



INDIAN SCHOOL AL WADI AL KABIR

FINAL ASSESSMENT (2025-2026)

ENGLISH

Class: X

Time: 3 hours

Date:

M.M: 80

General Instructions:

- ✓ *All questions are compulsory.*
- ✓ *The question paper consists of four sections:*
Section A - Reading - 22 Marks
Section B - Writing – 22 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 8 printed pages.*

	SECTION A-READING	22 Marks
Q. I	<p>Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow:</p> <p>In a world dominated by digital technology, the way we capture, store, and share memories has evolved significantly. Traditional photo albums and digital photo galleries are two primary methods for preserving personal and family memories, each with its own unique characteristics. Though both share the common goal of keeping memories alive, they offer different experiences, advantages, and disadvantages.</p> <p>Photo albums represent a tangible and tactile way to capture memories. A physical album filled with printed photographs provides a sense of reminiscence and can be passed down through generations, becoming a family heirloom. The process of selecting photos, printing them, and placing them in an album can be a personal and intimate experience, allowing one to reflect on the moments captured.</p> <p>One of the primary advantages of photo albums is their permanence. Unlike digital files, which can be lost or corrupted, physical photographs in a well-maintained album can last for decades, if not centuries. Albums also provide a sensory experience; flipping through the pages, feeling the texture of the paper, and smelling the aging prints can evoke strong emotional responses.</p> <p>Additionally, photo albums require little to no technology to enjoy. This makes them accessible to a wider range of people, including those who may not be tech-savvy. Albums can be taken to family gatherings or passed around during holidays, creating a shared experience among family and friends.</p>	12 Marks

However, photo albums come with certain disadvantages. They take up physical space and are vulnerable to damage from environmental factors like water, fire, or sunlight. Albums are also limited in capacity; once they are filled, creating additional albums can become cumbersome. Furthermore, the process of creating a photo album can be time-consuming and costly. Printing photographs, purchasing albums, and maintaining them can add up.

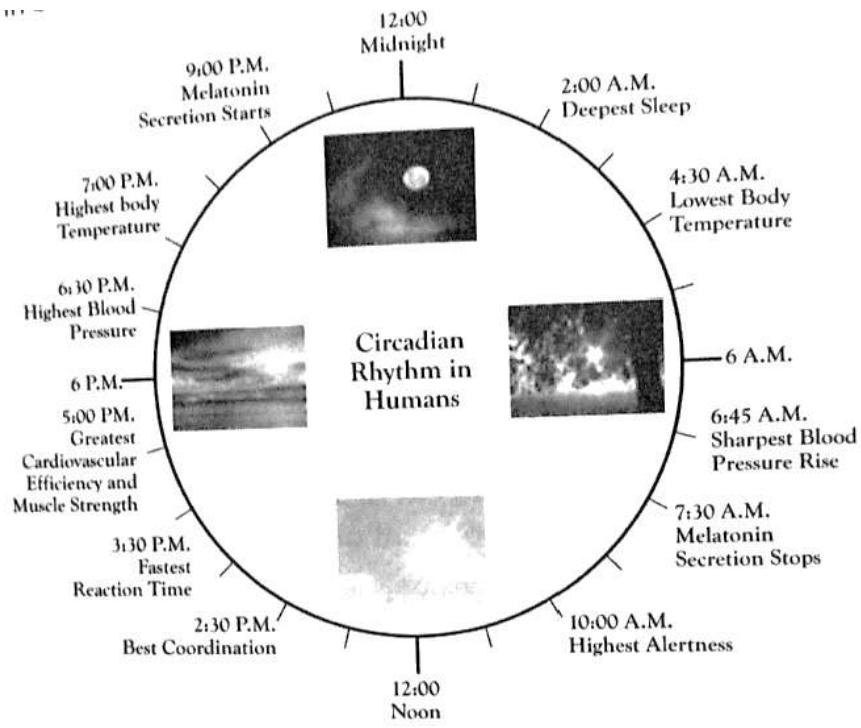
Digital photo galleries have transformed the way we capture and share memories. With the rise of smartphones and digital cameras, taking and storing photos has become more convenient than ever.

