



INDIAN SCHOOL AL WADI AL KABIR

MID-TERM EXAMINATION (2026-2027)

ENGLISH – ANSWER KEY

Class: VI

Time: 2½ hours

Date: 22/09/2026

Max. Marks: 80

General Instructions:

- ✓ *All questions are compulsory.*
- ✓ *The question paper consists of four sections:*
 - Section A - Reading – 20 Marks*
 - Section B - Grammar – 15 Marks*
 - Section C - Writing – 15 Marks*
 - Section D - Literature – 30 Marks*
- ✓ *Attempt one section at a stretch and then move to the next section and number your questions correctly.*
- ✓ *While attempting MCQs, write the correct option number along with the answer.*
- ✓ *Use of correcting fluid (whitener) is prohibited.*
- ✓ *This paper consists of 7 printed pages.*

SECTION A-READING – (20 Marks)		
Q. I	<u>The Whispering Forest of Eldoria</u> 1. High up in the Mistveil Mountains lay the ancient forest of Eldoria, a place shrouded in perpetual fog and steeped in local legend. The villagers living at the base of the mountains often spoke of the trees "whispering" to one another when the wind blew through the high canopy. While most children avoided the woods due to spooky rumors, twelve-year-old Maya was fascinated by its mystery. Armed with her trusty brass compass, a leather notebook, and a sturdy walking stick, she set out one crisp autumn morning to uncover the forest's hidden secrets. 2. As Maya ventured deeper into the woods, the dense canopy blocked out most of the sunlight, creating an ethereal green glow. The ground was cushioned by centuries of fallen leaves and thick emerald moss. Contrary to the frightening tales she had heard, the forest felt remarkably peaceful and serene. Giant oak and pine trees stood like ancient sentinels, their towering branches weaving together to form a natural roof overhead. 3. Suddenly, Maya noticed a strange set of glowing blue mushrooms forming a trail off the main path. Fascinated by this luminous phenomenon, she decided to follow them. The path wound downward into a hidden ravine, where the air grew cooler and smelled faintly of sweet pine and damp earth. At the end of the trail sat a massive, hollowed-out willow tree surrounding a crystal-clear spring. The glowing fungi seemed to draw their vibrant light directly from the sparkling water. 4. Maya carefully knelt by the edge of the pool to record the phenomenon in her journal. As she sketched the luminous mushrooms, she realized that the "whispering" sounds the villagers feared was not ghostly voices at all. It was actually	10 Marks

	the gentle rustling of leaves combined with the subterranean echo of water flowing beneath the roots of the giant willow tree. The natural acoustics of the ravine magnified the sound, sending soft, rhythmic echoes upward through the hollow trunks. 5. Satisfied with her discovery, Maya packed her notebook away. She felt a profound sense of accomplishment, having replaced fear with knowledge and understanding. Returning to her village, she was eager to share the truth about Eldoria, proving that curiosity and observation can easily dispel the deepest of mysteries.	
	1. What motivated Maya to enter the forest of Eldoria? (a) She wanted to get lost. (b) She was searching for a lost brass compass. (c) She was curious about the forest's mysteries. (d) The villagers dared her to go inside. 2. What created the "ethereal green glow" deep inside the forest? (a) Glowing blue mushrooms on the ground. (b) Sunlight filtering through the dense canopy. (c) Magic spells cast by ancient sentinels. (d) The reflection of the crystal-clear spring. 3. What caused the famous "whispering" sound of the forest? (a) Ghostly spirits calling out to villagers. (b) Winds blowing through hollowed-out pine needles only. (c) Rustling leaves combined with underground water echoes. (d) Animals hiding inside the oak trees. 4. Which item did Maya NOT bring on her journey? (a) A leather notebook (b) A sturdy walking stick (c) A brass compass (d) A magnifying glass 5. Find a word from paragraph 4 which means ‘delicate’. – gentle/soft 6. Find a word from paragraph 2 in the passage that is the opposite of ‘Turbulent or chaotic’ - peaceful and serene 7. Fill in the blanks using appropriate words from the passage: Maya discovered a luminous _____ trail(Accept any relevant answers) _____ of mushrooms leading into a hidden ravine. 8. Read the statements and choose the correct option: Assertion (A): Maya felt a sense of accomplishment at the end of her journey. Reason (R): She found a chest of ancient treasure hidden under the willow tree. (a) Both Assertion and Reason are true, and Reason is the correct explanation of Assertion. (b) Both Assertion and Reason are true, but Reason is NOT the correct explanation of Assertion. (c) Assertion is true, but Reason is false. (d) Assertion is false, but Reason is true.	(8x1 = 8)

