



INDIAN SCHOOL AL WADI AL KABIR

Post- Mid Term Examination (2025-26)

Subject: English

SET -II

Class: IX

Date: 25/11/2025

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 80

General Instructions:

Read the following instruction carefully and follow them

- i. This question paper has 13 questions
- ii. This question paper contains four sections:

Section A: Reading Skills

Section B: Writing Skills

Section C: Grammar

Section D: Literature

- iii. Attempt all questions based on specific instructions for each part. Write the correct question number and part thereof in your answer sheet.
- iv. Separate instructions are given with each question/part, wherever necessary.
- v. Adhere to the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

SECTION A: READING SKILLS (20 marks)		
Q.1.	Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow	(10 marks)
	<p>1. When the liner had finally vanished over the horizon, I was absolutely alone in the stormy night sea. First, I thought I had to swim one way, then another. It was not even midnight yet and I had no hope at all of finding my way in this terrible night time ocean. I began to feel afraid. Waves of fear rolled through me, starting from my hands and feet, attacking my heart and then reaching through my neck to my head. Waves broke over me and water went into my snorkel. I realised I would not be able to last even half an hour in such a condition.</p> <p>2. I saw individual stars but I could not distinguish the constellations they belonged to. Then dawn came and put out all my stars and I felt my solitude more keenly. The sky was grey at first, then blue-violet shades appeared. In a few minutes, the colours became brighter with dark red strips cutting across the sky. The rising Sun came up over the ocean. I was surrounded by large waves. The clouds turned pink and swept across the sky in all directions. It was a windy day. There was no land visible. I grew alarmed. Had I made a mistake in my calculations? Perhaps the current had carried me a long way off the course during the night?</p> <p>3. An hour passed, perhaps two. "Land!!!" I could not deny myself the pleasure of shouting the magic word aloud and of hearing my own voice. Perhaps it was my ghostly island of Siargao? I almost felt I had succeeded - now at least I had hope.</p>	

The Sun looked out for the last time, as if it was saying goodbye to me and hid itself away again. In a few minutes the sky was filled with all the colours of a rainbow, the bright shades changing and merging as I watched. At first the clouds became deep red and then their edges turned bright orange. A little while afterwards, the clouds turned lilac and dark violet. Darkness fell swiftly. My second lonely night in the ocean began. The stars came out unnoticed. I changed course and headed for the South-West. As it turned out, this was an unforgivable mistake.

4. Evening was approaching. The ocean around me was full of life; large fish often leapt out of the water and big birds flew right above my head. I could see the island distinctly now. A line of dancing palms stretched the length of its shore. The sides of the mountain were covered in many different shades of green. An hour passed, perhaps more. It was extraordinarily quiet. Then suddenly to my horror, I discovered my island had noticeably begun to move North and was drifting further and further in that direction right before my eyes. Before I had worked out what was happening and could sharply change my course towards the North, the Southern tip of the island had appeared in front of me and, beyond that, open ocean stretched to the very horizon. I was totally at the mercy of the current and realised to my alarm that it was slowly carrying me past the land.

5. My third night in the ocean crept up unnoticed. This third night in the ocean was very dark, much darker than the two previous ones. I almost decided to die as I had no hope of seeing another dawn. I was suddenly aware of a quiet voice: "Swim to the sound of the breakers."

6. Indeed, there had been a distant rumbling for some time although I had paid no attention to it. Now, I started listening and I thought it sounded like the characteristic noise of jet aeroplanes constantly landing and taking off. The voice inside kept insisting that I should swim towards this thunder of waves. At last, I obeyed. Again, I heard an approaching rumble. What I suddenly saw at a distance of about 30 or 40 metres has imprinted itself on my memory forever. It was a gigantic wave with steep, very slowly falling crests. Never in my life had I seen such an enormous wave - it even seemed to be touching the sky. It moved very slowly and was fantastically beautiful.

7. The wave did not break over me as I assumed it would. An irresistible force dragged me up its steep slope right to the very foot of the falling crest. Instinctively, I clutched my mask snorkel and managed to take a deep breath. The crest started to break over me and pulled me under it. For a moment, I found myself in the air under the crest as if in a cave. Then my body was in a swirling current of water; the inner power of the wave made me recover several times, twisting me in all directions before it subsided. I realised that I had to try to keep my body on the crest and I quickly took up a horizontal position. This time the wave quickly grabbed me and carried me at great speed for quite a long distance on its crest.