The main advantage of digital photo galleries is their convenience and capacity. With a single device, you can store thousands of photos and access them from anywhere. Digital galleries also offer powerful organisation tools, allowing users to sort and categorise their photos with metadata, tags, and dates. Sharing digital photos is effortless; you can send them via email, social media, or cloud-based platforms, enabling friends and family to enjoy memories instantly. Digital galleries also allow for easy editing and enhancement of photos, helping to correct imperfections and improve quality.

Despite their convenience, digital photo galleries have their drawbacks. The reliance on technology means that photos can be lost due to hardware failure, software corruption, or accidental deletion. Additionally, the ephemeral nature of digital files makes them less tangible and more prone to being overlooked or forgotten among the vast array of digital content. Security and privacy are also concerning with digital galleries. Sharing photos online opens up the risk of unauthorized access or data breaches, leading to potential misuse of personal images.

Ultimately, the choice between traditional photo albums and digital photo galleries depends on personal preferences and priorities. Photo albums offer a tactile, enduring connection to memories, while digital galleries provide convenience, flexibility, and ease of sharing. A combination of both methods can offer the best of both worlds, ensuring that cherished memories are preserved and enjoyed for years to come.

(i)	<p>What do traditional photo albums and digital photo galleries share in common?</p> <p>(a) both use digital technology to store photos.</p> <p>(b) both are methods of preserving personal and family memories</p> <p>(c) both are tangible and can be passed down through generations</p> <p>(d) both rely on external power sources to function.</p>	1
(ii)	<p>What aspect of traditional photo albums makes them a cherished item for families?</p> <p>(a) The convenience of digital technology.</p> <p>(b) The ability to store thousands of photos.</p> <p>(c) The sense of nostalgia they provide.</p>	1

	(d) The option to access them from anywhere.	
(iii)	Complete the following suitably. The personal experience associated with photo albums is important because	1
(iv)	Rectify the given false statement. The main benefit that photo albums have over digital files is the sensory experience.	2
(v)	List any one way the photo albums can contribute to an enjoyable family time.	1
(vi)	Why has it become cumbersome to create additional photo albums, according to Paragraph 5?	1
(vii)	Why does the writer say that digital cameras, have made taking and storing photos 'more convenient than ever'?	2
(viii)	How can we say that digital photographs may not always represent reality?	1
(ix)	Explain why we can say that the writer did not choose sides?	2
Q. II.	Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow: Chronobiology might sound a little futuristic - like something from a science fiction novel, perhaps - but it's actually a field of study that concerns one of the oldest processes life on this planet has ever known: short-term rhythms of time and their effect on flora and fauna. When it comes to humans, chronobiologists are interested in what is known as the circadian rhythm. This is the complete cycle our bodies are naturally geared to undergo within the passage of a twenty-four-hour day. Aside from sleeping at night and waking during the day, each cycle involves many other factors such as changes in blood pressure and body temperature.	10 Marks
		
	Knowledge of chronobiological patterns can have many pragmatic implications in our day-to-day lives. While contemporary living can sometimes appear to subjugate biology - after all, who needs circadian rhythms when we have caffeine pills, energy drinks and shift work and cities that never sleep? - keeping in sync with our body clock is important.	

