



PERIODIC ASSESSMENT – 3 2020-21					
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- The Paper will be divided into four sections.
[SECTION A - READING]

Galileo and His Telescope

Q 1. Read the passage and answer the following questions - [5 marks]

Galileo Galilei was born in the year **1564 in the town of Pisa, Italy**. When he was 20 years old, he was studying in Pisa. His father wanted him to be a doctor, but Galileo was bored with school except for math. Because math was the one subject where he was doing well, the court mathematician offered to tutor him privately so he could become a qualified mathematician. Galileo's father was disappointed, but he agreed. Because he needed to earn money, Galileo began experimenting with different things, trying to come up with some sort of invention that he could sell for money. He had a little bit of success with **his invention that was like a compass** that could be used to measure plots of land. He had already experimented with pendulums, thermometers, and magnets. When he heard that a **Dutch inventor** had invented something called a **spyglass**, but was keeping it a secret, Galileo decided to work on one of his own. Within 24 hours, he had invented a telescope that could magnify things to make them appear ten times larger than real life. One night, he pointed his telescope toward the sky, and made his first of many space observations: the moon was not smooth, like everyone thought. The moon was covered in bumps and craters. As technology has improved, first Galileo, and then many others, have made improvements on the telescope, the wonderful device that allows us to see from a distance.

- When was Galileo Galilei born ?
- At the age of 20, where he was studying ?
- Who invented a spyglass ?
- Change the verb forms- a) disappoint b) qualify
- Find out any verb from the passage and make sentence.

[SECTION B -WRITING]

Q 2. You are Rohit Saxena of 207, Pencil Bay Apartments. You want to let out your house. Draft an advertisement for publication in the ‘To Let’ section of the Times of India, giving the details like type of accommodation, location, rent expected and contact addresses. [5 marks]

[SECTION C - GRAMMAR]

Q 3. Find the correct forms of the verbs. [2 marks]

1. I (expect / am expecting) you to be regular with your work.
2. Dad (feels / is feeling) much better today.

Q 4. Underline the direct object of the verbs . Then , rewrite each sentence by placing the indirect object before the direct object. [2 marks]

- 1.. The restaurant charged service tax from its customers.
2. The student gave a special tribute to his mentor.

Q 5. Frame questions to the following answers using interrogative adverbs – [2 marks]

1. This puzzle can be solved easily.
- 2.. She could solve the sums very fast.

Q 6. Fill in the blanks using the adverb forms of the underlined adjectives. [2 marks]

1. The umpire blew the final whistle. _____ the match started.
2. . The entire blame is Rajat’s. He was _____ thoughtless about the feelings of others.

[SECTION D - LITERATURE]

Q 7. Give the meanings of the following words – [1 mark]

1. Dilated
2. Quench

Q 8. Make Sentences – Poison [1 mark]

Q 9. Answer the following questions – [3 marks]

- 1: What had happened to Jody’s father?
2. The other boy asked Ranji to ‘explain’ himself. What did he expect Ranji to say?
3. If ‘the lantern’ is the man, what would its ‘walls’ be?

Q 10. Read the extract and answer the following questions -

[2 marks]

**Said the Duck, 'As I sat on the rocks,
I have thought over that completely,
And I bought four pairs of worsted socks
Which fit my web-feet neatly.
And to keep out the cold I've bought a cloak,
And every day a cigar I'll smoke,**

1. How many pairs of socks did the duck buy?

- (a) One (b) Two (c) Three (d) Four

2. The word worsted means.....

- (a) woollen (b) cotton (c) nylon (d) worse

