



**INDIAN SCHOOL AL WADI AL KABIR**  
**MID TERM EXAMINATION 2024-25**  
**ENGLISH**  
**ANSWER KEY**

**Class: VIII**  
**Date: 19/9/2024**

**Maximum Marks:80**  
**Time: 2 ½ hours**

**General Instructions:**

- (i) *All questions are compulsory.*
- (ii) *The question paper consists of four sections.*  
*Section A-Reading (20 marks), Section B-Grammar (15 marks),*  
*Section C-Writing (15 marks), and Section D-Literature (30 marks).*
- (iii) *Attempt one section at a stretch and then move to the next section.*
- (iv) *Use of correction fluid (whitener) is prohibited.*

**Note: This question paper consists of 7 printed pages.**

SECTION A-READING (20 Marks)		
Q.1.	<p><b><u>Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.</u></b></p> <p><b>An Encounter</b></p> <p>Late one afternoon, while walking through the park, Mia noticed an elderly man sitting alone on a bench. His clothes were old and worn, and he seemed to be lost in thought. Curiosity got the better of Mia, and she decided to approach him.</p> <p>“Hello, sir,” Mia said, her voice gentle. “Is everything alright?”</p> <p>The man looked up, his eyes brightening at the sight of someone taking an interest. “Oh, hello there,” he replied with a warm smile. “I’m just enjoying the beauty of the park and reminiscing about the past.”</p> <p>Mia sat down beside him, and the two began to chat. The man introduced himself as Mr. Reynolds, and he shared stories about his youth—his adventures, travels, and the joy he found in simple things like reading a good book or watching the sunset.</p> <p>As they talked, Mia learned that Mr. Reynolds had once been a world traveller and had seen many places. However, he chose to settle in this small town because he loved its quiet charm and the friendliness of its people. Despite his travels, he had always found a special connection with the local park, where he felt a deep sense of peace.</p> <p>Their conversation lasted well into the evening. Mia found Mr. Reynolds’s stories both fascinating and inspiring. Before leaving, she thanked him for sharing his experiences and promised to visit him again.</p> <p>Mr. Reynolds waved goodbye; his heart warmed by the unexpected encounter. Mia walked home, feeling enriched by the wisdom and kindness of a stranger. She realized that sometimes, the most meaningful connections are made in the most unexpected places.</p> <p>1. Where did Mia encounter Mr. Reynolds? - A. At the library</p>	12 marks

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>B. In the park</b></li> <li>- C. At a coffee shop</li> <li>- D. On a bus</li> </ul>	1
<p>2. What was Mr. Reynolds doing when Mia first saw him?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A. Reading a book</li> <li>- B. Sleeping on the bench</li> <li>- <b>C. Sitting alone and reminiscing</b></li> <li>- D. Talking to other people</li> </ul>	1
<p>3. How did Mia feel about Mr. Reynolds when she first approached him?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A. Indifferent</li> <li>- <b>B. Curious</b></li> <li>- C. Annoyed</li> <li>- D. Angry</li> </ul>	1
<p>4. What did Mr. Reynolds share with Mia?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A. His opinions on local politics</li> <li>- <b>B. Stories about his past adventures and travels</b></li> <li>- C. Recipes for cooking</li> <li>- D. Instructions for gardening</li> </ul>	1
<p>5. Why did Mr. Reynolds choose to settle in the small town?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A. He wanted to be closer to his family.</li> <li>- <b>B. He enjoyed the town's quiet charm and friendly people.</b></li> <li>- C. He had business opportunities there.</li> <li>- D. He wanted to escape the city's noise.</li> </ul>	1
<p>6. What made Mia's encounter with Mr. Reynolds special?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A. The man gave her a gift.</li> <li>- <b>B. The stories and wisdom Mr. Reynolds shared.</b></li> <li>- C. The park was unusually empty that day.</li> <li>- D. Mia was in a hurry to leave.</li> </ul>	1
<p>7. What was Mia's reaction after their conversation?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A. She felt disappointed.</li> <li>- <b>B. She felt enriched and inspired.</b></li> <li>- C. She felt confused and uninterested.</li> <li>- D. She felt relieved and bored.</li> </ul>	1
<p>8. Find the word from the passage that is the antonym of 'boring'. <b>Answer. Fascinating</b></p>	1
<p>9. How did Mia express her gratitude to Mr. Reynolds? What effect did the encounter with Mr. Reynolds have on Mia's feelings as she walked home? <b>Answer: Mia expressed her gratitude by thanking Mr. Reynolds for sharing his experiences and promised to visit him again. The encounter made her feel enriched by the wisdom and kindness of a stranger.</b></p>	2
<p>10. What did Mr. Reynolds do as Mia left? <b>Answer: Mr. Reynolds waved goodbye.</b></p>	1
<p>11.State whether the given sentence is True or False.</p>	1