8. I got up to the surface easily and swam in the direction the waves were heading. "Somewhere there, beyond the reef, there should be a lagoon," I hoped. Suddenly, I felt something hard under my feet. I could stand up to my chest in water! Around me I could see random currents of water, splashes of foam and phosphorescent spray, all swirling about. Before I fully came to my senses, another large wave approached and carried me some distance further. I was up to

	my waist in water when a new wave picked me up, taking me several metres forward. Now, the depth of the water was only up to my knees. I had enough time to take a few tentative steps, to catch my breath and look around. I surfaced at the foot of a very tall palm tree. I left a trail of luminous water and my body glittered like some princess's ball-gown. Only now did I feel completely safe. The ocean was behind me.	
1.	What emotion can be associated with the narrator in the beginning of the passage? (a) Anger (b) Fear (c) Nervousness (d) Joy	1
2.	At the beginning of the story, the narrator seems to be swimming alone in the stormy night sea. Why? Give reason including evidence from the story.	2
3.	Why did the narrator feel that he would not last? (a) He was scared. (b) Water had entered his snorkel. (c) He did not know where to go. (d) Both (b) and (c)	1
4.	Why did the narrator grow alarmed?	1
5.	The narrator mentions one of his actions as an unforgivable mistake. Do you think it was the biggest mistake made by him?	1
6.	Select the most suitable replacement of the underlined word from paragraph 6 that is similar in meaning. The organisers of the Desert Festival came across <u>gigantic</u> sand dunes and decided to set up camp in that vicinity.	1
7.	State whether the given statement is True or False. The narrator was certain that the enormous wave will break his hope to be onshore.	1
8.	Complete the sentence appropriately. The voice inside the narrator's mind indicated him to _____.	1
9.	At what point did the narrator feel completely safe? Why?	1
Q.2.	Read the following passage to answer the questions that follow:	(10 marks)
	1. Yoga in India is considered to be around 5,000 years old mental, physical and spiritual practice. It originated in ancient times when people used to meditate to transform their body and mind. Launching and celebrating 21st June as Yoga Day was an initiative taken by the Indian Prime Minister in the United Nations General Assembly. From then, the yoga day became a worldwide event	

	<p>celebrated by the people of all countries.</p> <p>2. Yoga is essentially a spiritual discipline. It is the art and science of healthy living. It is a practice of controlled body part movements and control of breath. It is not just a physical practice but also a way to get control over mental, emotional and spiritual thoughts. It improves discipline and sense of power while providing a chance to live a healthy life without physical and mental problems.</p> <p>3. Yoga is a very safe, easy and healthy way to get fit for the whole life without any problems. It can be practiced by people at any age be it childhood, teenage, adult or old age irrespective of age, religion or health circumstances. It needs only safe, slow and controlled movements of body with controlled breathing. Regular practice of yoga regularises the connection between the body, mind and soul. It enhances the functioning of all the body organs. By providing good health it fulfills our physical needs, through knowledge it fulfills our psychological needs and through inner peace it fulfills the spiritual need thus, it helps in maintaining the harmony among all.</p> <p>4. Regular practice of the yoga in the morning provides outer and inner relief by keeping away from the countless ailments at the physical and mental level. Practicing postures or asana creates the feeling of well-being. It sharpens the human mind, improves intelligence and helps in achieving high level of concentration. Yoga is like a practical philosophy which develops self-discipline and self-awareness.</p> <p>5. We cannot count the benefits of yoga; we can understand it only as a miracle which can be experienced by practice. It maintains physical fitness, reduces stress, controls emotions, feelings, controls negative thoughts, feelings of general well-being, improves mental clarity, enhances self-understanding and connects us to the nature.</p>	
1.	<p>Complete the following statement by choosing an appropriate option. Yoga is basically</p> <p>(a) a material discipline (b) associated with material living (c) a practice of uncontrolled body movements (d) the art and science of healthy living</p>	1
2.	<p>Comment on the writer 's reference to the kind of people who can practice yoga.</p>	1
3.	<p>Pick the option that correctly lists the benefits of doing yoga.</p> <p>1. Maintains physical fitness 2. Controls emotions, feelings 3. Controls negative thoughts 4. Improves mental clarity 5. Enhances self-understanding</p> <p>Options (a) 1 and 4 (b) 2 and 6 (c) 3 and 5 (d) All of these</p>	1

4.	Comment on the importance of asanas in yoga.	2
5.	How does yoga fulfil our psychological needs?	1
6.	Substitute the underlined word in the given line with a word from the passage which means the opposite: The lights <u>diminish</u> the ambience of the banquet.	1
7.	Which of the following is true for yoga? (a) It is an art and science combined into one (b) It is primarily spiritual in nature (c) It is not backed by WHO (d) Both (a) and(b)	1
8.	Complete the given sentence with an appropriate inference with respect to the following. Yoga enables one to get control over _____	1
9.	State whether the given assertion is True or False. 21st June is celebrated as Yoga Day.	1
SECTION B: WRITING SKILLS (24 marks)		
<i>All the names and addresses used in the questions are fictitious. Resemblance, if any, is purely coincidental.</i>		
Q.3.	You are Arjun/Ananya, Secretary of the Science Club of Delhi Public School. Write a notice in about 50 words inviting Class 9 students to participate in an Inter-School Science Exhibition. Provide relevant details. Put the notice in a box.	(4 marks)
Q.4.	Priya wants to buy a new smartphone, but her mother thinks her current phone works fine. Write a dialogue between them with Priya trying to convince her mother in not more than 100 words. Write a minimum of four dialogues each.	(5 marks)
Q.5.	You are Rahul/Riya, living at 25 Park Street, Kolkata. Write a letter in about 120 words to your grandmother thanking her for the wonderful birthday gift she sent and how you're using it.	(7 marks)
Q.6.	A. Write a paragraph on the topic <i>Mysterious Bermuda Triangle</i> in not more than 150 words. Use the verbal cues given below: Atlantic Ocean region – Triangle formed by Miami, Bermuda, and Puerto Rico – Also called "Devil's Triangle" – Unexplained disappearances of ships and aircraft – Vanished without trace – No wreckage found in many cases – Flight 19 (five US Navy planes disappeared in 1945) – USS Cyclops vanished with 300 crew members – no one and nothing returns from there – some believe in supernatural causes – remains a fascinating mystery – captures human imagination	(8 marks)
OR		
	B. Write a paragraph on the visual clue given below in not more than 150 words.	