	<p>The average urban resident, for example, rouses at the eye-blearing time of 6:04 a.m., which researchers believe to be far too early. One study found that even rising at 7:00 a.m. has deleterious effects on health unless exercise is performed for 30 minutes afterward. The optimum moment has been whittled down to 7:22 a.m.; muscle aches, headaches and moodiness were reported to be lowest by participants in the study who awoke then.</p> <p>Once you're up and ready to go, what then? If you're trying to shed some extra pounds, dieticians are adamants never skip breakfast. This disorients your circadian rhythm and puts your body in starvation mode.</p> <p>The recommended course of action is to follow an intense workout with a carbohydrate-rich breakfast.</p> <p>Morning is also great for breaking out the vitamins. For improved supplement absorption, naturopath pain stone, suggests pairing supplements with a food in which they are soluble and steering clear of caffeinated beverages. Finally, Stone warns to take care with storage, high potency is best for absorption and warmth and humidity are known to deplete the potency of a supplement. After-dinner espressos are becoming more of a tradition, but to prepare for a good night's sleep we are better off putting the brakes on caffeine consumption as early as 3 p.m. With a seven-hour half-life, a cup of coffee containing 90 mg of caffeine taken at this hour could still leave 45 mg of caffeine in your nervous system at 10 o'clock that evening. It is essential that, by the time you are ready to sleep, your body is rid of all traces.</p>	
(i)	Complete the sentence appropriately.	
	In the given image, a relation is shown between	1
(ii)	"We are better off putting the brakes on caffeine consumption as early as 3 p.m."	
	The idea of putting off the caffeine is to	1
(iii)	<p>Which time has been identified as the best time to wake up as per the researchers?</p> <p>(a) 6:04 a.m.</p> <p>(b) 7:00 a.m.</p> <p>(c) 7:04 a.m.</p> <p>(d) 7:22 a.m.</p>	1
(iv)	<p>Pick the option that lists statements that are not true according to the passage.</p> <p>1. Chronobiology is the study of how living things have evolved over time.</p> <p>2. Circadian rhythms identify how we do different things at different times.</p> <p>3. A 'night person' can still have a healthy circadian rhythm.</p>	1
(v)	<p>New therapies can permanently change circadian rhythms without causing harm.</p> <p>(a) 1 and 2</p>	1

	(b) 2 and 3 (c) 3 and 4 (d) 1 and 4	
(vi)	What is chronobiology?	1
(vii)	How should supplements be taken for maximum benefit?	2
(viii)	Why is the knowledge of the chronobiological pattern central to our day-to-day activities?	2
	SECTION B - WRITING	
Q. III.	You are Madhav, a student of Rose petal Public School, Pune. Write a letter to the class teacher for two days leave to attend the marriage of your cousin sister.	3 Marks
Q. IV.	Write a factual description, in not more than 100 words, of a potted plant that you and your sibling recently chose, to gift your parent.	4 Marks
Q.V.	A) You have observed that modern lifestyles in cities have made people follow the principles 'late to sleep and late to rise' instead of the other way around. As you understand the harm to a person's health due to this, write a letter to the Editor of a national daily making people aware of the problems that arise. Use ideas from the MCB unit on 'Health and Medicine' and your own ideas. You are Fazal/Farzana of 106, Station Road, Kandivli West, Mumbai, in not more than 120 words. OR B) Write a letter to the librarian, City Library, in not more than 120 words, for purchase and addition of popular fiction and non-fiction titles in Braille and also the intake of audio books to promote inclusion. You are an NGO employee, from the same city. You may use ideas from Unit 2: Education, along with your own ideas to write this letter.	7 Marks
Q. VI.	A) EVs or Electric vehicles have now become a necessity. Keeping in mind how the rise in economic activity and burgeoning population has led to a tremendous demand of electric vehicles in the transport sector, especially in urban India, write an article on 'A World with 'Smog-free and Clear Air''. Use the given cues along with your own ideas from the Unit- Science in 150 words. <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; border: 1px solid green; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> India's ever-growing population Zero tailpipe emissions </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; border: 1px solid green; padding: 5px;"> Critical issues of air and noise pollution Electric vehicles-low maintenance costs </div> OR B) Scarcity of water is felt by people everywhere in villages, in towns and in big cities. Global warming has affected our rainfall and snowfall. Our population is increasing and demand for water is on the rise. Rainwater harvesting, conservation of water, along with control on its wastage shall help us meet our water needs in future. Write an article on the topic 'Water Problem' using the clues given in the question.	8 Marks
	SECTION – C: GRAMMAR	
Q. VII	Complete the following paragraph by choosing the correct words from the options given in the brackets.	3 Marks

