



INDIAN SCHOOL AL WADI AL KABIR

Mid Term Examination (2025-26)

Subject: English

SET -1

Class: VIII

Date: 18/09/2025

Answer Key

Time: 2 ½ Hours

Max. Marks: 80

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 (20 marks), Section B- Writing (15 marks)
Section C –Grammar (15 marks), Section D- Literature (30 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 6 printed pages.

SECTION A-READING (20 Marks)		
Q.1.	Read this passage and answer the questions that follow.	(12 marks)
1.	How long had Margaret worked as the lighthouse keeper at Beacon Point? a) 20 years b) 30 years c) 37 years d) 40 years	1
2.	Which TWO technologies are mentioned as replacing traditional lighthouse keeping? a) Computer systems b) GPS technology	2
3.	Complete the sentence. Margaret found it difficult to leave the lighthouse because <u>it was her sanctuary and life's work and the place where she had found peace after losing her husband.</u>	1
4.	In the context "isolated tower," the word "isolated" means: a) Remote and separated b) Tall and imposing c) Old and crumbling d) Bright and visible	1
5.	What happened during the storm of 2003? Margaret manually operated the light for 14 hours after power failed.	1
6.	What personal tragedy had affected Margaret's life? Her husband died in a fishing accident.	1
7.	The phrase "paused to run her hand along the smooth stone walls" shows: a) Margaret was checking for damage b) Margaret's deep emotional connection to the lighthouse	1

	c) The walls needed cleaning d) Margaret was tired from climbing stairs	
8.	Tom Harrison's role in the story is: a) Margaret's replacement as lighthouse keeper b) A ship captain seeking help c) A technician conducting the final inspection d) Margaret's supervisor from many years	1
9.	Which statement best describes the main theme of the passage? a) Technology always improves our lives b) Old buildings should be preserved as museums c) Some jobs are too dangerous for humans d) Progress can come at the cost of losing human values	1
10.	State whether the given sentence is True or False. When the author writes " <i>it would no longer have a soul,</i> " it means the human qualities of care and dedication will be gone. Answer: True	1
11.	Find the word from paragraph 3 that is the synonym of 'innumerable'. Answer: Countless	1
Q.2.	Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.	(8 marks)
1.	According to the passage, during sleep the brain: a) Completely shuts down and becomes inactive b) Is more active in some areas than when awake c) Only dreams and does nothing else important d) Stops all memory formation processes	1
2.	The glymphatic system is described as: a) The brain's waste disposal system that is more active during sleep b) A system that helps us dream c) A hormone that controls hunger d) A method for transferring memories	1
3.	Which of the following is NOT mentioned as a consequence of sleep deprivation? a) Weakened immune system b) Disrupted hormone production c) Improved decision-making abilities d) Reduced emotional control	1
4.	According to the passage, quality sleep should be considered: a) A luxury for wealthy people b) Only important for students c) Less important than productivity d) A biological necessity	1
5.	Fill in the blanks. The brain's cleaning system, called the _____ system, becomes _____ times more active during sleep than when awake. Answer: glymphatic; ten	1
6.	What does the word "consolidate" mean as used in the passage: "The brain uses this time to consolidate memories"? a) To forget or erase b) To strengthen and organize c) To create new ones d) To transfer to others	1
7.	Find a word from paragraph 3 that means "easily affected by or likely to	1

	suffer from" Answer: susceptible	
8.	In what ways can we greatly enhance our physical health and mental performance according to the passage? Answer: Creating good sleep hygiene – including maintaining consistent sleep schedules, limiting screen time before bed, and creating comfortable sleep environments – can significantly improve both physical health and cognitive performance.	1
	<u>SECTION B – WRITING</u> (15 Marks)	
Q.3.	Your family recently adopted a stray animal (dog, cat, or bird) that you found injured near your home. Write a diary entry in 80-100 words about the day you brought your new pet home, the challenges of caring for it, and how this experience has changed your daily routine and perspective on responsibility. FORMAT: 1 CONTENT: 3	(4 marks)
Q.4.	Develop the following hints into a readable story in about 150 words. Also give a suitable title and moral. <i>While cleaning your grandmother's attic, you discover an old wooden box containing mysterious objects that seem to glow in the dark. As you touch one of them, something extraordinary happens.....</i> FORMAT: 1 CONTENT: 4	(5 marks)
Q.5.	The increasing use of plastic bags and single-use items in your neighborhood shops and markets is contributing to environmental pollution. Write a letter to the editor of an esteemed newspaper suggesting practical solutions and urging both shopkeepers and customers to adopt eco-friendly alternatives, in about 120-150 words. FORMAT:2 CONTENT:4	(6 marks)
	<u>SECTION C – GRAMMAR</u> (15 Marks)	
Q.6.	Complete the statements with most appropriate determiners.	(1 x 5 = 5)
	a) Some/More b) Several/many/The/Those/a few c) Each d) His/her e) My/his/her	
Q.7.	Identify Simple, Compound and Complex sentences.	(½ x 10 =5)
	a) The stray dog barked at the stranger. → Simple b) I wanted to keep the bird, but my brother wanted to set it free. → Compound c) We took the injured cat to the vet because it could not walk. → Complex d) The children played in the garden. → Simple e) She opened the window, and fresh air filled the room. → Compound f) Although the bird was hurt, it tried to fly again. → Complex g) The sun set, and the stars appeared. → Compound h) If you study hard, you will pass the exam. → Complex i) He ran quickly. → Simple j) I wanted to buy the book, but I didn't have enough money. → Compound	

