



Indian School Al Wadi Al Kabir

Pre-Midterm Examination (2026-27)

Sub: English – Set 2

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> 1. The Great Barrier Reef, located off the coast of Australia, is the world's largest coral reef system. It is so massive that it can actually be seen from outer space! This underwater wonderland is not just a pile of rocks; it is a living structure built by billions of tiny organisms called coral polyps. These polyps leave behind hard skeletons that stack up over thousands of years to create the beautiful shapes and towers we see today. 2. This reef is often called the "rainforest of the sea" because it provides a home for a huge variety of life. Over 1,500 species of fish, as well as sea turtles, sharks, and giant clams, live among the corals. The reef acts as a giant nursery and shelter, protecting smaller fish from predators and heavy ocean waves. Without the reef, many of these sea creatures would have nowhere to hide or raise their young. 3. Corals have a very special relationship with tiny plants called zooxanthellae (pronounced zoo-zan-thel-ee) that live inside them. These plants 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. This partnership is what gives the corals their bright, vibrant colours. However, corals are very sensitive to temperature; if the water gets too warm, the plants leave, and the coral turns white. 4. Protecting the Great Barrier Reef is important for the whole planet. Not only does it support ocean life, but it also protects coastlines from being washed away by storms and provides food for people around the world. Because pollution and rising ocean temperatures are threatening the reef,	(5 marks)

scientists are working hard to find ways to keep the corals healthy. By learning about the reef, we can help ensure this natural wonder stays colourful and alive for a long time.

Answer the following questions.

(1x5 = 5)

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?

4. Complete the following analogy based on the passage:

Forest : Trees :: Great Barrier Reef : _____

- a) snakes
- 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.

Q.2.

Read the letter and answer the questions that follow.

(5 marks)

A Letter from the Rainforest

June 12, 2026

Dear Sam,



1. I am writing to you from the heart of the Amazon Rainforest! It is nothing like our quiet neighbourhood back home. Imagine a place so dense with trees that the ground stays dark even at noon because the leaves above, called the canopy, act like a giant green umbrella. It feels like a natural skyscraper made of wood and vines.

2. The diversity of life here is staggering. This morning, I saw a toucan with a

beak so bright it looked painted. Our guide explained that the rainforest is the "lungs of the planet" because the millions of trees breathe out the oxygen we need to survive. However, it's not all peace and quiet; the howler monkeys are louder than a car alarm!

3. The weather is the strangest part. Every afternoon, like clockwork, the sky turns grey and it pours rain. Then, an hour later, the sun is out again. The plants here have adapted to this; some have "drip tips" on their leaves to shed water quickly so they don't rot.

4. I'm learning that the rainforest is fragile. If we lose too many trees, the animals lose their homes, and the Earth loses its best air filter. I can't wait to show you the photos when I get back next week!

Your friend,
Leo

Answer the following questions based on your understanding of the letter.

(1x5 = 5)

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 adapted?

- 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 *True*:

- 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 _____.

	<u>SECTION B – GRAMMAR</u>	(5 Marks)												
Q.3.	Identify the kinds of sentences given below. 1. Please shut the front door before the mosquitoes get inside. 2. I can't believe we actually won the championship in overtime! 3. The scientific name for a domestic cat is <i>Felis catus</i> . 4. How many more miles do we have to drive until we reach the coast? 5. My uncle is arriving tomorrow.	(½ x 5=2½)												
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. 2. The giant sea turtle crawled <u>slowly</u> across the hot sand 3. <u>They</u> decided to go to the park instead of the movies. 4. The team <u>celebrated</u> after scoring the winning goal. 5. I will study my notes <u>and</u> then I will practice the vocabulary words.	(½ x 5=2½)												
	<u>SECTION C – WRITING</u>	(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. 	(5 marks)												
	<u>SECTION D – LITERATURE</u>	(10 Marks)												
Q.8.	Match the following. <table border="1"><thead><tr><th>A</th><th>B</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>1. Came by mistake</td><td>a) Morsel</td></tr><tr><td>2. A small piece of food</td><td>b) Eyed</td></tr><tr><td>3. Daily duties</td><td>c) Strayed</td></tr><tr><td>4. Looked with interest at something</td><td>d) Chores</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>e) Muttered</td></tr></tbody></table>	A	B	1. Came by mistake	a) Morsel	2. A small piece of food	b) Eyed	3. Daily duties	c) Strayed	4. Looked with interest at something	d) Chores		e) Muttered	((½ x 4=2))
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Q.10	Answer the following with reference to the context. 1. <i>“Sir Raven, you are a handsome bird. Such feathers! If you would only sing, The birds of these woods would call you King.”</i> (a) In the line 'Sir Raven, you are a handsome bird,' what is the antonym of 'handsome'? (b) What is the one thing the Raven needs to do to be the King of the birds? (c) What do you think will happen to the Raven if he tries to sing?	(1 x 3 = 3)												

Q.11	Answer any <u>3</u> of the following questions in brief. 1. Why does Reynard say that pride is not wise? 2. Who were friends at the end of the story 'The Unlikely Best Friends'? 3. Why did the farmer hug Buntree? 4. Give one reason why the teaching is quite a surprise as mentioned in the chapter The Raven and The Fox.	(1 x 3= 3)
Q.12	Answer any <u>1</u> of the following questions. 1. What was 'unlikely' about the friendship of Gajaraj and Buntree? 2. Discuss the importance of companionship as shown in the story "The Unlikely Best Friends."	(2 x 1= 2)