

SAHODAY SR SEC SCHOOL
SECOND PERIODIC TEST (2017-18)

CLASS X

SUBJECT – ENGLISH

Time: 1:30

Max Marks: 30

Q1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: (5X1=5)

Happiness is like the sun, it is often hidden by the clouds of thoughts, worries and desires. We have to scatter and dissolve them to experience happiness. You don't have to create happiness. All you have to do is calm your mind, because when there is a quiet mind and inner peace, there is happiness. Happiness is not something far away and unattainable. Happiness does not depend on circumstances, objects or events. It is an inseparable part of our consciousness, of our essence, but hidden and covered from sight by our thoughts, desires and worries. The mind is always in a constant race from one thought to another, from one worry to another. It constantly moves from one object or task to another, never standing still. This restlessness hides the happiness that is within you. It is like a choppy sea that hides the bottom. When the sea gets calm you can see the bottom. In the same way, when the mind gets quiet, you sense the happiness that is within you!

You cannot see a treasure at the bottom of a stormy and muddy lake, although it is there. However, when the wind stops, the water becomes still and the mud sinks, you can see the treasure. The treasure is there, whether you can see it or not. So is happiness. It is always here, only hidden by thoughts, desires and worries.

You can experience more and more happiness in your life. Only your thoughts stand in the way of experiencing it. Next time you feel happy, stop for a moment and watch the state of your mind. You will be surprised to discover that it is calm, and there are almost no thoughts in your mind. Since the mind is not accustomed to stay in this peaceful state for long, it soon becomes active again, and the sense of happiness disappears.

Questions:

- ~~Q1.~~ What is common between the happiness and the sun?
- ~~Q2.~~ How can we enjoy the moments of happiness in our life?
- ~~Q3.~~ How does the restlessness of our mind come in the way of our happiness?
- ~~Q4.~~ How can we detect the treasure at the bottom of a stormy and muddy lake?
- ~~Q5.~~ What is meant by the word 'hidden'? (paragraph2)

- (a) shown
- (b) revealed
- (c) rewarded
- ~~(d) concealed~~

Q2. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

(4X1=4)

When wasteful war shall statues overturn,

And broils root out the work of masonry

Nor Mars his sword nor war's quick fire shall burn

The living record of your memory.

- (a) Why are wars wasteful?
- (b) What does the phrase 'the work of masonry' refer to?
- (c) Why can't war have any ill-effect on the poet's writings?
- (d) Name the poem and the poet. *not marble not gilded monuments
by - William Shakespeare*

Q3. Answer the following questions:

(5X2=10)

1. What genre of stories does Jenkins want the narrator to write? Why?
2. How does Patol Babu reconcile to the dialogue given to him?
3. Why did Ali give up hunting?
4. "My name is Ozymandias, king of kings;" Why does Ozymandias refer himself as king of kings? What quality of the king is revealed through this statement?
5. Why does the Mirror call itself a lake in the third stanza?

Q4. In the passage given below, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the word in your answer sheet along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after it.

(1/2 X 6=3)

	Before	Word	After
(a) On the twenty-fifth birthday Garima	<u>birthday</u>	<u>of</u>	<u>Garima</u>
(b) I gifted ^{an} her expensive mobile.	<u>her</u>	<u>an</u>	<u>expensive</u>
(c) The young girl opened up packet	<u>up</u>	<u>the</u>	<u>packet</u>
(d) which beautifully wrapped by me.	<u>which</u>	<u>was</u>	<u>beautifully</u>
(e) She it up immediately and	<u>She</u>	<u>opened</u>	<u>it</u>
(f) on the gift of her choice she gave a little cry of joy.	<u>on</u>	<u>seeing</u>	<u>the</u>

Q5. You are Seema/Sandeep of 25 A, Vasant Vihar, Delhi. Write a letter to the Manager of ABC Company complaining about the mobile telephone which is not functioning well and the voice is not clearly audible.

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Q6. Rearrange the following into meaningful sentences:

(2X1=2)

1. I/be/always/to/environmentalist/wanted/an
2. Playgrounds/physical/in/campus/education/is/and/imparted