	9. Explain how the natural environment created the illusion of "whispering trees." Ans: Gentle rustling of leaves combined with the subterranean echo of water flowing beneath the roots of the giant willow tree.	(1x2 = 2)
Q. II.	Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow: <u>A Letter from Oakridge Boarding School</u> 104 Crestview Drive Greenfield, VT 05649 October 14, 2026 Dear Grandma, I hope you are doing well and that your garden is still blooming despite the autumn chill! School has been keeping me incredibly busy over the past few weeks, but I wanted to write to you before our mid-term break begins. Staying at Oakridge has been a whole new experience for me, and while I missed home terribly during the first fortnight, I am finally settling into the daily routine. Our school campus is situated right at the foot of the Blue Ridge Hills, and during this time of year, the landscape is breathtaking. The hillsides are covered in brilliant shades of amber, gold, and crimson. Every morning, we wake up to a crisp breeze sweeping across the courtyard. My roommate, Julian, and I usually head down to the dining hall early so we can grab hot oatmeal and cider before our 8:00 AM history lecture. History has quickly become my favorite subject this term. Our teacher, Mr. Vance, does not just lecture from textbooks; he brings historical events to life with vivid storytelling and primary source documents. Last week, we began studying early maritime trade routes. We had to work in small groups to reconstruct old trade maps using parchment paper and ink. My role was to plot the sea routes across the Atlantic, which required careful precision. It was challenging, but our group received top marks on the project! Apart from academics, I joined the school's forestry club, which meets every Thursday afternoon. We spend two hours hiking through the woods behind the athletic fields, identifying local tree species and learning how to conserve the surrounding natural habitat. During our last outing, our instructor showed us a hidden waterfall deep inside the woods. The sound of the rushing water cascading over the mossy rocks was remarkably soothing after a long week of exams and quizzes. Next week, our dorm is organizing a autumn harvest festival. We are building food stalls, setting up a pumpkin-carving station, and preparing a bonfire for the evening gathering. I have volunteered to help decorate the main hall with oak garlands and corn stalks. I wish you could come and see it, but I promise to take plenty of photographs to show you when I come home for Thanksgiving. Please give my love to Uncle Thomas and Aunt Clara when you see them this weekend. I look forward to receiving your next letter and hearing all about what is	10 Marks

	happening back home. With lots of love, Liam	
	1. What is the main reason Liam wrote this letter to his grandmother? (a) To request money for the upcoming harvest festival. (b) To ask for help with his history map project. (c) To share updates about his school life, classes, and activities. (d) To convince her to move closer to Greenfield. 2. What special method does Mr. Vance use in history class? (a) He uses vivid storytelling and primary source documents. (b) He takes the class on weekly trips across the Atlantic. (c) He requires students to memorize entire textbooks. (d) He shows historical movies during every lesson. 3. What activity does Liam participate in on Thursday afternoons? (a) Carving pumpkins for the harvest festival. (b) Plotting trade routes in the school library. (c) Training for soccer matches at the athletic fields. (d) Hiking through the woods with the forestry club. 4. What is the overall tone of Liam’s letter to his grandmother? (a) Frustrated and rebellious (b) Warm, reflective, and enthusiastic (c) Formal and distant (d) Urgent and fearful 5. Fill in the blanks using exact words from the passage: The rushing water of the hidden waterfall was cascading over the ____ mossy ____ rocks. 6. Find a word from Paragraph 4 that matches this definition: ‘To protect something from harm, decay, or loss, especially natural environments’ Ans: Conserve 7. Find a word from Paragraph 4 that is the opposite of ‘Disturbing or agitating’ Ans: soothing 8. Read the statements carefully and choose the correct option from the choices given below: Assertion (A): Liam was selected to plot the Atlantic Sea routes for his history project because of his careful precision. Reason (R): Mr. Vance only allowed students who got top marks in previous exams to work on the parchment trade maps. (a) Both Assertion and Reason are true, and Reason is the correct explanation of Assertion. (b) Both Assertion and Reason are true, but Reason is NOT the correct explanation of Assertion. (c) Assertion is true, but Reason is false.	(8x1 = 8) (1x2 = 2)