SECTION C: GRAMMAR (10 marks)

Q.7. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option given below to make the sentence complete: (1x3=3)

i. When _____ your grandmother last?

a) did you visit
b) have you visited
c) are you visiting
d) do you visit

ii. Neither the students nor the teacher _____ aware of the sudden schedule change.

a) were
b) was
c) are
d) have been

iii. She has _____ patience than her sister when dealing with difficult situations.

a) much
b) most
c) many
d) more

Q.8. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line: (1x2=2)

i. If I would have known about the meeting, I would have attended it.

Option	Error	Correction
a)	would have known	had known
b)	about	of
c)	would have attended	attended
d)	it	them

ii. The number of accidents on this highway have increased significantly this year.

Option	Error	Correction
a)	number	amount
b)	have	has
c)	significantly	significant
d)	this	these

Q.9.	<p>Read the conversation and complete the passage given below.</p> <p>Ankit: Where are you going? Atul: To the airport. Ankit: May I drop you there in my car? Atul: Thanks a lot. It will be a great help to me.</p> <p>Ankit asked Atul where (a) Atul replied that he was going to the airport. Ankit further asked him (b).....there in his car. Atul thanked him, adding that it would be a great help to him.</p>	(1x2=2)
Q.10	<p>Rearrange the words to make meaningful sentences.</p> <p>i. difficulties / perseverance / achieved / through / success / he / numerous/despite ii. pollution / addressing / climate change / requires / environmental / global / and / efforts /collective iii. the / scientific / revolutionary / despite / breakthroughs / community /the/ skepticism / initial / accepted /eventually / the</p>	(1x3=3)
SECTION D: LITERATURE (26 MARKS)		
Q.11	<p>Read the given extract and answer the following with reference to context. (Any two)</p>	(2 x 4 = 8)
a.	<p><i>All the world's a stage, And all the men and women merely players; They have their exits and their entrances, And one man in his time plays many parts.</i></p> <p>(a) What does the poet compare the world to? (b) Who are the 'players' mentioned in these lines? (c) What do 'exits' and 'entrances' symbolize? (d) How many parts does one man play according to the poet?</p>	4
b.	<p><i>"I am illiterate. I never went to school. I was married at a very young age. I never had a chance to go to school."</i></p> <p>a) Why couldn't the grandmother go to school? b) To whom is the speaker talking? c) What is the tone of the speaker when mentioning this fact? d) What does this reveal about the social conditions of that time?</p>	4
c.	<p><i>"Will no one tell me what she sings? Perhaps the plaintive numbers flow For old, unhappy, far-off things, And battles long ago"</i></p>	4

	<p>a) Why does the poet ask "Will no one tell me what she sings?"</p> <p>b) What does 'plaintive numbers' mean?</p> <p>c) What possible themes does the poet suggest for her song?</p> <p>d) Name the poet.</p>	
Q.12	Answer any SIX of these questions in about 30-40 words each.	(6x2=12)
a.	What special characteristics did Duke possess that made him an extraordinary dog?	2
b.	Who was Jerry Fisher? What methods did Jerry Fisher use to convince Bill to participate in the fight?	2
c.	What prevents Gaston from being interested in buying the villa in the beginning?	2
d.	Why did the author consider Private Quelch to be like a 'Professor' when he first encountered him at the training depot?	2
e.	Describe the second stage of life as elaborated by Shakespeare in the poem 'The Seven Ages'.	2
f.	How does the poet describe the two roads in the poem <i>The Road Not Taken</i> .	2
g.	Why did Bill Bramble decide not to fight with Murphy?	2
Q.13	Answer any ONE of the following questions in about 120-150 words.	(1x6=6)
a.	In the play 'Villa for Sale', can the bond between the maid and Juliette be described as modest and straightforward? Explain with appropriate reasons.	6
b.	What was Mr. Bramble's profession and why was the family ashamed of it? Explain the irony at the end of the story.	6