



INDIAN SCHOOL AL WADI AL KABIR
FINAL ASSESSMENT (2025-2026)
ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE (SET 1)

Class: IX
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Time: 3 hours
M.M: 80

General Instructions:

- ✓ *All questions are compulsory.*
- ✓ *The question paper consists of four sections:*
 - Section A - Reading - 20 Marks*
 - Section B - Writing - 24 Marks*
 - Section C - Grammar -10 Marks*
 - Section D - Literature - 26 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 7 printed pages.*

SECTION A-READING		20 Marks
Q. I	<p>Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow:</p> <p>1. Medicines have become an element of surprise and a cause of concern. This is because they have begun to aggravate diseases instead of curing them. No one has a solution. The doctors are perplexed, while the patients are annoyed.</p> <p>2. The outcome of intensive research and in-depth studies has startled everyone. These findings show that unnecessary use of medicines has created a trend in which people not only take medicines for every small ailment, but also advise others to do so. This habit is now a fashion, a passion and a mark of being educated and aware of medicine consumption. Sometimes, it is even considered a status symbol. People think that they should take strong drugs, irrespective of whether the disease is minor or major. Nowadays, a shelf of medicines is found in every house, regardless of age.</p> <p>3. This practice is not merely confined to general medicines, but has now spread even to antibiotics. The literal meaning of the word antibiotics is ‘against life’. In fact, due to their misuse, they have really begun acting against our lives. Experts say that unnecessary consumption of antibiotics is increasing the longevity of the microbes on one hand, while adversely affecting the patient’s health on the other. This consequence is because of the overuse of medicines; the resistance of micro-organisms is increasing, while the immunity of individuals is decreasing.</p> <p>4. The medical experts have now begun to accept that neither the doctors refrain from prescribing the antibiotics for even simple ailments, nor the patients observe restraint in consuming them.</p> <p>5. It is a matter of concern that these medicines are used excessively without understanding their side effects. Recently, the World Health Organization has</p>	10 Marks

	<p>also issued an advisory to the Southeast Asian countries, including India. It has been warned that if the unrestricted use of antibiotics continues, the coming times may witness a substantial rise in the number of deaths occurring due to 'microbial resistance'.</p> <p>6. Antibiotics either destroy the disease-causing bacteria completely or prohibit their growth. However, their prolonged use gives rise to mutations in the bacteria, which makes them resistant towards these drugs. Consequently, they stop having any effect on them. This situation is termed by medical experts as 'microbial resistance'. Various researches and studies carried out in this context also lead to the conclusion that medicines are becoming poisonous. The chief cause of this situation is the unrestrained use of antibiotics. Studies have revealed that sometimes strong antibiotics are taken even for treating simple problems because of improper acquisition of knowledge about the medicine and its side effects.</p>	
1.	<p>What has intensified the concern regarding the use of medicines?</p> <p>a) Increased medical research b) The aggravation of diseases c) The availability of new drugs d) Patients' satisfaction</p>	1
2.	<p>According to the passage, what is a common misconception about antibiotics?</p> <p>a) They are only for severe illnesses. b) They can be used for minor ailments without risk. c) They have no side effects. d) They are always effective.</p>	1
3.	Define 'microbial resistance' as mentioned in the sixth paragraph.	2
4.	<p>Find the synonym of the word "aggravate" as used in the passage.</p> <p>a) Alleviate b) Intensify c) Mitigate d) Calm</p>	1
5.	How do the Antibiotics affect human beings according to the given passage?	2
6.	<p>Complete the sentence.</p> <p>The bacterial defiance is an outcome of _____</p>	1
7.	<p>Correct the given statement.</p> <p>Microbial resistance is the phenomenon in which bacteria become dormant to antibiotics due to their overuse.</p>	1
8.	What does the WHO predict to occur in Southeast Asian countries?	1
Q. II.	<p>Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow:</p> <p>1. Swachh Bharat Abhiyan is a Clean India drive and mission, launched as a national campaign by the Indian government to cover the 4041 statutory towns, aimed to maintain the cleanliness of streets, roads and infrastructure of the</p>	10 Marks

