



INDIAN SCHOOL AL WADI AL KABIR

PRE -MIDTERM EXAMINATION (2026-2027)

REVISION QUESTION PAPER

ENGLISH

Class: VIII

Time: 1 hour

Date: 14 / 05 /2026

M.M: 30

General Instructions:

- ✓ All questions are compulsory.
- ✓ The question paper consists of four sections:
Section A - Reading - 10 Marks
Section B - Writing - 4 Marks
Section C - Grammar - 4 Marks
Section D - Literature -12 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 printed pages.

SECTION A-READING (10 Marks)		
Q. I	Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.	6
	<p>1. Travelling is a pleasure. Particularly for the young, the desire to see new places and get the feel of a new environment makes travel a wonderful experience. But do we make it trouble-free for others?</p> <p>2. Don't start a conversation with the co-passenger without first knowing his willingness to converse with you. He/ she might like to read or have a nap and not necessarily be in a mood to talk. Place your baggage in the rack above your seat. Don't encroach upon another's space. Also wait till the plane/ bus/ train comes to a stop to pull your luggage out.</p> <p>3. Be eco-friendly— remember that the place where you stand had been visited and has to be visited by thousands more. Carry a plastic bag for waste on sight-seeing trips; you can empty it later in a dustbin. "Sustainable Tourism" is the only way to protect the resource and beauty of the earth.</p> <p>4. If you want to enjoy the hospitality of friends or relatives residing in the place you visit, inform them in advance. Don't drop in like a bolt from the blue. Be considerate towards your hosts. Help your host/ hostess in domestic chores. Go on sight-seeing trips without troubling them to come to your help. Use your own toiletries and towels. Use the telephone of your host sparingly and only when necessary. Don't interfere in their domestic affairs unless you are asked to join. Don't expect your host to attend to your needs all the time.</p>	

Choose the correct option-

(i) We should not bother our fellow passengers...

- a. By changing the seat
- b. By starting the conversation
- c. Without knowing their willingness to converse
- d. By encroaching upon another's space

(ii) The antonym for 'sparingly' is.....

- a. liberally
- b. carefully
- c. necessary
- d. needful

(iii) In the para 4, the idiom "like a bolt from the blue" means:

- a. Something expected and ordinary
- b. Something sudden and surprising
- c. Something planned in advance
- d. Something calm and peaceful

(iv) Select the option that applies to both the assertion (A) and the reason (R).

Assertion (A): Sustainable tourism helps protect the beauty and resources of the earth.

Reason (R): Tourists should carry a plastic bag for waste and dispose of it later in a dustbin.

- 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.

(v) How can one be considerate towards the hosts?

(vi) Give a suitable title to the above passage.

Q. II.	Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.	4
	<p>1. By the time our delayed train reached and I disembarked with my father and baby Lavanya, it was past midnight. It was cold, dark and foggy. My husband, Manas, who was to receive us, was nowhere in sight. Soon the platform became deserted.</p> <p>2. Then, a burly man approached us and offered to carry our bags. He wasn't wearing the usual porter's red shirt and tag, and though I was wary, my father decided to hire him. Leaving Lavanya and me with the man, my father went to look for Manas. I took a closer look at the man and felt apprehensive. He was big and hairy, his face was pockmarked and his eyes looked bloodshot.</p> <p>3. Just then Lavanya, who had been sleeping in my arms, awoke and turned to look at the porter. He gave a playful smile and held out his arms. I thought she'd start crying and held her closer. But she smiled back and twisted herself out of my arms into his.</p> <p>4. Now I was really scared. What if he ran away with my baby? He must have sensed my fear and, even before I reached out to take Lavanya back, he handed her to me. Turning around, he mumbled that though everyone was scared of him, my innocent baby had accepted him. His eyes had tears in them. I didn't know what to say.</p> <p>5. At that moment, my father returned with Manas. The man picked up our bags and walked towards the cars park. As we followed him, I asked Manas to pay him a little extra. But, having put our luggage in the car, the man refused to take payment from us. Coming up to me, he placed his hand on my baby's head for a moment as if to say, 'God bless you!' And walked away.</p> <p>(i) The author was apprehensive when a man approached her as:</p> <p>(a) he was scary looking (b) her father was not with her</p> <p>(c) he was drunk and had bloodshot eyes (d) her husband was nowhere in sight</p> <p>(ii) The man refused payment because:</p> <p>(a) the money offered was less</p> <p>(b) he was not a porter</p> <p>(c) he sensed the woman's fears and wanted to help her</p> <p>(d) he was her relative</p> <p>(iii) (a) Write a synonym for "strong and sturdy" from above passage. (Para2)</p> <p>(b) Write an antonym for "accept" from above passage. (Para 5)</p> <p>(iv) What brought tears in the strange man's eyes?</p>	

