the ones given below each questions:

(1x3=3)

- a) Find the Adjective form of the word 'care'
- (i) careful (ii) care# (iii) carefully (iv) cared
- b) The antonym of 'prevent'
- (i) hold (ii) allow (iii) stop (iv) defend
- c) The Adverb form of the word 'extreme'
- (i) extremiley (ii) extremeley (iii) extremely (iv) extremil

SECTION B – (WRITING)

2. Write a short paragraph in about 100 words on 'My Ambition in Life'. 4
3. Write a formal letter to your Principal seeking permission to opt out of a school trip because the date clashes with your sister's wedding in about 100 words. 4

SECTION C – (GRAMMAR)

4. Underline the error and rewrite the sentence correctly: (2x1=2)
- a) Parvati bring a new car yesterday.
- b) We went to school every morning.
5. Do as directed: (1x12=12)
- a) I was waiting for you in the auditorium away from all activity. (Identify and write the **tense of the Verb**)
- b) Someone _____ (knock) at the door for the past ten minutes.
(Rewrite the sentence in **Present Perfect Continuous tense**)
- c) If you ask Rahul, he will certainly help you.
(Underline the verb in Future tense)
- d) There _____ (stand) a tree that my grandfather planted long ago.
(Fill in the blanks using **Simple Present tense**)
- e) The view from the room is beautiful. (Rewrite the sentence using an **Adverb**)
- f) He was the one who only came to the party. (Put **only** in the correct position and rewrite the sentence)

- g) The children were told to return to the campsite _____. (Complete the sentence using an appropriate **Adverb**)
- h) rolling / gathers / mass / a / stone / no (**Rearrange** the words to form a meaningful sentence)
- i) The _____ (near) airport is two miles from here. (Rewrite the sentence using **superlative adverb**)
- j) The nightingale sang _____ (sweet) (Change the **Adjective to Adverb**)
- k) This match is _____ exciting. (Put the appropriate Adverb **too or very**)
- l) Mohan always _____ (carry) a bottle of water with him. (Fill in the blank using correct form of the verb)

SECTION D – (LITERATURE)

6. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follows: (1x4=4)

" Not always sure what things called sins may be,
I am sure of one sin I have done.
It was years ago, and I was a boy,
I lay in the frost flowers with a gun."

- a) Who is the speaker of the above extract?
- b) How does the speaker feel at this moment?
- c) Why is the word 'sin' used in the second line of the extract?
- d) Give the meaning of 'frost'.
7. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each: (2x4=8)
- a) Why do you think Tom held out his toe for inspection?
- b) Explain 'jagged ivory where wings should be' from the poem 'Forgive My Guilt'.
- c) What precautions does the boy take in the game 'Hide and Seek' so that he is not found ?
- d) Do you think Silver wants to kill Jim too? Give reasons to justify your answer.
8. Answer the following questions in about 100 words: (4x2=8)
- a) Is the poem 'Hide and Seek' only about the game? Give reason to justify your answer.
- b) What clues in the lesson, 'The Stone' tell us that the boy and the grandfather had not been on friendly terms?