



Indian School Al Wadi Al Kabir

Pre-Midterm Examination (2026-27)

Sub: English – Answer Key

Class: VI

Date: 17/05/2026

Time: 1 Hour

Max. Marks: 30

General Instructions:

- I. All questions are compulsory.
- II. Please write down the serial number of the question 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
Section D - Literature - 10 marks
- IV. Attempt one section at a stretch and then move on to the next section.
- V. Use of correction fluid (whitener) is prohibited.
- VI. Note: This paper consists of 5 printed pages.

	SECTION A-READING	(10 Marks)
Q.1.	Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. <u>The Marvel of the Great Barrier Reef</u> <u>Answer the following questions.</u> 1. According to the passage, what actually builds the physical structure of the Great Barrier Reef? a) Giant clams and sea turtles b) Large underwater volcanoes c) Billions of tiny coral polyps d) Thousands of different species of fish 2. Assertion (A): The Great Barrier Reef is often compared to a rainforest. Reasoning (R): It is located in a tropical area and experiences heavy rainfall throughout the year. a) Both (A) and (R) are true, and (R) is the correct explanation of (A) b) Both (A) and (R) are true, but (R) is NOT the correct explanation of (A) c) (A) is true, but (R) is false d) (A) is false, but (R) is true 3. Explain the "special relationship" between corals and the tiny plants called zooxanthellae. How do they help each other survive? ANS: Zooxanthellae use sunlight to make food through photosynthesis and share that energy with the coral. In exchange, the coral provides the plants with a safe place to live. 4. Complete the following analogy based on the passage: Forest : Trees :: Great Barrier Reef : _____ a) snakes	(5 marks)

	b) Coral Polyps c) Boats d) pollution 5. The passage (paragraph 2) mentions that the reef acts as a nursery for smaller fish. In this context, what does "nursery" mean? a) A place where plants are sold to the public. b) A room in a house for sleeping. c) A hospital for sick animals. d) A safe area where young creatures are protected and grow.	(1x5 = 5)
Q.2.	Read the letter and answer the questions that follow. <u>A Letter from the Rainforest</u> <u>Answer the following questions based on your understanding of the letter.</u>  1. Why does Leo compare the rainforest canopy to an umbrella? a) Because it is made of colorful fabric. b) Because it only appears when it starts to rain. c) Because the monkeys use the leaves to stay dry. d) Because it blocks the sunlight and keeps the ground dark. 2. Assertion (A): The Amazon Rainforest is often called the "lungs of the planet." Reasoning (R): The vast number of trees in the rainforest produce a large amount of oxygen that humans and animals need to breathe. a) Both (A) and (R) are true, and (R) is the correct explanation of (A). b) Both (A) and (R) are true, but (R) is NOT the correct explanation of (A). c) (A) is true, but (R) is false. d) (A) is false, but (R) is true. 3. In the letter (paragraph 3) it is mentioned, "The plants here have adapted to this," What is the best meaning of the word <u>adapted</u>? a) To have moved to a new country. b) To have learned a new language. c) To have changed over time to survive in a specific environment. d) To have grown much larger than usual. 4. Based on the letter, which of the following statement is <i>True</i>: a) The rainforest floor is usually very bright and sunny at noon b) Howler monkeys are compared to car alarms because of their volume. c) Leo plans to stay in the rainforest for another month. d) Leo mentions that the plants have not adapted to the weather. 5. From the letter we can say that Sam is Leo's _____ Friend_____.	(5 marks)
	<u>SECTION B – GRAMMAR</u>	(5 Marks)
Q.3.	Identify the kinds of sentences given below.	(½ x 5=2½)