	<p>When the old lady _____ (return, returned, had returned) to her flat, she saw at once that the burglars _____ (broke, were breaking, had broken) in her absence. Though the burglars themselves _____ (are, were, be) no longer there, but she saw they had just left because there was a burning cigarette in the ashtray.</p>																													
Q. VIII	<p>The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the error and its correction as shown in the example.</p> <table> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th style="text-align: center;">Error</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Correction</th> <th></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Walt Disney was our hero. He</td> <td>e.g. was</td> <td>is</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>left me a legacy that can</td> <td>(a).....</td> <td>.....</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>be enjoy time and again. He</td> <td>(b).....</td> <td>.....</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>knew who to entertain us so well.</td> <td>(c).....</td> <td>.....</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>He developed a process in</td> <td>(d)</td> <td>.....</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>creating animated films.</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Error	Correction		Walt Disney was our hero. He	e.g. was	is		left me a legacy that can	(a).....		be enjoy time and again. He	(b).....		knew who to entertain us so well.	(c).....		He developed a process in	(d)		creating animated films.				4 Marks
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Q. IX	<p>A) Rearrange the following words/phrases in the given dialogue to create meaningful sentences</p> <p>The king summoned his ministers who were whispering to each other and said to them</p> <p>The King: What are you whispering about?</p> <p>Minister 1: Your highness, we are talking about the new education policy in the country</p> <p>Minister 2: education experience/ a more dynamic/ for a holistic/the NEP is/ and wholesome/ pave the way/ approach/ which will</p>	1 Mark																												
	<p>B) Report the dialogues to complete the paragraph that follows.</p> <p>Sanjay: I am surprised to see you here in Delhi. When did you come?</p> <p>Madan: I came here yesterday. I have been offered a job here.</p> <p>Sanjay told Madan (a) and asked (b) Madan replied that he had come there the previous day and added that he had been offered a job there.</p>	2 Marks																												
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Q. X	Read the given excerpts and attempt ANY TWO , by answering the questions that follow.	4+4																												
A	<p>And wrinkled lip, and sneer of cold command, Tell that its sculptor well those passions read Which yet survive, stamped on these lifeless things,</p>																													

	<p>The hand that mocked them, and the heart that fed;</p> <p>(a) Describe the setting of the poem?</p> <p>(b) Identify the poetic device used in the first line.</p> <p>(c) What image of the sculpture can be formed after reading the above lines?</p> <p>(d) Explain the phrase 'The hand that mocked them, and the heart that fed'</p>	
B	<p>It ate the food it ne'er had eat, And round and round it flew.</p> <p>The ice did split with a thunder-fit; The helmsman steered us through!</p> <p>(a) What do you mean by 'helmsman'?</p> <p>(b) What difficulty did the mariners face before 'it' arrived?</p> <p>(c) What happened after 'its' appearance?</p> <p>(d) Explain 'round and round it flew'.</p>	
C	<p>But suddenly that part of him that was left behind convulsed in undignified haste.</p> <p>Writhed like lightning, and was gone Into the black hole, the earth-lipped fissure in the wall-front, At which, in the intense still noon, I stared with fascination. And immediately I regretted it.</p> <p>(a) Why did the poet stare with fascination?</p> <p>(b) Why did the poet immediately regret his action?</p> <p>(c) What has been described here?</p> <p>(d) Which figure of speech is used in the last line?</p>	
Q XI	Answer ANY FIVE out of the following six questions given below in about 40 words.	10 Marks
1	Why was the author surprised to see Nicola and Jacopo working as shoeshine boys?	
2	How did the dislike for Loona Bimberton affect Mrs. Packletide's life?	
3	What was the purpose behind organizing the Writer's Inspiration Bureau? How does this bureau function?	
4	Money and satisfaction are like parallel banks of a stream. How does this statement correspond to Patol Babu's emotion, after the shot was over?	
5	Why was Sebastian Shultz's recovery called a miracle?	

6	The character of Victoria is a stark contrast to that of her parents. Justify.	
Q. XII	Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions in about 150 words.	8 Marks
1	Even though both, the frog from Vikram Seth's poem 'The Frog and the Nightingale' and Abel's children from the play 'The Dear Departed' display greed, there are differences. Elaborate, in about 150 words, how the greed of the frog and that of Abel's children differ in motivation, actions, relationship, and consequences.	
2	"Not that I loved Caesar less, but I loved Rome more." Brutus says this as he justifies to the Romans why Caesar was assassinated by them. Do you agree with Brutus? Justify your answer in 150 words by giving examples from the play 'Julius Caesar.' What value does Brutus display as he says this line to the Romans?	