	<p>a) careful and correct b) quiet c) awake</p> <p>5. delineated a) verified b) order c) shown</p>	
Q.11	Answer the following with reference to context.	(3 x 3 = 9)
a.	<p>i. Who is the speaker of the above lines? Ans. An unemployed person who is looking for a job is the speaker of these lines.</p> <p>ii. What does 'sword in hand' suggest? Ans. 'Sword in hand' suggests the power of the king.</p> <p>iii. Why could the king not conquer the man? Ans. The king could not conquer the man because he did not give any importance to his power.</p>	3
b.	<p>(i) When did the poet realize about the earth being round? (ii) What was 'difficult to understand' for the poet? (iii) Name the poem and poet? Answer: (i) The poet's plane attained another six miles. When he looked down as it was clear to him that the earth was round. (ii) The poet failed to understand that the men hate each other. (iii) The poem's name is Geography lesson written by Zulfikar Ghose.</p>	3
c.	<p>i. How was Meghna swept away? Answer: Meghna was swept away by high sea waves due to Tsunami.</p> <p>ii. How did she manage to save herself? Answer: Meghna hold on to a wooden door floating in the sea for two days. Relief helicopters even ignored her. It pushed her towards the shore. Thus, she was saved.</p> <p>iii. How many times did the helicopter miss her? Answer: The relief helicopter hovered over the sea about eleven times. Every time it missed her because it couldn't race her.</p>	3
Q.12	Answer any 7 of the following questions in short.	(1 x 7 = 7)
1.	<p>Why did the man look at Bepin Babu with astonishment? Ans. The man stared at Bepin Babu in disbelief because the man vouched that he had met Bepin in Ranchi and knew him but Bepin refused to accept that.</p>	1
2.	<p>Which duties, in your opinion, were given to the dog and the ox? Ans. The dog was assigned the task of fetching and carrying. The ox was made to plough the fields.</p>	1
3.	<p>Can Velu read both Tamil and English? What evidence suggests this? Answer. Velu could not read sign boards in English. But he read the Tamil sign on the Central jail.</p>	1
4.	<p>What is a tsunami, and on which date did it devastate several countries and coastal regions? Ans. 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>	1
5.	<p>Name two oppressive policies implemented by the British. Ans: The British masters allowed imports in India tax-free.</p>	1

	They ruined Indian cottage industries.	
6.	<p>Why do some experts think animals can sense disasters before humans? Ans. Yes, it is true that animals sense the coming disaster earlier than human beings. It became evident in 2004. The tsunami killed more than 1,50,000 people in a dozen countries. But very few animals were reported dead.</p>	1
7.	<p>What kinds of items did Jaya and children like her collect, and what did they do with them? Ans. Jaya and other children like her collected papers, plastics, and glass etc. They sold all that to a kabaddi or junk-dealer.</p>	1
8.	<p>Do you believe Jim Macpherson survived the war and came back? What evidence supports your answer? Answer: Jim Macpherson did not return from the war. On tin box, it was written in a clumsy handwriting: "Jim's last letter, received January 25, 1915. To be buried with me when the time comes." This line supports our answer.</p>	1
Q.13	Answer any <u>3</u> of the following questions.	(3 x 3= 9)
1.	<p>How were Indians exploited by the Britishers? Ans. 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.</p>	3
2.	<p>Why was Bepin Babu reluctant to meet Mr. Mukerji, and what made him eventually decide to call him instead? Ans: Bepin was scared about the reaction he might receive from Mr. Mukerji. If the whole incident from Ranchi turns out to be false, Mr. Mukerji would declare him insane. After the incident at the bookshop, he was constantly disturbed and he had no other means to ease his anxiety other than asking Mr. Mukerji but he decided to call him to reduce the embarrassment.</p>	3
3.	<p>What reason did the speaker have for rejecting the old man's offer of money? Ans. The old man offered the speaker a bag of gold. From his words, it is evident that the speaker desired job satisfaction and happiness at work, which he felt wasn't possible if he offered his services to the old man who was busy counting his gold coins and weighing them one by one. Due to this reason, the speaker turned down the offer because he valued his freedom more than becoming a slave for money.</p>	3
4.	<p>Why did Dr. Chanda feel confused, and what made Bepin Babu's memory loss so strange? Ans: Dr. Chanda had never seen a case as peculiar as Bepin. He could remember everything except the trip to Ranchi. The only possible reason the doctor could collect was that due to an unknown reason the incident must have slipped from his mind. His case left him puzzled and it was out of his experience.</p>	3