



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

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)

I. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: 8 marks

(1) Often, people are getting their news online as the convenience and accessibility of online news is difficult to compete with.

(2) Physical newspapers are typically large, need to be folded and aren't always free, making them an overall hassle. With virtual media outlets being available to nearly everybody at the click of a button, it comes as no surprise that it's grown to be a dominant form of news consumption. However, it's important for readers to consider exactly what they're consuming when getting their news through an app versus a paper, namely the influence of an algorithm.

(3) A search algorithm is a set of rules made to put forward content the reader is more likely to engage with and filter out what they will ignore. Based on one's viewing history, an app or service determines what kind of content the user enjoys, then recommends similar content from that point onwards. Algorithms give the viewer what they want, that's undeniable, but it's also the problem.

(4) Digital media experts warn readers to be cautious of how an algorithm processes content. These systems show a reader more of what they want, but in the process, they block out any pieces that aren't in sync with their observed beliefs for the sake of customer service. The result is a person who is always given the same type of content, rarely venturing outside of their own viewpoints.

(5) There is, fortunately, a way for readers to still get their news without risking the entrapment of an algorithm: classic print newspapers which are not limited by any ruleset constantly tailoring the words offered to the reader. News in print needs to satisfy every type of reader with only one copy, allowing it to offer a wide scope of topics. Printed news offers its viewership more freedom over what they choose to read.

(6) While an algorithm purposely chooses and narrows potential news, a physical paper's diversity grants its news a more exploratory nature. Taking the time to engage with every part of a physical paper puts a variety of subjects, views and information on display for readers.

(7) It'd be naive to believe that print newspapers are completely free from bias or a certain degree of filtering. Still, a physical newspaper will almost never be as narrow in scope as the suggestions of a digital media outlet will be.

Answer the following questions, based on the above passage:

(i) Online news is becoming popular because it's (1 mark)

- A. economically affordable.
- B. readily accessible.
- C. less cumbersome.
- D. more interesting.

(ii) The phrase 'venturing outside of their own viewpoints' in para 4 most nearly means (1 mark)

- A. stepping into someone's shoes.
- B. challenging others' opinions.
- C. combining traditional beliefs with modern ideology.
- D. moving away from one's personal opinions.

(iii) Complete the sentence with evidence from the text. (1 mark)

Online readers are unaware that the news they read on a digital platform is _____.

(iv) Share evidence from the text in about 40 words to support the view that though algorithms give the reader what they want to read, they are also a problem. (2 Marks)

(v) Why according to the writer is reading news online becoming increasingly popular? (1 mark)

(vi) The passage suggests that the reader while reading news online must be ____? (1 mark)

- A. focused
- B. discerning
- C. indifferent
- D. attentive

(vii) Read the headlines A – E given below: (1 mark)

- A. NEWSPAPERS – FREEDOM OF SPEECH
- B. INTERNET – THE NEWS ENTERTAINER
- C. ONLINE NEWS – A LIMITED PERCEPTION
- D. NEWSPAPER VS ONLINE NEWS APPS
- E. NEWS – A BIASED PERSPECTIVE

Identify the option that displays the headline that does not correspond with occurrences in the passage.

SECTION –B GRAMMAR AND WRITING – (7 MARKS)

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

- (a) 12,000 species / all over / there are / of ants / the world / more than
- (b) or groups / who live in / social insects / they are/ small colonies
- (c) a millions / ant colonies / of ants / can consist there

II B. Fill in the blanks of ANY TWO questions by writing the correct form of the verbs given, to complete the sentences. (2 marks)

- a. The match _____ (begin) before we reached the stadium. There _____ (be) a great rush at the gate.
- b. My younger brother, Tinu, _____ (fall) off his bicycle yesterday. He hurt his ankle _____ (be) in bed since then.
- c. It is estimated that India _____ (make) rapid strides in the coming years. For that we _____ (need) good labs and equipment.

III. You are a computer professional. You are looking for a part time job in the networking field. Draft an advertisement to be published in a newspaper. Invent necessary details about your experience. (3 marks)

OR

You are running a publishing house. You need two English editors. Write an advertisement to this effect. Invent necessary details.

SECTION C- LITERATURE-(15 MARKS)

IV. REFERENCE TO CONTEXT (1 x 4 = 4 marks)

A. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow.

“It wasn’t morning yet, but it was summer and with day break not many minutes around the corner of the world it was light enough for me to know I wasn’t dreaming. My cousin Mourad was sitting on a beautiful white horse. I stuck my head out of the window and rubbed my eyes. Yes, he said in Armenian. It’s a horse. You are not dreaming. Make it quick if you want to ride.”

i. Who is the narrator of the story “The Summer of a Beautiful White Horse”?

- (a) William Saroyan
- (b) Aram
- (c) John Byro
- (d) Mourad

ii. Why couldn’t Aram believe when he saw Mourad with the horse?

iii. ‘Make it quick’ here means

iv. Why did Mourad wake his cousin up?

OR

B. *“Now she’s been dead nearly as many years
As that girl lived. And of this circumstance
There is nothing to say at all.
Its silence silences.”*

- i. Who does ‘she’ refer to?
- ii. Why is there nothing to say?
 - (a) Because the poet is confused
 - (b) Because the poet was not in her senses when her mother expired
 - (c) Because the death of the poet’s mother has left a deep void in the poet’s heart
 - (d) Because the poet did not have a good relationship with her mother
- iii. Which word in the extract means the same as “events that change your life, over which you have no control”?
 - (a) Silences
 - (b) Patience
 - (c) Situation
 - (d) Circumstance
- iv. Identify the figure of speech in the last line of the given extract:
 - (a) Alliteration
 - (b) Simile
 - (c) Transferred Epithet
 - (d) Oxymoron

V. Answer **ANY THREE** of the following in about **40 to 50** words: **(2 x 3 = 6 marks)**

- a. Mention three reasons why the author’s grandmother was disturbed when he started going to the city school.
- b. Comment on the tone of the poem. (A Photograph)
- c. Mourad said, “I have a way with a horse”. Do you agree? Give an example to prove your point.
- d. Describe narrator’s experience when he rode the white horse alone? 'The Summer of the Beautiful White Horse'.

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

a. 'When people are pious, kind hearted and God fearing, even nature mourns their death'.
Justify this statement with reference to, 'The Portrait of a Lady'.

b. "Garoghlanian family was known for its honesty and strong principles." The narrator Aram and his cousin Mourad, in spite of stealing the white horse, live up to the pride and honour of the family. Elaborate.

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