	Reminiscing means "to bring an image or idea from the past into the mind" <b>Answer: True</b>	
<b>Q.2.</b>	<p><b><u>Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.</u></b></p> <p>Delhi Haat is a unique cultural marketplace located in the heart of Delhi, India. It is not just a place for shopping but an experience that immerses visitors in the rich traditions and crafts of various regions of India. Set up in 1994, Delhi Haat is designed to showcase the diversity of Indian art and culture.</p> <p>The marketplace is renowned for its colourful and vibrant ambiance. Stalls representing different Indian states sell an array of handcrafted items, including textiles, pottery, jewelry, and artwork. Each stall is a reflection of the cultural heritage of its respective region. Visitors can find everything from intricate embroidery from Gujarat to traditional Kashmiri shawls.</p> <p>Delhi Haat is also known for its food stalls, which offer a variety of regional delicacies. Whether you're craving the spicy chaat of Uttar Pradesh or the flavorful dosas from South India, the food options at Delhi Haat cater to every palate. This culinary diversity adds to the vibrant experience of the marketplace.</p> <p>In addition to shopping and dining, Delhi Haat frequently hosts cultural events and performances. These include traditional dance performances, music concerts, and craft demonstrations. Such events provide visitors with a deeper understanding of India's cultural richness and artistic traditions.</p> <p>For many, Delhi Haat is not just a place to shop or eat but a cultural journey through India's diverse traditions. It offers a glimpse into the country's artistic heritage and is a must-visit destination for both locals and tourists.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is Delhi Haat known for? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A. Modern fashion</li> <li>- <b>B. Cultural marketplace showcasing regional arts and crafts</b></li> <li>- C. Industrial products</li> <li>- D. Historical artifacts</li> </ul> </li> <li>When was Delhi Haat first opened? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A. 1985</li> <li>- <b>B. 1994</b></li> <li>- C. 2000</li> <li>- D. 2010</li> </ul> </li> <li>What can visitors find at the stalls in Delhi Haat? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A. Electronic gadgets</li> <li>- <b>B. Handcrafted items such as textiles, pottery, and jewellery</b></li> <li>- C. Imported goods</li> <li>- D. Books and magazines</li> </ul> </li> <li>What type of food is available at Delhi Haat? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A. Only fast food</li> <li>- <b>B. A variety of regional delicacies from different parts of India</b></li> <li>- C. International cuisine</li> <li>- D. Standard cafeteria fare</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<p>8 marks</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p>

