

ATOMIC ENERGY CENTRAL SCHOOL NO 3, MUMBAI

PERIODIC TEST 3 (2024-25)

ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE

CLASS 9

MM: 40

TIME: 90 Mins

General Instructions:

- (i) The question paper has been divided into four sections:
 - Section A: Reading - 10 marks
 - Section B: Writing - 8 marks
 - Section C: Grammar - 7 marks
 - Section D: Literature/Textbooks - 15 marks
 - (ii) All questions are compulsory.
 - (iii) Specific instructions and marks are indicated against each question.
- Attempt accordingly.
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SECTION A - READING (10 MARKS)

Q1 Read the Passage given below and answer the questions that follow. (10 m)

Rabindranath Tagore lived 80 years, from 1861 to 1941, leaving his mark on both centuries. His oeuvre is massive, spanning over 2,000 songs, 3,000 poems, 2,000 paintings, 90 short stories, dozens of novels, plays and dance-dramas, innumerable essays, creation of his educational experiments in Santiniketan and Sriniketan, engagement in debates on national and international issues, and so on.

One may well ask: Is there a central theme in Tagore? This is an important question because if there is, we must not lose sight of it when contemplating the vast range of his outputs. I do believe that there is a central theme, and that is his love of freedom, and non-conformity, which is evident in his works. Apart from being a literary genius, have you ever wondered what else did he love? Have you ever thought of tasting the bard's favourite dishes?

Now Kolkata can boast of a cafeteria-cum-restaurant, 'Cafe The', where people can get a taste of Tagore's culinary indulgences - all under one roof. It was conceived by Ratikanta Basu, who undertook a lot of research to make it a reality.

The restaurant is located on Ho Chi Min Sarani in South Kolkata and is the first cafe-cum-restaurant in India that is exclusively dedicated to Tagore cuisine. Tagore would encourage the 'thakurs' (cooks) in his ancestral palace in the northern part of the city to introduce variations in the platter, by including local versions of Continental and Peshawari cuisine. Thus, the cross over culture secured silently in the Kitchens of 'Thakurbari' and it was launched, much before the clamour for cross-cultural cuisine actually started.

The poet's innate wanderlust took him to places like Italy, Spain, England, Turkey, and he imbibed the food traditions of respective countries. Since he was exposed to both oriental and continental cuisine, a penchant to blend the two forms came naturally. Even the decor of the cafe in south Kolkata has been designed to suit the ambience, with large portraits of Tagore at

various lunch and dinner parties across the world, his framed write-ups on food, and of course softly played Tagore songs.

There are not many documents to support that Tagore was a die-hard food lover. But he actually was one, and whenever he attended a lunch or dinner abroad, he used to collect and bring back the menu cards. A part of the menu card will be a facsimile of the menu laid out for the dinner party hosted by India society, London, in 1912 to felicitate Tagore on the occasion of the publication of 'Gitanjali', a collection of his poems. This collection was originally written in Bengali, the poems were based on medieval Indian lyrics of devotion. Their translation to English in 1912 garnered wide popularity among European audiences.

The publication of 'Gitanjali' in English led Tagore to become the first non-European to win a Nobel Prize for Literature. The committee summed up their reasons as follows: "Because of his profoundly sensitive, fresh and beautiful verse, by which, with consummate skill, he has made his poetic thought, expressed in his own English words, a part of the literature of the West."

Answer the following questions based on the passage above.

(1 x 10 = 10m)

- (i) What is meant by 'penchant'?
a) fondness b) dislike c) indifference d) interest
- (ii) What is meant by 'innate'?
a) noble b) appreciated c) natural d) real
- (iii) Find the word opposite in meaning to 'disperse'.
a) collect b) support c) lover d) back
- (iv) Find the antonym of 'covered'.
a) imbibed b) blend c) penchant d) exposed
- (v) Which out of the following is not a café where people can get taste of Tagore's culinary indulgence?
a) Thakurbari b) Café The c) Ho Chi Min Sarani d) Thakurs
- (vi) What was the underlying theme of Tagore's works?
- (vii) How has Ratikant Basu paid tribute to Tagore?
- (viii) What do you understand by "cross-cultural cuisine"?
- (ix) The publication of 'Gitanjali' in English led Tagore to become the first non-European to win _____ for Literature.
- (x) Write the word similar in meaning to 'garnered'.

SECTION B - WRITING (8 MARKS)

Q2. You are the President of a children's club in your locality. You and your team are planning to organise a programme to celebrate Children's day. Write a notice to be put up in the local Supermarket, giving details of the programme to create an awareness about the event and to generate active participation. **(3m)**

Q3. Write a paragraph on the topic 'Photographs- Some Memories Never Fade'. **(5m)**

SECTION C - GRAMMAR (7 MARKS)

Q4. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in the space provided against the correct blank.

(1 x 4 = 4m)

	ERROR	CORRECTION
1. Obstacles are this frightful things	_____	_____
2. that you see when you took your eyes	_____	_____
3. of your goal. But remember, airplane	_____	_____
4. takes off against the wind, not to it.	_____	_____

Q5. Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences.

(1 x 3=3m)

- (a) Unless you / you won't pass / study hard / the exam.
(b) Although / for a run in the park / he was tired / he decided to go /.
(c) Whenever / with a smile / he always greets me. / I see him

SECTION D - LITERATURE (15 MARKS)

Q6. Read the excerpt and answer the questions that follow.

(1 x 3 =3m)

*"No nightingales did ever chant,
More welcome notes to weary bands,
Of travellers in some shady haunt,
Among Arabian Sands."*

- (a) Who are the weary bands?
(b) What welcome notes do they hear?
(c) Why are the notes of the nightingale welcome.

Q7. Answer ANY FOUR of the following questions in brief.

(2 x 4 =8m)

1. Describe the poet's state of mind as she undergoes dental treatment.
2. Give two reasons to show that Jessie was very proud of her family.
3. How did Duke meet his end?
4. Why was the grandmother upset when her granddaughter went to attend the wedding?
5. What major Hindu belief did Triveni revolve her story around?
6. Write a note on Bill Bramble's character.

Q8. Answer ANY ONE of the following in detail.

(4m)

1. The old lady in 'Kashi Yatre', Sudha Murthy's grandmother and Sudha herself share some common values of characters. What values are they? How are they important for our contemporary society?

OR

2. Do you think Corporal Turnbull was right in awarding Private Quelch such a harsh punishment? Justify.