



INDIAN SCHOOL AL WADI AL KABIR
MIDTERM ASSESSMENT
ENGLISH

Class: VI
Date: 19-09-2023

Time: 2½ Hours
Max. Marks: 80

General Instructions:

- (i) All questions are compulsory.
 - (ii) The question paper consists of four sections. **Section A-Reading (20 marks), Section B-Grammar (20 marks), Section C-Writing (10 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 6 printed pages.

SECTION A- READING (20 Marks)

Q1. Read the passage given below and answer the following questions:

(1x10=10)

Doctor Dolittle and the Crocodile

Many years ago—when my grandparents were little children—there was a kind and wise doctor. His name, you ask? “Dolittle,” he would say with a smile, “John Dolittle, M.D.”. “M.D.” means that he was a proper doctor and knew a whole lot.

He lived in a little town called Puddleby-on-the-Marsh. All the folks, young and old, knew him well by sight, and so whenever he walked down the street in his high hat and dark, yet sometimes dirty, suit everyone would say, “There goes the Doctor! What a clever man.” He often wore a discreet pocket watch attached to his suit and sometimes carried a cane that shone brilliant blue in the light. Even the dogs and the children would run up and follow behind him. Some even believed that the crows, upon spotting the Doctor, would caw and nod their heads at his presence. Despite the crows being a bad omen, Doctor Dolittle didn’t mind. “All species are equal,” he would commonly say. The truth is, there was something almost magical about him, and no one knew why.

The house he lived in, on the edge of the town, was quite small; his garden, however, was very large and had a wide lawn and stone seats and weeping willows hanging over. His sister, Sarah Dolittle, was the housekeeper for him, but most of the time he insisted on doing the work himself. Despite his name, laziness was not in his nature. He was very fond of animals; it was obvious by looking into his garden. Besides the goldfish in the pond, that were darting to and fro, there were soft, gentle rabbits, energetic white mice, and a dozen or so chickens pecking at the ground quickly. Sarah must have been there recently. He also had an old lame horse—twenty-five years of age—and many other animals. His sister used to grumble about them and said they made the house and garden untidy, which was true, but the Doctor didn’t mind much. “Let them be,” he used to say, with a hearty laugh. “They are wild animals! What do you expect from them- to pick up a mop and bucket?”

And another time, when the circus came to Puddleby, the crocodile who had a bad toothache escaped at night and came into the Doctor's garden. The Doctor talked to him in crocodile-language and took him into the house and made his tooth better. But when the crocodile saw what a nice house it was with all the different places for the different kinds of animals, he too wanted to live with the Doctor. He asked if he could sleep in the fish pond at the bottom of the garden, and he promised not to eat the fish. When the circus men came to take him back, he got so wild and savage that he frightened them away. But to everyone in the house, he was always as gentle as a kitten. But now the old ladies grew afraid to send their lap-dogs to Doctor Dolittle because of the crocodile, and the farmers wouldn't believe that he would not eat the lambs and sick calves they brought to be cured. So the Doctor went to the crocodile and told him he must go back to his circus. But he wept such big tears and begged so hard to be allowed to stay, that the Doctor hadn't the heart to turn him out.

So then the Doctor's sister came to him and said, "John, you must send that creature away. Now the farmers and the old ladies are afraid to send their animals to you-just as we were beginning to be well off again. Now we shall be ruined entirely. This is the last straw. I will no longer be the housekeeper for you if you don't send away that alligator."

"It isn't an alligator," said the Doctor-"it's a crocodile."

"I don't care what you call it," said his sister. "It's a nasty thing to find under the bed. I won't have it in the house."

"But he has promised me," the Doctor answered, "that he will not bite anyone. He doesn't like the circus; and I haven't the money to send him back to Africa where he comes from. He minds his own business and on the whole, is very well-behaved. Don't be so fussy."