	<p>5. What types of cultural events are hosted at Delhi Haat?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A. Art exhibitions and fashion shows</li> <li>- <b>B. Traditional dance performances, music concerts, and craft demonstrations</b></li> <li>- C. Technology workshops</li> <li>- D. Sports events</li> </ul> <p>6. What kind of experience does Delhi Haat offer to its visitors?</p> <p><b>Answer: Delhi Haat offers a cultural journey through India's diverse traditions. It immerses visitors in Indian art, crafts, food, and cultural events, providing a rich and vibrant experience that highlights the country's artistic heritage.</b></p> <p>7. Find out the synonym of the word '<i>display</i>' from the above passage.</p> <p>Answer: The synonym of 'display' in the passage is "<b>showcase</b>".</p>	<p>1</p> <p>2</p> <p>1</p>
	<b>SECTION B - GRAMMAR (15 Marks)</b>	
<b>Q.3.</b>	<p><b>Complete the sentence with the right determiner from the brackets.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That</li> <li>2. any</li> <li>3. The</li> <li>4. a</li> <li>5. neither</li> <li>6. any</li> <li>7. The</li> <li>8. much</li> <li>9. Those</li> <li>10. no</li> </ol>	$\frac{1}{2} \times 10 = 5$
<b>Q 4.</b>	<p><b>Identify the type of Sentences.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Simple sentence</li> <li>b. Compound sentence</li> <li>c. Complex sentence</li> <li>d. Compound sentence</li> <li>e. Complex sentence</li> </ol>	$1 \times 5 = 5$
<b>Q 5.</b>	<p><b>Fill in the blanks with the correct verb forms.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <b>studies</b></li> <li>b) <b>played</b></li> <li>c) <b>will travel</b></li> <li>d) <b>was</b></li> </ol>	$1 \times 5 = 5$

	e) has not seen	
	<b>SECTION C -WRITING (15 Marks)</b>	
<b>Q.6.</b>	Write a diary entry in 80-100 words about a recent event that made you feel proud. Describe what happened and why does it matter to you? FORMAT : 2    CONTENT:2	4
<b>Q.7</b>	Given below is an outline of the story given in the form of phrases. Create the complete story in about 150 words by providing a suitable title. <i>Rich man ..... plans to give a feast to his friends .....all dishes are prepared except fish as it is unavailable ..... declares reward for anyone who would get fish ..... poor fisherman catches a big fish and brings it ..... gatekeeper refuses to let him enter the house unless he agrees to give him half the reward ..... fisherman thinks of a plan ..... instead of the reward he asks the rich man for 100 lashes on his back .....gives 50 lashes to the gatekeeper..... moral.</i> FORMAT: 2 ½ (Title:1, Moral: ½, Paragraphing: ½, Dialogues: ½) CONTENT: 2 ½	5
<b>Q8.</b>	Write a letter to the editor of an esteemed newspaper addressing concerns about a local environmental issue, such as littering or pollution, in about 120-150 words. Provide evidence of the problem and propose steps that the community can take to address it. FORMAT: 4        CONTENT: 2	6
<b>Q 9.</b>	<b>SECTION D LITERATURE (30 Marks)</b> <b>Answer the following with reference to the context. (Any 3)</b>  a) <i>The old lady was sitting in a wheelchair, her hands folded in her lap. She had silver white hair pinned into a wispy bun. She was gazing out at the garden. “Hello, I said. She turned and looked at me vacantly. “Happy Christmas, Connie”, I went on. “I found this. I think it’s yours.” As I was speaking her eyes never left my face. I opened the tin box and gave it to her. That was the moment her eyes lit up with recognition and her face became suffused with a sudden glow of happiness. I explained about the desk, about how I had found it, but I don’t think she was listening. For a while she said nothing, but stroked the letter tenderly with her fingertips.</i> 1. She was gazing out at the garden. Who was ‘she’? 2. What was the reason for her happiness? 3. Find the word from the passage which means ‘showing no interest’. <b>Answers</b> a) Mrs. Jim Macpherson b) She mistook the narrator to be her husband who had promised her that one day he would return from war. Her face became suffused with a sudden glow of happiness. c) Vacantly.  b) <i>A silly young cricket, accustomed to sing Through the warm, sunny months of gay summer and spring, Began to complain when he found that, at home, His cupboard was empty, and winter was come</i>	<b>3x3=9</b>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What did the silly cricket do?</li> <li>2. When did he sing?</li> <li>3. What was his complaint?</li> </ol> <p><b>Answers</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The silly cricket usually sings.</li> <li>b) He sang through the warm sunny months of gay summer and spring.</li> <li>c) He began to complain when he found that he has no food to eat.</li> </ol>	
c)	<p><i>When the jet reached ten thousand feet it was clear why the country had cities where the rivers ran and why the valleys were populated. The logic of geography — that land and water attracted man — was clearly delineated When the jet reached ten thousand feet.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How high did the jet plane reach?</li> <li>2. What according to the poet was clearly delineated?</li> <li>3. Name the poet.</li> </ol> <p><b>Answers</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The jet reached ten thousand feet high.</li> <li>b) The logic of geography that land and water attracted man was clearly delineated.</li> <li>c) Zulfikar Ghose</li> </ol>	
d)	<p><i>At last, by starvation and famine made bold, All dripping with wet, and all trembling with cold, Away he set off to a miserly ant, To see if, to keep him alive, he would grant</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What made him bold?</li> <li>2. Where did he go?</li> <li>3. What is the meaning of 'Famine'?</li> </ol> <p><b>Answers</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Starvation and famine made him bold.</li> <li>b) He went to a miserly ant.</li> <li>c) Scarcity of food.</li> </ol>	
<b>Q10.</b>	<b>Answer these questions briefly in 20-25 words. (Any 7)</b>	<b>1x7=7</b>
<b>1.</b>	<p>The Indian princes were short-sighted in their approach to the events of 1757. What's your opinion about it?</p> <p><b>Answer.</b> Yes, the Indian princes were short-sighted in their approach. They fought against each other with the help of the British. Thus, the British became the virtual rulers.</p>	<b>1</b>
<b>2.</b>	<p>What is a Tsunami? When did it hit so many countries and sea coasts?</p> <p><b>Answer.</b> A tsunami is a very large and powerful wave. It is caused by earthquakes under the sea. The deadly tsunami hit Thailand, India and the Andaman Islands on 26 December, 2004.</p>	<b>1</b>
<b>3.</b>	Name these people.	



