



INDIAN SCHOOL AL WADI AL KABIR
UNIT TEST- (2025-26)
SUBJECT – ENGLISH – ANS KEY

Class: XI
Date: 18/05/2025

Max Marks: 30
Time: 1 hour

SECTION A- READING

General Instructions:

- (i) *This paper is divided into three sections:*
 - Section A- Reading* 8 marks
 - Section B- Grammar & Writing* 7 marks
 - Section C- Literature* 15 marks
- (ii) *All questions are compulsory.*
- (iii) *Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.*

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- a. ii. Only C
- b. iii. To highlight the versatile journey and lasting legacy of Amitabh Bachchan
- c. The television reality show *Kaun Banega Crorepati* in 2000
- d. The importance of making the most of every opportunity, as they may not come again.
- e. His performance as a police inspector in the film *Zanjeer*.
- f. ii. dishonour
- g. ii. multi-talented
- h. It helped him regain financial stability and brought him a new wave of fame and success.

SECTION –B GRAMMAR AND WRITING – (7 MARKS)

2A Rearrange ANY TWO of the following words/ phrases to make meaningful sentences-

(2 marks)

- i. She remains a passionate collector of rare first-edition of the books.
- ii. These documents were not meant to be under the public discussion.
- iii. His calmness during crisis moments was admirable beyond explanation.

2B Fill in the blanks of ANY TWO by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence. (2 marks)

- a. iii) has been living
- b. ii) had listened
- c. iii) have been waiting

3. You are the Manager of Bright Future Tutorials, Dwarka, New Delhi. You need an experienced part-time Science tutor for classes 6 to 10. Draft a suitable advertisement for the ‘Situation Vacant’ column of a local daily. (3 marks)

(Format: 1 / Content: 1 / Expression: 1)

OR

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SECTION C - LITERATURE - (15 MARKS)

4. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. (1 x 4 = 4 marks)

- a. Because the photograph captures a fleeting moment in time, and it symbolizes the temporary nature of life.
- b. mother’s young and innocent appearance captured in the photograph.
- c. FALSE
- d. i. Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.

OR

- a. Because she spent that time feeding the sparrows, which gave her great joy.
- b. a real noisy confusion caused by the chirping of many sparrows.
- c. i. She loved their presence and didn’t mind the birds.
- d. The grandmother smiled and was not irritated even when sparrows sat on her.

5. Answer ANY THREE of the following in about 30 to 40 words: (2 x 3 = 6 Marks)

a. Value Points:

- Typical reaction: “It is no harm; pay no attention to it.”
- Used this phrase regardless of seriousness (even for house on fire or a lost horse).
- Showed his **irritable, impatient, and hot-tempered** personality.

- Reflected **emotional detachment** and a focus on larger losses like the homeland.
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b. Value Points:

- Thousands of sparrows gathered silently around her body.
 - They did not chirp or eat the breadcrumbs offered.
 - Their **silent mourning** reflected deep grief and respect.
 - Left quietly after the cremation — a powerful symbol of loss.
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c. Value Points:

- **Wry smile** = a sad but accepting response to loss.
 - Mother smiled remembering her lost childhood (beach memory).
 - Poet smiles sadly remembering her late mother.
 - “Laboured ease” shows grief is hard to bear but becomes familiar with time.
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d.

- He was taught **science and English**, which she didn’t understand. She could not help him with my lessons.
 - No teaching of **God or scriptures** — went against her values.
 - Felt disconnected from his new education and lifestyle. She **disapproved of the music lessons** that the narrator received at school. She was very disturbed. To her music had lewd associations. It was the monopoly of harlots and beggars and not meant for gentlefolk.
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6. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100 to 120 words: (5 x 1 = 5 Marks)

a. Value Points:

- Mourad steals a horse but **doesn’t mean harm** — just want to ride it.
- They belong to the **Garoghlanian tribe**, known for strict honesty.
- Aram tries to **justify** the act, showing childish reasoning.
- Mourad refuses to sell the horse — keeping integrity intact.

- Eventually, the boys **return the horse**, showing that **conscience wins** over adventure.
 - Reflects how **values are deeply rooted**, even in youth.
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b. Value Points:

- In the village: very **close bond**, she walked him to school daily.
 - In the city: bond weakened — she **no longer accompanied him**.
 - He learned modern subjects; she **couldn't relate** to them.
 - Communication between them **reduced**, but mutual love stayed.
 - In later years, she turned deeply to **prayer and silence**.
 - After her death, her deep presence and influence were still felt.
 - Shows quiet, enduring love despite change and distance.
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