

**ATOMIC ENERGY CENTRAL SCHOOL 2, MUMBAI  
PERIODIC TEST 3**

**Class 9**

**Time: 1 Hour 30 Minutes**

**Subject: ENGLISH**

**Marks: 40**

General Instructions:

1. This paper consists of four sections - Reading, Writing, Grammar and Literature.
  2. All the questions must be answered in their respective section only.
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**SECTION A (Reading)**

**1. Read the following passage:**

Many people believe that science and religion are contrary to each other. But this notation is wrong. As a matter of fact, both are correlated to each other. There is no doubt that the methods of science and religion are different.

The method of science is observation, experimentation and experience. Science takes its recourse to progressive march towards perfection. The rules of religion are faith, intuition and spoken word of the enlightened. In general, while science is inclined towards reason and rationality, spiritualism is the true essence of religion.

In earlier times when man appeared on Earth, he was over-awed at the sight of violent and powerful aspects of nature. In certain cases, the usefulness of different natural objects of nature overwhelmed man. Thus began the worship of forces of nature — fire, the sun, the rivers, the rocks, the trees, the snakes etc. The holy scriptures were written by those who had developed harmony between external nature and their inner self. Their objective was to ennoble, elevate and liberate the human spirit and mind. But the priestly class took upon itself the monopoly of scriptural knowledge and interpretation to its own advantage. Thus, the entire human race was in chains. Truth was flouted and progressive, liberal and truthful ideas or ideas expressing doubt and scepticism were suppressed and their holders punished.

**Answer the given questions:**

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1. Where does the soul of religion lie?
2. Why do you think man worshipped the forces of nature?
3. How was the objective of the holy scriptures violated by the priestly?
4. Which word in the second paragraph means “instinct”?
5. What was the aim of the holy scriptures?

**2. Read the following passage:**

If you thought that being overweight was a problem among humans alone, then think again. A recent study carried out in the UK on the state of obesity among pets revealed startling facts. According to this report there are almost 45% of pets in the country that are overweight.

According to the findings, what causes this overweight problem is the feeding of leftovers. In fact this custom is regarded as the biggest factor causing overweight, according to 200 vets and 1000 pet owners. The report found that nearly 45% of the dogs were overweight while the obesity rate among cats was slightly lower, at 40%. Almost one in three rabbits (28%) and guinea pigs fell into the obese category, while 15% of caged birds were also found to be too fat. Of their owners, what the report revealed was that two out of every three owners believed their pets were the correct weight. Around three in four vets believe that pet obesity is on the rise. When contacted by the researchers, vets came forward with the opinion that the root cause of pet weight gain was that the owners of these animals and birds were not following feeding guidelines. Along with feeding them with leftovers, these pets were not given adequate exercise. This problem was most marked among dog owners where also 78% of them were found to be indulged in by their owners. Besides lethargy and eating problems, these overweight pets suffer from a myriad of health issues according to Zara Boland, founder Vet Voice. These animals run the risk of osteoarthritis, cardiovascular disease, and diabetes. There is nothing ‘cuddly’ about an obese pet, she adds. Obese animals have the same symptoms as obese humans Their obesity causes them discomfort, and

illness and can cause result in both emotional distress and financial pressures for owners, and has been proven to reduce actual life length.

**Answer the given questions:** (5)

1. What was found out in the recent UK study?
2. What according to the study was the cause of overweight pets?
3. What are the health hazards that overweight pets are prone to?
4. In which animal was the obesity rate found to be the highest?
5. Which word in the first paragraph means “surprising”?

### SECTION B

**3.** You have just won the District level Art Competition and are gearing up for the State level. Construct a dialogue between yourself and your Art teacher based on your doubts and queries regarding preparation and the final competition. (5)

### SECTION C

**4. Fill in the blanks:** (4)

It was a cold winter morning. I (a)\_\_\_\_(walked/was walking) through the forest when I heard a strange noise. I thought that it (b)\_\_\_\_(can/could) be an animal in the far. I was scared but to my relief, it (c)\_\_\_\_(was/were) just my sister and some of her friends who (d)\_\_\_\_(had/have) come to surprise me on my birthday.

**5. Read the given paragraph and edit it if required:** (3)

	Incorrect	Correct
The moon was came up in the east behind me	(a)_____	_____
and the stars was shining in the clear sky.	(b)_____	_____
There wasn't the cloud in the sky.	(c)_____	_____

**6. Rearrange and construct a sentence:** (3)

(a)Robert Frost / some great / of / the / is one/ best / poets who/ has written / poems

- (b) One of / wonderful / those/ is Fire and Ice/ poems  
(c) whether hatred/ about/ talks/ It/ or anger/ destroy/ will/ world/ the

### SECTION D

**7. Answer the questions with reference to context: (3)**

*When I think of the lollies I licked  
And the liquorice all sorts I picked,  
Sherbet dabs, bit and little,  
And that hard peanut brittle,  
My conscience gets horribly pricked.*

- (a) How does the poet feel when she thinks of all the sweets she has taken?  
(b) What kind of taste did the poet have as a child?  
(c) Mention some sweets that the poet was fond of.

**8. Answer the following questions briefly: (8)**

- (a) What perils did the poet spot after indulging in a lot of sweet and sticky food?  
(b) Who was Jerry Fisher? How did he convince Bill to change his mind?  
(b) How did Harold react on learning about his father's profession?  
(c) Do you think the punishment given to the convict was justified?  
What was his crime?

**9. Answer the following question in 80-100 words: (4)**

Love, compassion and forgiveness are the values that the Bishop possessed. He transformed the convict for good. Elaborate.

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