



# Indian School Al Wadi Al Kabir

## Post Mid-Term Examination

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

Class: IX

REVISION QUESTION PAPER

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 80

**General Instructions:**

- (i) The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE
- (ii) Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

#### Section A: READING SKILLS (20 marks)

#### Reading Comprehension Through Unseen Passages

1	Read the following text	10 M
(1)	The funding crisis at many zoos has reopened the debate over the value of zoos and whether they should be allowed to exist at all. People who are in favour of zoos argue that they perform an essential role in conserving rare animal species. Over the past 20 years zoos have developed programmes designed to help preserve endangered species. This involves breeding animals in captivity in ‘captive breeding programmes’-and then reintroducing them into their natural habitats to replenish the number living in the wild.	
(2)	Zoos cooperate with each other in order to ensure the success of their breeding programmes. Animals are passed from one zoo to another in order to prevent inbreeding-breeding from closely related animals. If animals that are closely related to one another mate there is a danger that they will produce deformed offspring.	
(3)	Supporters of zoos argue that they have an important role in educating children, millions of who visit zoos every year. Television-viewing is no substitute for encountering real animals, they argue. Zoos also carry out important research, for example, on the best conditions for rare species to reproduce. If zoos were forced to close, it would be disastrous for world conservation, zoo supporters say. And most animals in captivity would have to be killed.	
(4)	Opponents of zoos accept that some species have been saved from extinction by ‘captive breeding programmes’, but they argue that this offers no solution to the worldwide conservation crisis. The number of animals protected by zoos is tiny compared with the overall problem. It cost millions to save the Arabian onyx from dying out; but could that amount be available for every species that is endangered? The value of zoo-breeding programmes is also questioned as some species, such as the African elephant, do not reproduce well in captivity.	
(5)	Captive animals are often kept in poor and inhumane conditions, opponents say. In the worst zoos, animals are still displayed for the entertainment of the public. Where animals are placed in impoverished and unsuitable surroundings, they often behave in abnormal and neurotic ways. It is common for polar bears constantly to pace up and down or twist their heads and circle over and over again. This behaviour is now recognised by scientists as a sign of stress and frustration. When children visit zoos where animals are acting in neurotic and abnormal	

	ways, they are not being educated. Instead, opponents say, they are being given inaccurate information.	
<b>Answer the following questions, based on the passage above</b>		
i.	What are the advantages of zoos? (a)Children are educated about wildlife in zoos. (b)Breeding of endangered species is done. (c)Both (a) and (b) (d)only (a)	1
ii.	How would closing of zoos be disastrous? Answer in about 40 words	2
iii	Complete the following with a reason from paragraph two: Inbreeding can lead to deformed animals because _____ .	1
iv.	The passage includes some words that are opposites of each other. From the sets (a)-(e) below, identify a set of synonyms. (a)Supporters and opponents (b)Crisis and solution (c)Rare and endangered (d)Reproduce and breed (e)Reintroduce and replenish	1
v.	Complete the sentence appropriately. Cooperation amongst zoos support Captive Breeding Programme by_____.	1
vi.	Supply the disadvantages of zoo. Answer in about 40 words.	2
vii.	Zoos provide a chance to encounter real animals, ..... (a)which can irritate the animals in the zoo (b)but visitors do not always see the natural behaviour of animals (c)which gives visitors a chance to take pictures with animals (d)all of the above	1
viii.	Do you think captive breeding programmes are 100% successful? Answer with reference to the above passage.	1
2.	Read the following text	10 m
(1)	Access to primary education is a basic right of every child. An effective primary education can build a solid foundation and open avenues for future success. With its profound implications on both the individual and society, primary education plays a crucial role in reducing extreme poverty and promoting social changes. The Sustainable Development Agenda acknowledges the importance of primary education in Goal 4 which stipulates that by 2030, the world should ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all, including a target on universal access to primary education. Though there are varying standards, primary education is typically designed for children 6 to 11 years of age.	
(2)	Significant progress has been made toward achieving universal primary education. Globally, the adjusted net attendance rate reached 87 percent in 2019 and about four out of five children attending primary education completed it. Additionally, over the past two decades, the number of out-of-school children was reduced by over 40 percent. However, there is still a long way to go: 58 million children of primary school age remain out of school, with the majority of them coming from marginalised groups. In addition, recent Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys (MICS) results show that many children do not have foundational reading	

