



INDIAN SCHOOL AL WADI AL KABIR
PRE- MID TERM REVISION PAPER (2025-26)
ENGLISH

Class: VIII
Date: 18/05/2025

Time: 1 Hour
M.M: 30

General Instructions:

- ✓ All questions are compulsory.
- ✓ The question paper consists of four sections:
 Section A – Reading (10 marks), Section B-Writing (4 marks),
 Section C-Grammar (4 marks) and Section D-Literature (12 marks).
- ✓ Attempt one section at a stretch and then move to the next section.
- ✓ Use of correcting fluid (whitener) is prohibited.
- ✓ Note: This question paper consists of 6 printed pages.

SECTION A- READING (10 Marks)		
Q. I.	<p>Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the correct option.</p> <p>Mary had never seen a place so wild and mysterious. The enormous house stood in the middle of vast moors, where the wind howled like a lonely wolf across the empty fields. The first few days, she wandered the halls, listening to the distant sounds that seemed to whisper secrets of the past. Then, one day, she heard something—faint but distinct. A cry. Not of the wind, but of a child.</p> <p>Curious and determined, she followed the sound, pressing her ear against doors and corners, trying to unravel the mystery. As she tiptoed through the dim corridor, her fingers traced the patterns on the cold stone walls. And then, she found it—a small wooden door, slightly ajar. Beyond it, a flight of stairs wound upward like a spiral of secrets.</p> <p>Heart pounding, she climbed. The cry grew louder, and with a trembling hand, she pushed open another door at the top. Inside, wrapped in thick blankets, was a frail-looking boy with tear-streaked cheeks. He turned to her, his eyes filled with surprise. “Who are you?” he asked, his voice fragile like a fallen leaf.</p>	(1 x 6 =6)

	<p>Mary smiled, stepping forward. “Someone who loves mysteries,” she replied. And in that moment, something changed. The enormous house no longer felt as lonely. It had whispered its secrets, and Mary was ready to listen.</p> <p>1. Where did Mary hear the mysterious sound?</p> <p>(a) In the garden (b) In the corridor (c) In the kitchen (d) Outside the house</p> <p>2. What did Mary find at the top of the stairs?</p> <p>(a) An abandoned cat (b) A locked treasure chest (c) A boy wrapped in blankets (d) A hidden tunnel</p> <p>3. What did Mary love?</p> <p>(a) Solving mysteries (b) Playing outside (c) Cooking delicious meals (d) Traveling the world</p> <p>4. What effect did Mary’s discovery have on the house?</p> <p>(a) It became more eerie and frightening (b) It felt less lonely (c) The walls started crumbling (d) The wind stopped blowing</p> <p>5. What does Mary’s discovery of the frail boy reveal about the house and its hidden secrets?</p> <p>6. Find the synonym of ‘weak ‘from the passage. (para 3)</p>	
Q. II	<p>Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the correct option.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Importance of Pollinators</p> <p>Pollinators play a crucial role in ecosystems and food production. Bees, butterflies, birds, and even bats help transfer pollen from one flower to another, allowing plants to reproduce. This process is essential for fruits, vegetables, and many other crops humans rely on for food.</p>	(1 x4 =4)

	<p>One of the most well-known pollinators, bees, work tirelessly collecting nectar and spreading pollen. However, their population has been declining due to habitat loss, pesticides, and climate change. Scientists and conservationists are working to create pollinator-friendly environments by planting more flowers and reducing harmful chemicals.</p> <p>Pollinators contribute not only to agriculture but also to biodiversity. Without them, many plant species would struggle to survive, impacting the animals that rely on those plants. People can help protect pollinators by planting native flowers, reducing pesticide use, and supporting local conservation efforts.</p> <p>1. What is the primary role of pollinators?</p> <p>(a) To eat plants (b) To transfer pollen between flowers (c) To build nests in trees (d) To clean the environment</p> <p>2. Which of the following is NOT a pollinator?</p> <p>(a) Bees (b) Butterflies (c) Wolves (d) Bats</p> <p>3. Why are pollinators important for agriculture?</p> <p>(a) They protect crops from disease (b) They help plants reproduce (c) They provide shade for plants (d) They eat harmful insects</p> <p>4. What is one major reason bee populations are declining?</p> <p>(a) They refuse to collect nectar (b) Habitat loss and pesticide use (c) Increased rainfall (d) Too many flowers in their habitat</p>	
	SECTION B – WRITING (4 Marks)	
Q. III.	Complete the story in about 100-150 words giving a suitable title and moral.	(1x4=4)

	<p><i>One morning, you wake up to find that your town is eerily silent. As you step outside, you realize that the streets are empty—no people, no animals, not even the usual hum of life. The buildings remain, but every sign of civilization has vanished overnight. You are the only one left.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Develop the given outline into a complete story in 100-150 words based on the input given. Give a suitable title and moral for the story.</p> <p>God's promise to a disciple to visit her..... disciple cleans her house and waits for God..... poor old lady knocks her door disciple doesn't help..... next, beggar comes at her door step.... she doesn't entertain himFinally a child knocks her door she sends him awaydreams of God that night God tells her that he had come thrice at her door step...</p>	
	SECTION C -GRAMMAR (4 Marks)	
Q.IV.	<p>Fill in the blanks with correct determiner to complete each sentence. Put an X in case of zero determiner.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> _____ book on the table belongs to me. There was _____ excitement in the room before the big announcement. She has _____ friends who always support her. Birds fly across the sky at _____ sunset. 	(½ x 4 =2)
Q V.	<p>Choose the correct determiners from the bracket.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;"> many, all, each , the , few ,an , each , every ,all , any , much ,several </div> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> _____ stars in the sky look bright tonight. She bought _____ apple from the market. _____ student in the class passed the exam. There isn't _____ water left in the bottle. 	(½ x 4=2)

	SECTION D- LITERATURE (12 Marks)													
Q VI	<p>Answer the following with reference to context.</p> <p><i>“I’d prefer cricket,” I told him. “Then we Tommies could be sure of winning, probably.” We laughed at that, and together we watched the game. Sad to say, Connie, Fritz won, two goals to one. But as Hans Wolf generously said, our goal was wider than theirs, so it wasn’t quite fair. The time came, and all too soon, when the game was finished, the schnapps and the rum and the sausage had long since run out, and we knew it was all over. I wished Hans well and told him I hoped he would see his family again soon, that the fighting would end and we could all go home.”</i></p> <p>i. Who was Hans Wolf? ii. What was the game and who were the winners? iii. What did Jim hope?</p>	(1 x 3 =3)												
Q. VII	<p>Answer these questions in brief (Any Three)</p> <p>1. How did the Djinn appear? What was the camel doing? 2. How did the German officer Hans Wolf know so much about Dorset? 3. Who is the author of ‘How the Camel Got His hump’? 4. Who, of the two armies, took the initiative for celebrating the Christmas together? How did they begin it?</p>	(1 x 3= 3)												
Q.VIII	<p>Match the words in the first column with their correct meanings in the last column and rewrite them.</p>	(½ x 4 =2)												
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Q IX.	Answer the following questions. (Any two)	(2 x 2 =4)
	<p>1. Describe in brief the author's meeting with Connie.</p> <p>2. Is the title 'How the Camel Got His Hump' appropriate for the story? Give reasons for your answer.</p> <p>3. How did the animals express their anger to the Djinn?</p>	
