



INDIAN SCHOOL AL WADI AL KABIR
UNIT TEST- (2025-26)
SUBJECT – ENGLISH

Class: XI
Date: 18/05/2025

Max Marks: 30
Time: 1 hour

General Instructions:

- (i) *This paper is divided into three sections:*
 - Section A- Reading* *8 marks*
 - Section B- Grammar & Writing* *7 marks*
 - Section C- Literature* *15 marks*
- (ii) *All questions are compulsory.*
- (iii) *Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.*

SECTION A- READING - (8 MARKS)

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. (1 x 8 = 8 marks)

1. 'Amitabh Bachchan', who left an indelible mark in the history of Indian cinema, was born on 11th October 1942 in the city of Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh. His father, Dr. Harivansh Rai Bachchan, was a famous Hindi poet. His mother, Teji Bachchan, was a highly educated and modern-minded woman. Amitabh's primary education was in St. Mary's School, Allahabad. He was then sent to Sherwood, a famous school in Nainital. He graduated from Kirori Mal College, Delhi University. While studying at this college, he decided to make 'acting' his career. Amitabh moved to Bombay (Mumbai) in 1969 at the age of twenty-seven.

2. Amitabh Bachchan started his career in films with the film 'Saat Hindustani' directed by Khwaja Ahmad Abbas in 1969. He was awarded the Filmfare Award for Best Supporting Actor for the film 'Anand'. A new twist in Amitabh's career came in 1973 after the release of the film 'Zanjeer'. He came to be called the angry young man due to the performance of a police inspector in this film.

3. The film 'Sholay' set new records of success and became the most successful commercial film in the history of Hindi Film Industry. After this, Amitabh Bachchan became famous and popular as a superstar. Amitabh Bachchan entered politics in 1984. He was elected M.P. from Allahabad Lok Sabha seat. He resigned from his post in 1987, after 3 years without completing his term as an M.P. and made a distance from politics.

4. Through the television reality show ‘Kaun Banega Crorepati’ in 2000, Amitabh Bachchan entered the world of television and not only strengthened his financial position but also reached a new height of fame and success. He has worked in more than 150 films.

5. For his achievements, he was honoured with ‘Padma Shri’ award in 1983 and ‘Padma Bhushan’ in 2005. He was voted Actor of the Millennium in 1999 by a BBC poll. In 2002, he was awarded the ‘Personality of the Year’ award by the International Films Academy. He has received 12 Filmfare Awards so far. Apart from this, he has also received ‘Best Actor’ award from Filmfare 5 times. Amitabh Bachchan was conferred the Dadasaheb Phalke Award on 29th December, 2019 by President Ram Nath Kovind.

6. Amitabh Bachchan is the pride of India. He is rich in versatility. Apart from acting, he has also performed playback songs for many films and has also produced some films as a producer. It is because of his immense success that he is called ‘Big B’ and ‘the great hero of the century’. Amitabh always emphasised that life, time and opportunity do not get repeated. Therefore, we should not lose the courage to succeed even in difficulties.

1.1. Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions

a. Which of the following is TRUE about Amitabh Bachchan's career path?

- A. He started as a playback singer before entering television.
- B. He entered politics before gaining recognition as an actor.
- C. His role in Zanjeer marked a major turning point in his acting career.

i. Only A and C

ii. Only C

iii. Only B

iv. Only A and B

b. What is the author's main objective in writing the passage?

- i. To provide a political critique of Amitabh Bachchan's tenure as MP
- ii. To show how television saved Amitabh's career in the 2000s
- iii. To highlight the versatile journey and lasting legacy of Amitabh Bachchan
- iv. To compare Amitabh Bachchan with other Bollywood legends

c. _____ marked Amitabh Bachchan's entry into the world of television.