	b) Inevitable a. <b>That cannot be avoided</b> b. neglect                      c. preventable  c) Restore a. Vandalize                              b. deteriorate                      c. <b>repair</b>  d) Wobbly a. <b>Unsteady</b> b. rigid                              c. damage	
<b>Q.13</b>	<b>Answer the following questions. (Any three)</b>	<b>3x3=9</b>
<b>1.</b>	Almas became a victim of trauma. What happened to her family? <b>Answer.</b> When the tremors came early in the morning, Almas and her family were sleeping. Suddenly, Almas's father saw the sea water recede. He understood that the water would come rushing back with great force. He woke everyone up and tried to rush them to a safer place. As they ran, her grandfather was hit on the head by something and fell down. Her father rushed to help him. But soon a giant wave came and swept both of them away. Her mother and aunts too were washed away by the mighty waves. Almas was somehow saved. But she became the victim of trauma.	3
<b>2.</b>	How were Indians exploited by the Britishers? <b>Answer.</b> The British rulers passed a resolution under which an Indian could be sent to jail without trial in a court. The goods manufactured in England were exempted from custom duty. The officers prospered on the company's loot and their private business flourished.	3
<b>3.</b>	What made Velu follow the strange girl and who was she? <b>Answer</b> Velu came to Chennai after running away from his home but he had no idea about the place. He had no idea about where to go, what to do and was hungry after two days of the journey. Since Jaya, the rag picker, had an idea about the place, he thought it would be safer and better to follow her.	3
<b>4.</b>	How did the Camel get a hump? <b>Answer</b> In the beginning the camel was a lazy animal. He didn't want to work and lived in the middle of a desert away from other working animals. But the animals never forgot him and his nature. They wanted him to work like them. They complained against him to the Djinn, who was in-charge of all deserts. The Djinn decided to punish such an idle animal. He told the Camel to work like other animals but the Camel showed no willingness to work. This made the Djinn angry. He put a curse on the Camel. Soon the Camel's back puffed up into a big bump. This is how the Camel got a hump.	3

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