	and numeracy skills, highlighting the massive challenge to achieving inclusive and equitable quality education for all.	
(3)	Globally, a lower proportion of children from the poorest families attend primary education compared with their wealthier peers. While almost all children from the top wealth quintile attend primary education, only 75 percent of children from the bottom wealth quintile do.	
(4)	Across different regions, household wealth impacts primary school completion rates differently. West and Central Africa has the largest gap of 58 percentage points in primary school completion rates between the richest and poorest quintiles. In contrast, in East Asia and the Pacific and Latin America and the Caribbean, children from the top and bottom wealth quintiles complete primary school at more similar rates, with a gap of just 13 percentage points.	
(5)	In the past 20 years, the number of out-of-school children of primary education age fell by more than 40 per cent, from 99 million in 2000 to 58 million in 2019. However, 54 per cent of these out-of-school children were girls. Despite this tremendous progress, the world must accelerate the pace at which the number of out-of-school children is reduced, as the total has remained stagnant since 2007.	
Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.		
i.	Complete the following sentence appropriately. _____ have the highest rates of primary education completion in the rich quintile.	1
ii.	Fill the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets, based on your understanding of the passage: There was a decline of _____ (from 99 million in 2000 to 58 million in 2019/ from 99 million in 2000 to 68 million in 2019) in the number of out-of-school children of primary education age is seen in the past two decades	1
iii.	How is primary education critical to both an individual and a society? Answer in about 40 words.	2
iv.	State one target related to primary education.	1
v.	How much decline in the number of out-of-school children of primary education age is seen in the past two decades?	1
vi.	Which word can substitute the word 'Foundational' in the following, sentence from paragraph 2. In addition, recent Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys (MICS) results show that many children do not have foundational reading and numeracy skills, highlighting the massive challenge to achieving inclusive and equitable quality education for all. (a) Required (b) Fundamental (c) Primary (d) Essential	1
vii.	How does the Sustainable Development Goals give importance to primary education? (Answer 40 about 40 words)	2
viii.	In 2019, about four out of five children attending primary education completed it suggests that (a) more than 80% children completed primary education (b) about 80% children completed the primary education (c) almost 100% children completed primary education (d) less than 80% children completed primary education	1

**SECTION B: WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR (20 marks)**

<b>GRAMMAR</b>		<b>10 m</b>															
<b>3</b>	Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed.	<b>1x10</b>															
i	<p>Read the conversation between a mother and her daughter. Complete the sentence by reporting daughter's reply correctly.</p> <p>Mother: Why are you looking so worried?                      Daughter: My exams are approaching.                      Mother asked her daughter why she was looking very worried. The daughter replied that _____.</p>	1															
ii	<p>Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line, from a news report :</p> <p>A little political thinkers think that liberty and equality can't go together.</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="padding: 2px;">Option No.</th> <th style="padding: 2px;">Error</th> <th style="padding: 2px;">Correction</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">(a)</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">can't</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">couldn't</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">(b)</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">think</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">thinks</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">(c)</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">A little</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Some</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">(d)</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">go</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">goes</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Option No.	Error	Correction	(a)	can't	couldn't	(b)	think	thinks	(c)	A little	Some	(d)	go	goes	1
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iii	<p>Complete the given sentence, by filling in the blank with the correct option :</p> <p>They met you at night after you _____ your work.</p> <p>(a) had finished                      (b) have finished                      (c) finished                      (d) will finish</p>	1															
iv	<p>Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line.</p> <p>I _____ rather die than join the gang of terrorists.</p> <p>(a) could                      (b) should                      (c) would                      (d) can</p>	1															
v	<p>Fill in the blanks with the correct option to complete the sentence.</p> <p>The boys _____ to my lecture since 8 O'clock this morning.</p> <p>(a) were listening                      (b) have been listening                      (c) had been listening                      (d) None of these</p>	1															
vi	<p>Complete the sentence by choosing the correct option.</p> <p>You _____ study sincerely if you want to score good marks.</p> <p>a. Could</p>	1															

	b. Would c. Must d. can					
vii	Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket. Neither you nor your sister should _____ (talk) to them.	1				
viii	Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction He said I will use his car whenever I wanted. Use the given format for your response. <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">Error</td> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">Correction</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="height: 20px;"></td> <td style="height: 20px;"></td> </tr> </table>	Error	Correction			1
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ix	Rohit and Rajat are discussing their plans for the weekend. Complete the dialogue below by choosing the correct option. Rohit : How do you like the idea of going to the zoo? Rajat : That sounds good, But I _____ my parent's permission. (a) needs to take (b) need not to take (c) needs not to take (d) need to take	1				
x	Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line. _____ I suggest a slight change in your plan? (a) May      (b) Would (c) Must      (d) Will	1				
xi	Report the dialogue between Sanjay and Madan, by completing the sentence Sanjay: I am surprised to see you here in Delhi. When did you come? Madan: I came here yesterday. I have been offered a job here. Sanjay told Madan that he was surprised to see him there in Delhi and asked when he had come. Madam replied that he had come there the previous day and added that _____.	1				
xii	Identify the error and supply the correction, for the following sentence Every trees have a single woody stem called a trunk which supports a mass of branches carrying leaves. Use the given format for your response. <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">Error</td> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">Correction</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="height: 20px;"></td> <td style="height: 20px;"></td> </tr> </table>	Error	Correction			1
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<b>WRITING</b>		<b>10</b>
<b>Note: All details presented in the questions are imaginary and created for assessment purpose.</b>		
4 A	You visited your grandparents. You had a journey by train. The journey was fairly pleasant and comfortable. You enjoyed the natural beauty and came across different stations on the way. You stayed for a week at your grandmother's house. After returning home, you make a diary entry about your memorable journey. (120-150 words)	5

