



INDIAN SCHOOL AL WADI AL KABIR
PRE-MID TERM EXAMINATION 2025 - 2026

ENGLISH
ANSWER KEY

CLASS : VII
DATE : 22-05-2025

MAX. MARKS: 30
TIME: 1 Hour

General Instructions:

- (i) All questions are compulsory.
 - (ii) Please write down the serial number of the questions before attempting it.
 - (iii) The question paper consists of four sections.
Section A-Reading (10 marks), Section B- Grammar (5 marks), Section C- Writing (5 marks) and Section D- Literature (10 marks).
 - (iv) Attempt one section at a stretch and then move to the next section.
 - (v) Use of correcting fluid (whitener) is prohibited.
- Note:** This question paper consists of 4 printed pages.

	<u>SECTION A: READING (10 Marks)</u>	
Q. I	<p>Read the passage and answer the questions that follow:</p> <p>1. What does the passage imply about learning English? a) It includes keeping up with new trends b) It never changes c) It is mostly about old literature d) It is no longer important</p> <p>2. What does the word "glow-up" mean? a) A sudden increase in temperature b) A transformation to a better version of oneself c) An upgrade in technology d) A power outage</p> <p>3. Which of the following is not a newly added word mentioned in the passage? a) Glow-up b) Doomscrolling c) Greenfluencer d) Zoomerang</p> <p>4. Who is a "greenfluencer"? a) A fashion designer b) A climate change scientist c) A person who shares eco-friendly tips on social media d) A doctor</p> <p>5. How does the OED decide which words to add? a) Based on student requests b) Random selection c) Through public voting d) By tracking usage in books, media, and online</p>	(1x5=5)

Q. II	Read the passage and answer the questions that follow:	
	<p>1. Where does Oliver live at the beginning of the story?</p> <p>a) In a castle b) In a workhouse c) In a school d) In a forest</p> <p>2. What is Fagin's role in the story?</p> <p>a) He runs a school b) He helps Oliver find his family c) He trains boys to steal d) He is Oliver's uncle</p> <p>3. How does Oliver respond to his hardships?</p> <p>a) He remains kind and innocent b) He turns into a thief c) He becomes angry and bitter d) He runs away forever</p> <p>4. Who is Mr. Brownlow?</p> <p>a) A kind man who helps Oliver b) A police officer c) Fagin's friend d) A teacher</p> <p>5. What theme is NOT a part of <i>Oliver Twist</i>?</p> <p>a) Poverty b) Courage c) Kindness d) Supernatural elements</p>	(1x5=5)
	<u>SECTION B: GRAMMAR (5 Marks)</u>	
Q. III	<p>Choose the correct verb:</p> <p>1. The poet and the philosopher _____ attending the conference.</p> <p>a) is b) was c) are d) has</p> <p>2. Each of the athletes _____ expected to follow the rules strictly.</p> <p>a) were b) is c) are d) have</p> <p>3. Politics _____ a topic that always sparks debate.</p> <p>a) are b) have c) were d) is</p> <p>4. Fifty percent of the cake _____ been eaten.</p> <p>a) have b) has</p>	(1/2x5=2.5)

Q. IV	<p>c) were d) are</p> <p>5. Either she or her parents ____ the form every year. a) fill b) fills c) filling d) is filling</p> <p>Fill in the blanks with the correct verb:</p> <p>1. None of the information _____ (was / were) posted.</p> <p>2. Neither James nor the employees _____ (is / are) going to speak to the guests.</p> <p>3. Some of the water _____ (has / have) spilled on the floor.</p> <p>4. The cat, along with her kittens, _____ (was / were) sleeping peacefully.</p> <p>5. These shoes _____ (is / are) too tight for me.</p>	(½ x5=2.5)										
	<u>SECTION C: WRITING (5 Marks)</u>											
Q. V	<p>Your school recently organized a Cleanliness Drive as part of a campaign to promote hygiene and environmental awareness. You participated actively with your classmates by cleaning the school premises and planting saplings. Write a diary entry in 100-120 words describing the day's events, how you felt while contributing to a cleaner environment, and why such activities are important for the community. FORMAT- 3, CONTENT- 2</p>	(5 Marks)										
	<u>SECTION D- LITERATURE (10 Marks)</u>											
Q. VI	<p>Answer these questions with reference to the context.</p> <p><i>It clutched my throat, I coughed</i> <i>Nothing was in my head</i> <i>Except two heavy eyes</i> <i>Like balls of burning lead.</i></p> <p>a) Mention the poetic device used in the line, ‘It clutched my throat, I coughed’. Ans: Personification.</p> <p>b) How are the eyes described in the stanza? Ans: The eyes are described as "two heavy eyes / like balls of burning lead," indicating irritation and heaviness, possibly due to smoke or fatigue.</p> <p>c) Where is the poem, ‘The Fog’, by William Henry Davies, set? Ans. The setting of the poem is a foggy street in London.</p>	(1x3=3)										
Q. VII	<p>Match the following:</p> <table><tr><th>COLUMN A</th><th>COLUMN B</th></tr><tr><td>(i) smarting</td><td>(a) amused but annoyed</td></tr><tr><td>(ii) clutched</td><td>(b) a deep opening</td></tr><tr><td>(iii) wry</td><td>(c) feeling of a sharp pain</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>(d) grasped tightly</td></tr></table> <p>Ans: (i)- (c), (ii)- (d), (iii)- (a)</p>	COLUMN A	COLUMN B	(i) smarting	(a) amused but annoyed	(ii) clutched	(b) a deep opening	(iii) wry	(c) feeling of a sharp pain		(d) grasped tightly	(½x3=1½)
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Q. VIII	<p>Choose the correct synonyms:</p> <p>1. The word ‘precariously’ means: a) safely b) peacefully c) calmly d) dangerously</p> <p>2. The word ‘ken’ means: a) sight b) noise c) touch d) distance</p> <p>3. The word ‘strewn’ means: a) gathered b) spread c) hidden d) packed</p>	(1½x3=1½)
Q. IX	<p>Answer these questions: (ANY TWO)</p> <p>1. Why was Ram Bharosa astonished? Ans: Ram Bharosa was astonished to hear that Binya had traded her necklace for the blue umbrella.</p> <p>2. What was the effect of the fog on the poet's senses? Ans: The poet sees ‘the fog, grow thick’ in front of his eyes. This ‘soon made blind his ken’, which means, making him almost blind, by affecting his senses. The fog ‘made tall men of boys and giants of tall men’ as it affected his vision.</p> <p>3. What proposal did Ram Bharosa give to Binya? Did Binya accept his proposal? Ans: Ram Bharosa proposed to buy Binya’s umbrella for twelve rupees, but Binya did not accept his proposal.</p>	(1x2=2)
Q. X	<p>Answer the following question in detail: (ANY ONE)</p> <p>1. Why did Binya have to be careful about not starting a landslide? Ans: Loose stones rumbled down the cliff. Once on their way, stones did not stop until they reached the bottom of the hill; and they took other stones with them, so that there was a cascade of stones, and Binya had to be very careful not to start a landslide.</p> <p>2. How do you think the poet realized that the man whose help he had sought was actually blind? What do you think the poet learned from this experience? Ans: The poet realizes that the person who had helped him was blind because he was rapping the stones in front of him while walking. This experience makes him realize that we as human beings trust only those things that we can see and question unseen things like love, faith, belief, religion, etc.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p>	(2x1=2)