	<p>country. Indian Prime Minister, Narendra Modi has officially launched this mission on 2nd of October (the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi) in 2014 at Rajghat, New Delhi (Bapu's Samadhi). While launching the event, the Prime Minister himself had cleaned the road. It is the biggest cleanliness drive ever in India, with approximately 3 million government employees, including students from schools and colleges took part in the cleanliness activities.</p> <p>2. On the day of the launch of the event, the PM himself nominated the names of nine nationally recognised people to participate in the cleanliness drive in their own areas: Salman Khan, Anil Ambani, Kamal Haasan, Kapil Sharma, Priyanka Chopra, Baba Ramdev, Sachin Tendulkar and Shashi Tharoor. Schools and colleges have participated in the event by organising various cleanliness activities according to their own themes. Students of India participated in this event. PM had also requested all those selected nine nominees to call another nine people separately to participate in this cleanliness drive, as well as to continue the chain of calling nine people by every participating member of the mission until the message reaches every Indian citizen in every corner of the country to make it a national mission.</p> <p>3. This mission aimed to join every Indian from all walks of life in the same way as a tree grows and spreads its branches. Swachh Bharat Mission aims to construct individual sanitary latrines for household purposes for the people living below the poverty line, and convert the dry latrines into low-cost sanitary latrines, and also to provide facilities of hand pumps, safe and secure bathing, set up sanitary marts, construct drains, dispose off solid and liquid wastes, enhance health and 22 education awareness, household and environmental sanitation facilities and many more.</p> <p>4. Earlier, many awareness programmes (such as Total Sanitation Campaign, Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan, etc.) about environmental sanitation and personal cleanliness were launched by the Indian government. However, these could not be so effective in making India a clean India. The main objectives of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan focused on removing the trend of open defecation, changing insanitary toilets into flush toilets, removal of manual scavenging, proper disposal of solid and liquid waste, bringing behavioural changes among people, enhancing awareness about sanitation and facilitating the participation of the private sectors towards cleanliness facilities.</p> <p>5. To continue and make this campaign successful, the Finance Ministry of India has started a programme named Swachh Bharat Cess. According to this, everyone has to pay 0.5% more service tax on all the services in India (50 paise per 100 rupees), which will go towards funding this cleanliness campaign.</p>	
1.	<p>The launch date of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan symbolically signifies _____</p> <p>a. Independence Day b. Gandhi's birth anniversary c. Republic Day d. UN Environment Day</p>	1
2.	<p>The "chain of nine nominees" strategy was primarily aiming at:</p> <p>a. Celebrity participation</p>	1

	b. Creating a viral, self-sustaining movement c. Reducing government expenditure d. Limiting the campaign to urban areas	
3.	What is 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan'?	2
4.	Which of the following reflects the long-term impact of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan? a. One-time cleanliness drives b. Behavioural change in citizens c. Increased service tax collection d. Celebrity endorsements	1
5.	What do the terms 'Total Sanitation Campaign' and 'Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan' refer to?	1
6.	What was implemented to fund the campaign, and what was it named?	2
7.	Complete the sentence. The reason SBA mission is the biggest cleanliness drive that India witnessed was _____	1
8.	What does the term 'personal sanitation' in the 4th paragraph imply?	1
	SECTION B - WRITING	24 Marks
	<i>All the names and addresses used in the questions are fictitious. Resemblance, if any, is purely coincidental.</i>	
Q. III.	You are Sam/Samantha, the football captain of your school. Your sports teacher has asked you to put up a notice informing students about the upcoming football selection trials for classes 10th to 12th. Draft a notice of no more than 50 words that includes all the details.	(4 marks)
Q. IV.	Cary loves photography. She wants to be permitted by her father and enrol herself in the newly launched 'World Photography and guidelines' course at her school. Draft a dialogue between Cary and her father, providing all the required details about the course, in about 100 words. Write a minimum of four dialogues each.	(5 marks)
Q.V.	You are Ankur Sharma of 5, Rishami Colony, New Delhi. Your younger brother Namit is staying in a hostel at Modern School, Rohtak. You are not happy with the academic report received from school. Write a letter advising him to study hard and avoid bad company.	(7 marks)
Q.VI.	A. Write a paragraph on the topic <i>Artificial Intelligence and Future</i> in not more than 150 words. Use the verbal cues given below: <i>Know your strength- develop confidence- know weakness- expansion of skills and qualities- change- professional and personal fulfilment.</i> OR B. Write a paragraph on the visual clue given below in not more than 150 words.	(8 marks)



SECTION C: GRAMMAR (10 marks)

Q.VII.

Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option given below to make the sentence complete:

(1x2=2)

i. My uncle and guardian _____ me to study medicine.

