

ST.ARNOLD'S CENTRAL SCHOOL, PUNE
PERIODIC TEST -2, 2018-19
SUBJECT- ENGLISH

STD: VIII

M.M:50

SECTION A – READING

1. Read the following passage carefully: (8)

1. The flute is a very sensitive instrument and is highly suited to classical Indian music. In India, it has many names—bansuri, vanshor and venu. It is a very old instrument and has been mentioned in texts which are two thousand years old. A typical Indian bamboo flute is a simple tube of uniform bore. The bamboo for a flute is chosen very carefully. It has to be from a bamboo plant neither too old nor too young. The bamboo needs to be of medium thickness and the stem has to be clean and smooth. In India, the best bamboo comes from the north-east of the country. Once it is selected, the bamboo is dried in the shade for about a year.

2. A flute is normally a metre long, depending upon the thickness and the density of the bamboo. The right number of holes of the correct size is then made on the bamboo. While playing the instrument, the player's fingers are kept in direct contact with the holes to produce all the intricacies of the ragas. The flute is placed horizontally, under the player's mouth, tilted towards the ground. The artist sits straight. This helps the artist in breathing better and in blowing into the flute for long hours. Flutes in the northern parts of India usually have six holes for playing and one for blowing the air into. In ancient frescoes and sculptures, flutes are depicted with only six holes in all. The flute used in Carnatic music, in the southern parts of India, is smaller in size and has nine holes. This flute is made of thick bamboo found in the southern parts of India.

1.1 Answer the following questions/ complete the following. (1x5=5)

- How do you know that the flute existed in India for a long time?
- What kind of bamboo is used to make a flute?
- What are the differences between the flutes used in the southern and the northern parts of India?
- While playing the flute the artist needs to sit straight so that _____.
- The intricacies of ragas are produced when _____.

1.2 Do as directed: (1x3=3)

- Find a word in the text which means the same as *complexities*. (Para 2)
- Find a word in the text which means the opposite of *vertically*. (Para 2)
- Give the noun form of *selected* (Para 1)

SECTION B – WRITING

- Write a report on the annual sports meet held in your school in about 120 -150 words for your school magazine describing various events and drills that took place. (4)
- Write a short story in 120-150 words with the given beginning line.
The boat capsized but I managed to survive I walked on and on the shore..... (4)
- Your friend has behaved very selfishly in the break time and so you are very upset. Write a diary entry in 100-120 words expressing your feelings. (4)

SECTION C – GRAMMAR

5. Rearrange the words to form a complete sentence: (1x2=2)

- a) sum of / success / is / efforts / repented / small / the / everyday.
- b) will / always / earn / you / self belief / success / hard work / and.

6. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each line.
Write the error and correction in the answer sheet, against the correct blank number.:

(1x4 = 4)

	Error	Correction
Earlier these month, the finals of	a) _____	_____
a first Kabbadi World Cup for women	b) _____	_____
saw India defeat Iran. The Patna crowds	c) _____	_____
cheered, as team India pulled, tugged and tackle	d) _____	_____
team Iran to a nail –biting finish.		

7. Do as directed. (1x6=6)

- a) _____ is a good book on baking? (Use an interrogative pronoun)
- b) These are the students _____ want to participate in the cricket match. (Use who/ whom)
- c) She herself told me she would be there. (Identify the emphatic pronoun)
- d) I don't know _____ this train goes to Kashmir. (Use a subordinating conjunction)
- e) This is Urvi, _____ father is a famous chef. (Use a relative pronoun)
- f) The markets are crowded. It is a holiday. (Join the sentences with a suitable conjunction)

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

The moon was shining sulkily
Because she thought the sun
Had got no business to be there
After the day was done –
It's very rude of him she said,
To come and spoil the fun!

- a) What did the moon say about the sun?
- b) How did the sun annoy the moon?
- c) Identify the figure of speech used in the first line.
- d) Pick out the word from the extract which means the opposite of 'cheerful'.

9. Answer the following questions in 30 to 40 words each: (2x3=6)

- a) Why did the oldest oyster not go with the walrus and the carpenter?
- b) What reasons did Mrs Beck give for not paying Mr Herriot?
- c) Why was Mr Herriot exhausted after doing the operation?

10. Answer the following questions in about 100 words: (4x2=8)

- a) Do you think 'Mrs Beck Drives a Hard Bargain' is an apt title for the story? Why?
- b) Who do you think was kinder towards the oysters, the walrus or the carpenter? Justify your answer.