So Sarah Dolittle packed up her things and went off, and the Doctor was left all alone with his animal family. And very soon he was poorer than he had ever been before. With all these mouths to fill, and the house to look after, and no one to do the mending, and no money coming in to pay the butcher's bill, things began to look very difficult. But the Doctor didn't worry at all. "Money is a nuisance," he used to say. "We'd all be much better off if it had never been invented. What does money matter, so long as we are happy?"

(Extracted and adapted)

The Story of Doctor Dolittle by
Hugh Lofting

I. Choose the most appropriate option:

(6)

1. Doctor Dolittle believes that money
 - a) makes people happy.
 - b) stops people being happy.
 - c) has nothing to do with being happy.
2. Which two things make the Doctor recognizable on the street?
 - a) His hat and suit
 - b) His hat and pocket watch
 - c) His pocket watch and cane
3. Why did the Doctor's sister not like the animals?
 - a) Because the horse was lame
 - b) Because the chickens always needed feeding
 - c) Because they made the house and garden untidy
4. How would you best describe a 'hearty laugh'?
 - a) Vigorous and cheerful
 - b) Sudden and frightening
 - c) Sarcastic and rude
5. In the second part of the extract, there is an example of alliteration that stands out in the paragraph. Where is this?
 - a) 'There were rabbits'
 - b) 'No-one knew why'
 - c) 'carried a cane that shone brilliant blue'
6. Sarah leaves Doctor Dolittle, because
 - a) She is afraid of the crocodile.
 - b) The crocodile is scaring people away.
 - c) They are getting very poor.

II. State whether the following statements are true or false.

(4)

- a) Doctor Dolittle has a daughter called Sarah.
- b) The Doctor has a very large house.
- c) The Doctor loses all of his people's patients.
- d) The old ladies loved the crocodile and sent their lap dogs to Doctor Dolittle.

Q2. Read the poem given below and answer the following questions:

(10)

Woodman, that tree!
Touch not a single bough
In youth, it sheltered me,
And I'll protect it now.

'T was my forefather's hand
That placed it near his cot;
There, woodman, let it stand,
Thy axe shall harm it not!

When but an idle boy
I sought its grateful shade;
In all their gushing joy
Here, too, my sisters played.

My mother kissed me here,
My father pressed my hand
Forgive this foolish tear,
But let that oak stand!

My heartstrings round thee cling
Close as thy bark, old friend!
Here shall the wild birds sing,
And still, thy branches bend.

Old tree! The storm still brave!
And woodman leave the spot;
While I have a hand to save,
Thy axe shall harm it not

—George Pope Morris

I. Choose the most appropriate option:

1. The poet wants the woodman to spare the tree because:
 - a. it yields valuable fruit
 - b. the poet's father told him strictly, not to touch the tree
 - c. the tree has been the poet's companion
 - d. he doesn't want that
2. The tree was planted by the poets:
 - a. mother
 - b. father
 - c. grandfather

- d. forefathers
3. The poet's father pressed his hand as a gesture of:
- affection
 - kindness
 - anger
 - negligence
4. The poet will guard the tree with his:
- eye
 - hand
 - heart
 - negligence
5. The poet spent a lot of time:
- in the shade of the tree in his boyhood
 - in watering tree
 - in looking at the tree
 - in thanking the tree
6. 'Gushing joy' means to:
- be angry
 - shout loudly
 - scream loudly
 - try to be happy
7. The word 'bough' means:
- branch
 - tree
 - huge tree
 - garden
8. The poet remembers how the tree had _____ him in his youth.
- blessed
 - helped
 - protected
 - all of the above
9. Give two pairs of rhyming.
10. Suggest a suitable title for the above poem

SECTION B- GRAMMAR (20 Marks)

Q3. Identify the kinds of sentences:

(1x5=5)

- The children kept jumping into the flowerbeds.
- Can you translate this in Spanish?
- Cut the onion into small pieces.
- Go and jump in the river.
- How beautiful!

Q4. Read the following assertive/declarative sentences and transform them into interrogative sentences.

($\frac{1}{2} \times 5 = 2\frac{1}{2}$)

1. The painting is beautiful.
2. Anu is working from home.
3. Manu will not be coming to the party.
4. Dev has not figured out how to fix the leaking pipe.
5. Remya loves watching animated movies.