	1. Please shut the front door before the mosquitoes get inside. - IMPERATIVE 2. I can't believe we actually won the championship in overtime! - EXCLAMATORY 3. The scientific name for a domestic cat is <i>Felis catus</i>. - DECLARATIVE 4. How many more miles do we have to drive until we reach the coast? - INTERROGATIVE 5. My uncle is arriving tomorrow. - DECLARATIVE													
Q.4.	Identify the part of speech for the underlined word in each sentence. 1. The <u>bright</u> stars twinkled in the dark night sky. ADJECTIVE 2. The giant sea turtle crawled <u>slowly</u> across the hot sand. ADVERB 3. <u>They</u> decided to go to the park instead of the movies. PRONOUN 4. The team <u>celebrated</u> after scoring the winning goal. VERB 5. I will study my notes <u>and</u> then I will practice the vocabulary words. CONJUNCTION	(½ x 5=2½)												
	SECTION C – WRITING	(5 Marks)												
Q.6.	Imagine that your house completely lost power for 24 hours, or your parents decided to have an "electronics-free" day. No phone, no gaming console, no TV, and no internet. You had to find other ways to spend your time from sunrise to sunset. Write a diary entry of 100-120 words reflecting on your day being "unplugged." What to include (Hints): - What did you notice about your house or your family that you usually ignore? - Was it boring, or was it actually peaceful? - What was the first thing you did when the power was restored.  FORMAT: 1½ (Box, Date, Time Salutation, closing) CONTENT: 3½ (Spelling, Grammar, Word count)	(5 marks)												
	SECTION D – LITERATURE	(10 Marks)												
Q.8.	Match the following. <table><tr><td>A</td><td>B</td></tr><tr><td>1. Came by mistake</td><td>c) Strayed</td></tr><tr><td>2. A small piece of food</td><td>a) Morsel</td></tr><tr><td>3. Daily duties</td><td>d) Chores</td></tr><tr><td>4. Looked with interest at something</td><td>b) Eyed</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td></tr></table>	A	B	1. Came by mistake	c) Strayed	2. A small piece of food	a) Morsel	3. Daily duties	d) Chores	4. Looked with interest at something	b) Eyed			((½ x 4=2)
A	B													
1. Came by mistake	c) Strayed													
2. A small piece of food	a) Morsel													
3. Daily duties	d) Chores													
4. Looked with interest at something	b) Eyed													
Q.10	Answer the following with reference to the context. 1. “Sir Raven, you are a handsome bird. Such feathers! If you would only sing, The birds of these woods would call you King.”	(1 x 3 = 3)												

	(a) In the line 'Sir Raven, you are a handsome bird,' what is the antonym of 'handsome'? Ans: Hideous/Ugly/Unattractive/Plain/Homely (b) What is the one thing the Raven needs to do to be the King of the birds? Ans: The one thing that the Raven needs to do is to sing. (c) What do you think will happen to the Raven if he tries to sing? Ans: If the Raven tries to sing, the food in his beak will fall down, and the Reynard will quickly take it away. (any similar answer)	
Q.11	Answer any 3 of the following questions in brief. 1. Why does Reynard say that pride is not wise? Ans: Reynard says that pride is not wise because it led the Raven to foolishly open his beak and lose his food. 2. Who were friends at the end of the story 'The Unlikely Best Friends'? Ans: At the end of the story Gajaraj and Buntree reunited. Also, the mahout and the farmer became friends. 3. Why did the farmer hug Buntree? Ans: The farmer was extremely happy to see his lost pet Buntree and so, he hugged it. 4. Give one reason why the teaching is quite a surprise as mentioned in the chapter The Raven and The Fox. Ans: The teaching is quite a surprise because the Raven did not expect to be tricked by the Fox's compliments and lose his food.	(1 x 3= 3)
Q.12	Answer any 1 of the following questions. 1. What was 'unlikely' about the friendship of Gajaraj and Buntree? Ans: The friendship between Gajaraj and Buntree was unlikely because they were different species – an elephant and a dog. Normally, elephants and dogs do not interact closely in natural settings. However, their friendship blossomed due to their shared circumstances and the emotional bond they developed through their interactions and mutual care. 2. Discuss the importance of companionship as shown in the story "The Unlikely Best Friends." Ans: Companionship is the central theme of The Unlikely Best Friends. Though Gajaraj lived in royal comfort, he felt lonely until he met Buntree, a stray dog. Their bond quickly grew, bringing joy and emotional support to both. When separated, each refused food, showing the depth of their attachment. Their reunion revealed that companionship is not just about being together but about mutual care and emotional connection. The farmer's decision to return Buntree highlights that friendship is essential for happiness—whether in humans or animals.	(2 x 1= 2)