- a) want
- b) wants
- c) wanting
- d) were wanting

ii. Do you have _____ flour to make the bread for us?

- a) much
- b) a lot of
- c) some
- d) enough

Q.VIII.

Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line:

(1x2=2)

i. Linda phoned and explained that she would not have to come to the party the next day.

Option	Error	Correction
a)	come	came
b)	explained	explains
c)	Would not have to	Would not be able to
d)	the next day	tomorrow

ii. After they have come home from their business trip, they started building their new house.

Option	Error	Correction
a)	started	have started
b)	have	had
c)	come	came
d)	after	since

Q.IX.	Read the conversation and complete the paragraph given below. Neha: I'm really looking forward to the class picnic tomorrow. Namita: Yes, after a long time, we will be meeting our friends and teachers. Neha told Namita (1) _____ looking forward to the class picnic. (2) Namitha agreed, saying that _____ after a long time.	(1x2=2)
Q.X.	Rearrange the words to make meaningful sentences. i. teeth / one / the / neglected / of / body / the / are / of / most / parts / the ii. brushing / teeth / remove / 50% / your / woes / can / almost / of / dental	(1x2=2)
Q.XI.	i. Identify the type of Clause that is italicised. <i>Whoever is responsible for the murder</i> will be executed by the king. a) noun clause b) adverbial clause c) main clause d) adjective clause ii. If you ever need help , just give me a call. a) independent clause/Main clause b) adjective clause c) dependent clause/ subordinate clause d) noun clause	(1x2= 2)
SECTION D: LITERATURE (26 MARKS)		
Q.XII.	Read the given extract and answer the following with reference to the context. (Any two)	(2 x 4 = 8)
a.	<i>“Then took the other, as just as fair, And having perhaps the better claim, Because it was grassy and wanted wear; Though as for that the passing there Had worn them really about the same,”</i> a) The poet feels the second road has the “better claim.” Why? b) What does the term “grassy and wanted wear” point at? c) What feels alike for the poet? d) What is the dilemma that the poet has?	4
b.	<i>“Many times, I rubbed my hands over the pages wishing to understand what was written. But I knew it was not possible. If only I was educated enough I waited eagerly for you to return. I felt you would come early and read for me. I could have asked somebody in this village but I was too embarrassed to do so. I felt so very dependent and helpless. We are well-off, but what use is money when I cannot be independent?”</i> a) What made the grandmother feel inadequate? b) Why could the grandmother not understand what was written? c) Select the option that tracks the progression of emotions experienced by the grandmother in the given extract.	4

	<p>i. reassured – inquisitive – thankful – uncertain</p> <p>ii. surprised – grateful – perplexed – excited</p> <p>iii. yearning – uncertain – dejected – helpless</p> <p>iv. perplexed – uncertain – panic-stricken – appreciative</p> <p>d) Why does the grandmother feel that wealth cannot give her independence?</p>	
c.	<p><i>"And then the whining schoolboy, with his satchel And shining morning face, creeping like snail Unwillingly to school."</i></p> <p>a) Find out the correct possible answer. If "<i>shining morning face</i>": imagery then, "<i>creeping like snail</i>": _____</p> <p>b) What represents the reluctance of a child according to the poet?</p> <p>c) The word <i>Satchel</i> in the extract refers to _____</p> <p>d) Why is the school boy so sullen?</p>	4
Q.XIII.	Answer any SIX of these questions in about 30-40 words each.	(6x2=12)
a.	Why is Pescud addressed as <i>Trevelyan</i> by the narrator in "The Best Seller"?	2
b.	Why did Mr Bramble have fluctuating thoughts regarding his profession?	2
c.	What life lesson did Duke teach Chuck Hooper?	2
d.	Gaston's purchase of the villa is ethically debatable. Why?	2
e.	Why did the narrator make fun of her mother's false teeth?	2
f.	The brook's journey is an analogy of human life. Elaborate.	2
g.	What does the term "plaintive numbers" mean in the poem " <i>The Solitary Reaper</i> "?	2
Q. XIV.	Answer any ONE of the following questions in about 120-150 words.	(1x6=6)
a.	Describe the beneficial effects of the rain on different objects of the earth and its beauty with reference to the poem " <i>The Song of the Rain</i> ".	6
b.	A small change in perspective can transform a life. What facts from the play <i>The Bishop's Candlesticks</i> would you select to justify the above statement with reference to the Bishop?	6