Q5. Circle the Subject and underline the Predicate:

($1 \times 5 = 5$)

1. He reads.
2. Maria's sisters are going to the pool.
3. Cleopatra was the queen of Egypt.
4. The food tastes delicious.
5. The gown is pretty expensive.

Q6. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb:

($1 \times 5 = 5$)

1. Therefive pens in this box. (are / is)
2. Thereno water in the bottle. (is / are)
3. Nobodyhow hard it is to get the first rank. (know / knows)
4. The lady with six cats in the next house. (live / lives)
5. Either my father or my motherme to school every day. (take / takes)

Q7. Choose the correct sentence:

($\frac{1}{2} \times 5 = 2\frac{1}{2}$)

1. Ram and Shyam are business partners.
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2. She reaches her office by 9 a.m. daily.
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3. A bouquet of flowers are required for the event.
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4. Neither you nor your sister should talks to them.
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5. Twenty years are the minimum age to fill out this form.
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SECTION C- WRITING (10 Marks)

Q8. You are Priti / Pranav. Write a diary entry about your best friend's birthday to be hosted by you next week. Write how excited are you about it and what are your plans in 80-100 words.

(5 Marks)

Q9. Frame a story from the given outline in 150-200 words. Give a title and a moral to your story.

The thirsty crow-looked for water-found a pitcher-very less water in it-picked up pebbles and put them in pitcher-water level raised

(5 Marks)

SECTION D- LITERATURE (30 Marks)

Q10. Answer these questions with reference to the context.

1. I keep six honest serving-men

(1x3=3)

(They taught me all I knew)

- a. Who are the six honest serving-men?
- b. What does 'serving-men' mean?
- c. What does the word 'knew' signify?

2. 'Maharaj, this is a trap. We can't trust Aurangzeb!'

(1x3=3)

- a. Who said this and to whom?
- b. What was the 'trap' here?
- c. Why couldn't they trust Aurangzeb?

3. 'If you think you are outclassed, you are You've got to think high to rise,'

(1x3=3)

- a. What does the poet mean by the word 'outclassed'?
- b. What does the phrase 'think high' mean?
- c. Why does the poet think we must think high to rise?

Q11. Match the following:

(1x7=7)

COLUMN A	COLUMN B
(i) detained	(a) struggle
(ii) sauntered	(b) people
(iii) strife	(c) defeated; to lose at doing something or achieving something.
(iv) folk	(d) made a low, short guttural sound
(v) luncheon	(e) kept somebody in an official place and prevented them from leaving.
(vi) grunted	(f) severely affected
(vii) beaten	(g) walked in a relaxed manner
	(h) a formal lunch

Q12. Choose the correct synonyms:

(1/2x4=2)

1. Enraged

- (a) furious, very angry
- (b) refuse to obey
- (c) a rite, practice or observance

2. vile'

- (a) Morally bad
- (b) Idle
- (c) cunning

3. Marvel

- (a) walked in a relaxed manner
- (b) a wonderful thing

(c) defeated

4. Stoutest

- (a) strongest
- (b) thin and weak
- (c) morally bad

Q13. Answer these questions:

(1x7=7)

1. What was Mr. Toad doing when he heard the sound of the car?
2. 'It's all in the state of mind.' What is the poet referring to in this line?
3. Which word is repeated throughout the poem?
4. Who gave the command to detain Shivaji?
5. How many serving-men does the person small have?
6. An allegory is a story or poem with two meanings-one on the surface, and another hidden as symbols or ideas. Would you say this poem is an allegory? Give reasons.
7. What does the poet mean by 'life's battles'?

Q14. Answer any two questions in detail

(2x2½=5)

1. Who was Mr. Clerk? What was his opinion about the crime committed by Mr. Toad?
2. What does the poet say in the first stanza of the poem? 'It's all in the state of mind.' What is the poet referring to in this line?
3. Why was Jijabai stunned? Who had paid her a visit?