OR		
4 B	Write a paragraph on Value Education – A Part of Curriculum in Schools (120-150 words)	
5A	Given Below is the beginning of a story. Complete it in about 150 words. I had gone to my tuition class in the evening. The weather was pleasant. When I came out of the class to go home suddenly, it became dark and -----	5
OR		
5 B	Students mostly think that their teachers exaggerate their bad qualities. But it is not at all true. They love their students and have their best interest at heart. With the help of the following story line, write a story in about 150-200 words on the topic 'A Teacher's Love for His Student'. A man searches for his old Guru ----- prays to God ----- dreams of finding him near a seashore ----- next morning goes there ----- gets success ----- sees his Guru as a fisherman ----- feels ashamed -- ----- does not recognize and moves ----- faints due to heat ----- fisherman picks him up ----- takes him to a safe place ----- when he wakes up, sees fisherman at his side protecting him ----- man realizes his mistake ----- touches Guru's feet ----- feels sorry.	

SECTION D: LITERATURE TEXTBOOK AND SUPPLEMENTARY READING TEXT (40 marks)

6	Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given.	5
A.	Then he saw the statue on the tall column. "I will put up there," he cried. "It is a fine position with plenty of fresh air." <p style="text-align: right;">(The Happy Prince)</p>	
i.	Who is the "I" here?	1
ii.	Whose statue was it? (a) The little Swallow (b) The city Mayor (c) The Happy Prince (d) The captain of the ship	1
iii.	What was special about the statue?	2
iv	Where was the statue put up?	1
OR		
	But the same old nightmare came the butcher with a knife and a rope who came nearer and nearer, with that dreadful smile, while she could not move, only stand still, crying out "Grandma!". She woke shivering to see father beside her bed, a candle in his hand. "What is the matter?" he said. <p style="text-align: right;">(The Little Girl)</p>	
i.	Why did she get the nightmare?	1
ii.	Describe the butcher in the nightmare in not more than 40 words.	2
iii.	Who came with a candle? (a) The mother (b) The father	1

	(c) The grandmother (d) Alice	
iv.	Find a word from the passage that means “shake in fear and cold”	1
7	Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given.	5
A.	I will arise and go now, and go to Innisfree, And a small cabin build there, of clay and wattles made: Nine bean-rows will I have there, a hive for the honeybee And live alone in the bee-loud glade <p style="text-align: right;">(The Lake Isle of Innisfree)</p>	
i.	Why does the poet wish to live alone? (a) because he feels drained out in the city. (b) he is nostalgic about the tranquil Innisfree where he spent his childhood. (c) he wants to be away from the meaningless existence of a city. (d) he wants to be one with nature.	1
ii.	The rhyme scheme of the stanza is _____	1
iii.	Identify the poetic device in ‘And live alone in the bee-loud glade’	1
iv.	What did the poet want to do in Innisfree?	2
OR		
B	They tell them a curious story- I don’t believe it’s true And yet you may learn a lesson If I tell the tale to you <p style="text-align: right;">( A legend of the Northland)</p>	
i.	Why did the poet not believe the story?	1
ii.	What lesson does it give? (a) we should bake smaller cake (b) Greed is a vice (c) A sage can curse anyone (d) A woodpecker is a silly bird	1
iii.	Who are ‘they’ referred to?	1
iv.	Narrate the tale in 30-40 words	2
8.	Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words	4x3=12
i.	How was Margie’s school different from old schools? <p style="text-align: right;">(The Fun they Had)</p>	3
ii.	‘When the humid shadows hover over all the starry spheres.’ What does the ‘shadow’ stand for? What does the poet want to convey? <p style="text-align: right;">(Rain on the roof)</p>	3
iii.	Write a short character-sketch of Kezia’s father. <p style="text-align: right;">(The Little Girl)</p>	3
iv.	What characteristics did Abdul inherit from his parents? <p style="text-align: right;">(My Childhood)</p>	3
v.	How was Einstein honoured for his achievements? <p style="text-align: right;">(A Truly Beautiful Mind)</p>	3
9	Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words.	2x3=6
i.	Now justice had come full circle, thought the king. What argument did the merchant come up with? What counter argument did the king give? <p style="text-align: right;">(In the Kingdom of Fools)</p>	3

ii.	What are the things the child sees on his way to the fair? Why does he lag behind? (The Lost Child)	3
iii.	'Iswaran would not pick up the thread of the story right away.' How did Iswaran build up his ghost story?	3
10.	Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words.	1x6=6
A.	Which values does the legend of Saint Peter and the little woman teach? (A Legend of the Northland)	6
OR		
B.	This story about a frightening incident is narrated in a humorous way. What makes it humorous? (Snake and the Mirror)	6
11.	Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words.	1x6=6
A.	True happiness is found only in making others happy. Comment with reference to the story 'The Happy Prince'.	6
OR		
B.	Arguing with a fool proves there are two. How does the wise guru find a way out without arguing with the king? (In the Kingdom of Fools)	6