

**ST. ARNOLD'S CENTRAL SCHOOL, PUNE**  
**PERIODIC TEST-1, 2018-19**  
**SUBJECT –ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE**

**STD: IX**

**M.M: 50**

**SECTION A – (READING)**

**1. Read the following passage carefully: (8)**

1. The most beautiful humming birds are found in the West Indies and South America. The crest of the tiny head of one of these shines like a sparkling crown of coloured light. The shades of colour that adorn its breast are equally brilliant. As the bird flits from one object to another, it looks more like a bright flash of sunlight than it does like a living being.

2. But, you ask, why are they called humming bird? It is because they make a soft, humming noise by the rapid motion of their wings- a motion so rapid, that as they fly, you can hardly see that they have wings. One day when walking in the woods, I found the nest of one of the smallest humming birds, that is the size of a very small hen. The nest was attached to a twig no thicker than a steel knitting needle. It seemed to have been made of cotton fibers and was covered with the softest bits of leaf and bark. It had two eggs in it, and each was about as large as a small sugarplum.

3. When you approach the spot where one of these birds has built its nest, it is necessary to be careful. The mother bird will dart at you and try to peck your eyes. Its sharp beak may hurt your eyes most severely and even destroy your sight. The poor little thing knows no other way of defending its young, and instinct teaches it that you might carry off its nest if you find it.

**1.1 Answer the following questions given below: (1x4=4)**

- a) How does the humming bird get its name?
- b) From the above passage, state one distinctive feature of the humming bird.
- c) Why do we need to be careful when near a humming bird's nest?
- d) The humming bird hurts humans when near to her nest because \_\_\_\_\_.

**1.2 Do as directed: (1x4=4)**

- a) Find the word from the passage which means 'a comb or tuft of feathers'. (Para 1)
- b) Give the antonym of the word 'careful'.
- c) The word 'instinct' (Para 3) in the passage means \_\_\_\_\_.
  - i) natural reaction
  - ii) knowledge
  - iii) lack
  - iv) inability
- d) Give the noun form of the word 'equally'.

**SECTION B – (WRITING AND GRAMMAR)**

2. Your sister and you decided to give your mother a day off from the kitchen on her birthday. Write a Diary Entry in 100-150 words on how you managed to run the kitchen without your mother's assistance. (8)

3. Use the correct form of the verbs given in the bracket. Write down only the answer.

Answer any four (1x4=4)

It is believed that the Chinese invented the first natural bristle toothbrush. This (a) ..... (call) natural because they (b)..... (use) the bristles from pigs' necks in the 15<sup>th</sup> century and attached it to a bone or bamboo handle. Europeans liked the idea but used the hair of horses because those (c)..... (be) softer. The first toothbrush of a more modern design was made by William Addis in England around 1780. This toothbrush (d)..... (has) a handle that was carved from cattle bone. Thereafter newer models of different kinds of brushes were introduced. How about (e) ..... (find) out about the latest model in the market.

4. The following passage has not been edited. One word is missing from each line. Write down the missing words together with the words that come before and after.

Answer any four. (1x4=4)

	Before	Missing	After
Holidays have started and I have all time in the world	a).....	.....	.....
to think at leisure. As I got up the morning, the thinker	b).....	.....	.....
in me woke up too. I wanted to know the person who	c) .....	.....	.....
must invented the idea of brushing our teeth. I realized	d).....	.....	.....
that my pet dog Tommy was allowed eat or play early	e).....	.....	.....
in the morning.			

5. Rearrange the following words and phrases into meaningful sentences. Answer any two. (1x2=2)

- a) smartphones, / and social media, / Emojis / in the world of / we are / well versed / with / texting,
- b) in Japan / the first / in 1999 / Emoji / was created/ Shigetaka Kurita / by
- c) they have / since then, / been / in emoting / widely used / our emotions.

**SECTION C –(LITERATURE: TEXT BOOKS)**

**6. Read the following extract and answer the following questions: (1x4=4)**

“He won’t do what you tell him  
So, come, let’s build strong homes,  
Let’s joint the doors firmly.  
Practise to firm the body.  
Make the heart steadfast.”

- a) What advice does the poet give?
- b) Why should we make the heart steadfast?
- c) What is the symbolic meaning of the last two lines?
- d) Which word of the above extract means ‘determined’

**7. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words: (2x4=8)**

- a) What was Bismillah Khan’s achievement when he was just a five-year old boy?
- b) Why was Kezia afraid of her father?
- c) Write the theme of the poem ‘The Road Not Taken’.
- d) How did Toto take his bath? How was he saved from getting boiled in the steam kettle?

**8. Answer the following questions in 100-120 words: (6x1=6)**

‘Machines can’t replace human beings.’ Explain this in reference to the lesson ‘**The Fun They Had**’.

**9. Answer the following questions: (6x1=6)**

Describe the condition of the child when he was separated from his parents in the fair in the story ‘**The Lost Child**’. Do you think it is a natural reaction?