- d. What is the author trying to convey through the phrase “life, time and opportunity do not get repeated”?
- e. What, according to the passage, earned Amitabh Bachchan the title of “angry young man”?
- f. Choose the word which is most opposite in meaning to the word printed in bold as used in the passage: ‘FAME’
- i. popularity
 - ii. dishonour
 - iii. recognition
 - iv. success
- g. Choose the word which is most similar in meaning to the word printed in bold as used in the passage: ‘VERSATILE’
- i. rigid
 - ii. multi-talented
 - iii. careless
 - iv. successful
- h. What impact did Amitabh Bachchan’s role in *Kaun Banega Crorepati* have on his personal and professional life?

SECTION –B GRAMMAR AND WRITING – (7 MARKS)

2 A. Rearrange ANY TWO of the following words/ phrases to make meaningful sentences-
(2 marks)

- i. a / of / rare / remains / books / collector / she / first-edition / passionate / of
- ii. not / public / the / under / to / discussion / meant / documents / these / were / be
- iii. his / with / beyond / explanation / calmness / moments / admirable / during / crisis / was

2 B. Fill in the blanks of ANY TWO by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence.
(2 marks)

- a. She _____ in this town since 2010 and knows everyone here.
- i) lived

ii) is living

iii) has been living

iv) was living

b. If he _____ more carefully, he wouldn't have made that mistake.

i) listens

ii) had listened

iii) was listening

iv) listened

c. I _____ for you all morning! Why didn't you call?

i) wait

ii) had waited

iii) have been waiting

iv) waited

3. You are the Manager of Bright Future Tutorials, Dwarka, New Delhi. You need an experienced part-time Science tutor for classes 6 to 10. Draft a suitable advertisement for the 'Situation Vacant' column of a local daily. **(3 marks)**

OR

You are a trained Montessori teacher with five years of experience in reputed pre-schools. Write a 'Situation Wanted' advertisement for the Times of India, highlighting your skills and qualifications and seeking a teaching opportunity in Delhi.

SECTION C - LITERATURE - (15 MARKS)

4. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. (1 x 4 = 4 marks)

All three stood still to smile through their hair

At the uncle with the camera. A sweet face,

My mother's, that was before I was born.

And the sea, which appears to have changed less,

Washed their terribly transient feet.

a. Why are the feet described as “terribly transient”?

b. Complete the sentence:

The expression “A sweet face” refers to the

c. TRUE or FALSE:

The photograph was taken by the poet’s uncle during a sea holiday.

d. Assertion (A): The sea has remained unchanged over the years.

Reason (R): The sea appears eternal in contrast to human life which is short-lived.

Choose the correct option:

i. Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.

ii. Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.

iii. A is true, but R is false.

iv. A is false.

OR

“Only in the afternoon she relaxed for a while to feed the sparrows. While she sat in the verandah breaking the bread into little bits, hundreds of little birds collected round her creating a veritable bedlam of chirrupings. Some came and perched on her legs, others on her shoulders. Some even sat on her head. She smiled but never shooed them away.”

a. Why was the afternoon special for the grandmother?

b. Complete the sentence:

The phrase “veritable bedlam of chirrupings” means _____.

c. What does the poet mean by “*she smiled but never shooed them away*”?

i. She loved their presence and didn’t mind the birds.

ii. She was scared to move.

iii. She was too tired to react.

iv. She did not hear the birds.

d. Correct the statement:

The grandmother got irritated when sparrows sat on her.

5. Answer ANY THREE of the following in about 30 to 40 words: (2 x 3 = 6 Marks)

a. What was Uncle Khosrove’s typical reaction to any bad news, and how did it reflect his personality?

b. Describe the reaction of the birds after the grandmother’s death.

- c. What does the poet mean by “*Both wry with the laboured ease of loss*”?
- d. What were the three reasons why the author’s grandmother was disturbed when he started going to the city school?

6. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100 to 120 words: (5 x 1 = 5 Marks)

- a. Discuss how the story “The Summer of the Beautiful White Horse” balances childhood innocence with the strong values of honesty and integrity.
- b. The relationship between the narrator and his grandmother went through a subtle transformation over time. Trace the changes in their bond with suitable references from the text.