	(d) Assertion is false, but Reason is true. 9. Why was Liam's group project in history class both challenging and successful? Ans: It was challenging because it required careful precision to reconstruct old trade maps and plot sea routes using parchment paper and ink . It was successful because their group earned top marks on the project .	
	SECTION B - GRAMMAR – (15 Marks)	
Q. III.	Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb given in brackets. 1. The lead actor and director _____ (arrives) at the premiere in a luxury limousine. 2. Everybody _____ (enjoys) listening to music after a long day. 3. Maya and her brother _____ (walk) to school together every morning. 4. The choir _____ (sings) beautifully during the festival performance.	(4x½ = 2)
Q. IV.	Identify the error in each sentence and write the correct verb form: 1. Fifty thousand dollars is a life-changing amount of money to win in a competition. 2. One of the mangoes is rotten. 3. <i>The Arabian Nights</i> is a fascinating collection of traditional Middle Eastern folk tales.	(3x1 = 3)
Q. V.	Rewrite the sentence with correct punctuation marks. 1. What is the name of the flower? 2. Wow, that is an amazing painting! 3. I need to buy apples, bananas and oranges from the market.	(3x1=3)
Q. VI.	Rewrite the jumbled words to form meaningful sentences. 1. a / beautiful / view / what / this / is – What a beautiful view this is! 2. table / the / set / dinner / before / speak / don't / and - Don't speak before dinner and set the table.	(2x1 = 2)
Q. VII.	Identify the type of each sentence (Declarative, Interrogative, Imperative, or Exclamatory): 1. Please close the door quietly when you leave. - IMPERATIVE 2. The sun sets in the west every evening. - DECLARATIVE 3. How many students are attending the seminar today? - INTERROGATIVE 4. Oh, that is such a relief! - EXCLAMATORY	(4x½=2)
Q. VIII.	Write a short conversation with your mother/father about planning for your brother's birthday celebration using any three kinds of sentences (Declarative, Interrogative, Imperative, Exclamatory). Any three kinds.	(3x1=3)
	SECTION C - WRITING – (15 Marks)	
Q.IX.	<u>The Secrets of an Underwater Cave</u> Imagine diving underwater and discovering a hidden, glowing sea cave. Write a paragraph of 120–150 words describing your exploration. Hints: What you see: Shimmering coral reefs, bioluminescent sea creatures, crystal-clear turquoise water.	7 Marks

	What you hear: The muffled sound of ocean currents, soft bubbling, gentle waves echoing inside the cave. What you touch/feel: Cool saltwater against your skin, smooth polished pebbles underfoot, a weightless floating sensation. What you smell: Fresh salty sea breeze mixing with damp sea moss. FORMAT – 1 CONTENT – (3 + 2 + 1)	
Q.X.	Write a biographical sketch of Kalpana Chawla in your own words in not more than 100–180 words using the clues given below: Name: Kalpana Chawla Born: 17 March 1962 at Karnal, Haryana Education: Completed Aeronautical Engineering from Punjab Engineering College (1982); earned Ph.D. in Aerospace Engineering from University of Colorado (1988) 1994: Selected by NASA to train as an astronaut 1997: Became the first woman of Indian origin to fly into space aboard Space Shuttle Columbia (STS-87) 2003: Selected for her second space mission on Space Shuttle Columbia (STS-107) Died: 1 February 2003 along with six crew members when the shuttle disintegrated during re-entry into Earth's atmosphere Legacy: Honored with the NASA Space Flight Medal; inspired millions of young girls to pursue science and space exploration  FORMAT – 1 CONTENT – (4 + Fluency 2 + Accu 1)	8 Marks
	SECTION D - LITERATURE – (30 Marks)	
Q.XI.	Answer <u>any two</u> of the following questions based on the extracts given from the text. 1. <i>“This is cheating,” he told the sage. “I have wasted six precious years of my life.” But the sage only smiled and called Madhumati to come forward.</i> (a) Why did the speaker accuse the listener of cheating? Ans: The speaker (Rama Natha) accused the listener (the sage Mahipati) of cheating because after he sprinkled the dew on a copper vessel, nothing happened. He expected it to turn into a magic potion that converts objects into gold, but it failed to do so. (b) What had the speaker done during those "six precious years"? Ans: During those six years, the speaker planted rows of banana trees in his land, maintained the plantation, and carefully collected five liters of morning dew from the banana leaves during the winter. (c) How did the listener respond to the speaker's outburst in this moment? Ans: The listener (the sage Mahipati) did not get angry; he simply smiled and calmly called the speaker's wife, Madhumati, to come forward to help reveal the truth. (d) Which word from the extract means "extremely valuable or of great worth"? Ans: Precious.	(8x1 = 8)