	SECTION B - WRITING (4 marks)	
Q. III.	Your school is organizing a Blood Donation Camp in collaboration with a local hospital to encourage students and parents to contribute to society. As the Secretary of the Social Club, draft a notice informing students about the activity. Include details such as date, time, venue, eligibility, and last date for names submission.	4
	SECTION C – GRAMMAR (4 marks)	
Q. IV	Punctuate the following sentences and rewrite your answers. 1. the library has many sections novels magazines newspapers reference books and journals all arranged neatly 2. it was raining heavily the players continued the match the audience cheered loudly some even shouted go team go	$\frac{1}{2} \times 2 = 1$
Q.V.	1. Fill in the blanks with correct form of verb given in bracket. a. She usually _____ (wake) up early, but today she _____ (sleep) until 9 a.m. b. Tomorrow, we _____ (visit) the museum, which we _____ (plan) already. 2. Rewrite the following sentence as directed. The students read different novels in the library and discuss their ideas with the teacher every week. (Change to Past Perfect Continuous Tense)	1x3=3
	SECTION D – LITERATURE (12 marks)	
Q.VI.	Answer the following questions with reference to context. 1. <i>"The king's expression shifted as realisation dawned. His mind raced back to the quarrel with the queen. He remembered scolding her harshly for yawning while he recited his poem."</i> 1. Why did the king scold the queen? 2. What does the phrase 'realization dawned' mean here? 3. What value does this moment highlight?	1 x 3 =3
Q.VII.	Answer the following questions in 25-30 words. 1. Why does the speaker fail to notice the tiny flowers in Mrs. Jones's garden? What does the speaker's reaction to Mrs. Jones's garden reveal about his way of seeing the world? 2. Why does the poet repeat the line 'My next-door neighbour, Mrs. Jones' in the poem? 3. How did the ministers react when Rama showed them the 'revolutionary paddy seeds'?	1 x 3 =3

Q. VIII.	<p>Choose the correct meaning for the word given.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="256 152 1294 387"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="256 152 775 185">WORD</th> <th data-bbox="775 152 1294 185">MEANING</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="256 185 775 226">1. vague</td> <td data-bbox="775 185 1294 226">a. famous</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="256 226 775 302">2. eminent</td> <td data-bbox="775 226 1294 302">b. Something that is extremely fine, tiny, or fragile in structure</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="256 302 775 342">3. Delicate</td> <td data-bbox="775 302 1294 342">c. unimportant</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="256 342 775 387"></td> <td data-bbox="775 342 1294 387">d. unclear</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	WORD	MEANING	1. vague	a. famous	2. eminent	b. Something that is extremely fine, tiny, or fragile in structure	3. Delicate	c. unimportant		d. unclear	$\frac{1}{2} \times 3 = 1\frac{1}{2}$
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Q. IX	<p>Answer the following questions in 50 words.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the central idea of the poem, ‘A Concrete Example’? 2. How does Tenali Rama’s witty response during the king and queen’s quarrel reflect his wisdom and problem-solving skills? 3. What does the poem ‘A Concrete Example’ teach us about appreciating small things in life, and how can you apply this lesson in your own experiences? <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p>	$1\frac{1}{2} \times 3 = 4\frac{1}{2}$										