	2. At break time, he asked everyone to form a circle. He put himself in the middle, with his chair. "Nobody moves. You're about to see something amazing." (a) What kind of chair was the speaker using in the middle of the circle? Who gave it? Ans: The speaker (Mario) was using a strange, invisible magic chair. It was given to him by his grandfather. (b) What amazing thing did the speaker want to show? Ans: He wanted to show his classmates that he could sit on the invisible chair in mid-air. (c) What happened immediately after Mario told his classmates, "You're about to see something amazing"? Ans: When Mario tried to sit down on the invisible chair, he missed it completely and fell flat onto his back, causing his classmates to laugh. (d) Complete the following analogy: Breaktime: School:: Attic : ____ chair_____ 3. When I was a child, I learnt them from my grandmother. She used to find home remedies for most of the weather-related common illnesses. (a) What does the speaker mean by "home remedies"? Ans: "Home remedies" refer to simple, natural cures or treatments made using common ingredients found at home to heal minor ailments. (b) From whom did the narrator learn about home remedies, and what specific types of health problems were these remedies used to treat? Ans: The narrator learned about them from her grandmother. These remedies were used to treat weather-related common illnesses (such as cough and cold). (c) Find a word in the extract that means the same as 'cures' or 'treatments'. Ans: remedies (d) Complete the analogy based on the context: Child : Adult :: Illness : remedy_____	
Q.XII.	Choose the correctly spelt word from the following: - a liquid with magical properties: - portion - porton (c) potion - potien - firm in decision - determind (b) determined - ditermined (d) determined - sat on a branch (a) perched - perchead - paerched - parched - real and sincere	(4x½ = 2)

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Q. XIII.	Answer <u>any six</u> of the following questions in brief. 1. Why did the bird say, “I have been very blind”? Ans: The bird said this because it realised that its earlier beliefs about the world were incorrect. 2. How did the man and his wife get help from the Kotwal? Ans: The man and his wife got help from the kotwal (Rama) because he heard his name being called when the thief was breaking in. Rama immediately ran to their house, and apprehended the thief. 3. Why do you think we should know about the healing properties of spices? Ans: We should know about the healing properties of spices because they provide natural and effective remedies for various health issues and help in maintaining overall well-being. 4. What was the bet about? Ans: The bet was about whether Mario had real friends or just companions at school. 5. Why does the Raven forget that his voice is just a croak? Ans: Raven forgets that his voice is just a croak. It is due to his pride. He falls into a net woven by the clever Fox. 6. Why was Rama Natha angry? Ans: Rama Natha was angry because he thought the sage had cheated him. After spending six years collecting the dew to make the magic potion, he found that it did not turn objects into gold as promised. 7. How do we know that natural cures are passed from one generation to another? Ans: We know that natural cures are passed from one generation to another as the speaker learned these remedies from her grandmother, who is now encouraging her grandchildren to learn and share them.	(6x1½=9)												
Q.XIV.	<u>Match the following:</u> <table><thead><tr><th>A</th><th>B</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>(1) spoke in a low voice</td><td>(a) wisdom</td></tr><tr><td>(2) felt</td><td>(b) readily</td></tr><tr><td>(3) deep understanding</td><td>(c) muttered</td></tr><tr><td>(4) without any problem</td><td>(d) experienced</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>(e) agreed to</td></tr></tbody></table> 1. (c) muttered 2. (d) experienced 3. (a) wisdom 4. (b) readily	A	B	(1) spoke in a low voice	(a) wisdom	(2) felt	(b) readily	(3) deep understanding	(c) muttered	(4) without any problem	(d) experienced		(e) agreed to	(4x½ = 2)
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Q.XV.	Answer <u>any three</u> of the following questions in detail. 1. How does the bird's view of the world change throughout the poem? Ans: The bird’s view grows step by step. At first it thinks the world is a pale, blue shell - its first safe home. Then, in a straw nest, it believes the world is made of straw. After that, it sees leaves everywhere and thinks the world is made of leaves. Finally, when it flies beyond the	(3x3=9)												

	tree, it realises it does not know how the world is made, showing that its understanding has become broader and humbler. 2. What actions did Mario take once he identified his real friends? Ans: After realizing his true friends were Guneet, Asma, and Deepa, Mario went to his grandfather and admitted the bet was lost. He shared the experience with them, and together they celebrated by eating fruit chaat. From then on, Mario valued their loyalty and kept them close, knowing they would support him in times of need. 3. Do you think cleverness can help us solve our problems? Why do you say so? Ans: Yes, cleverness can help us solve problems. In the story, the husband, wife, and Rama's alertness and quick thinking solve the problem of the thief breaking into the house. Cleverness involves being resourceful, observant, and making wise decisions, which are often necessary to overcome challenges effectively. 4. Why does Daadi motivate Vikram and Vaibhavi to pass on traditional remedies to their friends? Ans: Daadi encourages Vikram and Vaibhavi to share natural remedies so that others can benefit from simple, effective, and affordable ways to stay healthy. By sharing this knowledge, people can help one another and preserve valuable traditional wisdom. Her advice highlights the importance of passing practical knowledge from one generation to another so that future generations can continue to benefit from nature's gifts for maintaining good health.	
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