

Vikas Bharati Public School
Sample Paper (Session 2025-26)
Class: VIII
Subject: ENGLISH

Time: 2 hrs 30 mins

M.M: 60

General Instructions:

1. *This question paper contains 5 printed pages and 12 questions.*
2. *This question paper contains four sections- Reading, Writing & Grammar, Literature and Supplementary Reader.*
3. *All questions are compulsory.*
4. *Write the complete answer with options in the answer sheet for MCQ. No marks will be awarded for writing only options.*
5. *Over attempted questions will not be evaluated.*

SECTION- A (READING)		
1.	Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:	
	<p>In today's fast-changing world, the role of education has expanded beyond textbooks and examinations. Education is no longer limited to acquiring academic knowledge; it also aims to develop critical thinking, creativity and moral values in students. A well-rounded education helps learners understand society better and prepares them to face real-life challenges with confidence.</p> <p>One of the major debates in education today is whether traditional classroom learning is sufficient or if digital learning should take its place. Supporters of online education argue that it offers flexibility, access to vast resources and opportunities for self-paced learning. Students can attend classes from anywhere and revisit recorded lessons whenever required. However, critics believe that excessive dependence on digital tools can reduce social interaction and weaken communication skills.</p> <p>Moreover, education plays a crucial role in shaping responsible citizens. Schools are not only centers of learning but also places where students learn discipline, cooperation and respect for others. Activities such as group discussions, debates and community service help students develop empathy and leadership qualities.</p> <p>In conclusion, education must strike a balance between academic excellence and life skills. While technology can enhance learning, it cannot replace the human touch of teachers and the values gained through personal interaction. A thoughtful blend of traditional and modern methods can ensure the holistic development of students.</p>	
	<p>i According to the passage, modern education aims to develop:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Only academic knowledge b) Physical strength c) Critical thinking and moral values d) Technical skills only 	(1)
	<p>ii Supporters of online education believe that it:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Reduces learning opportunities b) Limits access to resources c) Provides flexibility and self-paced learning 	(1)

		d) Weakens students' confidence	
	iii	Schools help in shaping responsible citizens by: a) Focusing only on examinations b) Ignoring extracurricular activities c) Teaching discipline and cooperation d) Avoiding group activities	(1)
	iv	Choose the correct synonym of the word “ expanded ” as used in the passage: a) Reduced b) Limited c) Increased d) Ignored	(1)
	v	Identify the correct tense of the sentence: “ <i>Education plays a crucial role in shaping responsible citizens.</i> ” a) Past Simple b) Present Simple c) Present Continuous d) Future Simple	(1)
2.		Read the given passage carefully and answer the questions that follow	
		<p>Ravi had always believed that courage meant being fearless. Living in a small village near the hills, he often listened to stories of brave warriors and adventurers. However, one evening, Ravi was put to the test when he heard cries for help coming from the forest near his home. Though fear tightened his chest, he picked up a lantern and decided to investigate.</p> <p>As he moved deeper into the forest, the darkness grew thicker and the sounds of insects echoed around him. Soon, Ravi discovered that the cries were coming from an injured traveller who had slipped into a ditch. The man was unable to stand and was shivering in pain. Ravi hesitated for a moment but then reassured the traveller and promised to bring help.</p> <p>Without wasting time, Ravi rushed back to the village and informed the elders. Together, they returned with ropes and a stretcher. The traveller was rescued safely and taken to the village for treatment. That night, Ravi realised that courage did not mean the absence of fear, but the strength to act despite it.</p> <p>The next morning, the village elders praised Ravi for his presence of mind and selflessness. Ravi smiled quietly, knowing that the experience had changed his understanding of bravery forever.</p>	
	i	What did Ravi initially believe courage meant? a) Helping others b) Being fearless c) Being physically strong d) Taking risks for reward	(1)
	ii	What role did the village elders play? a) They scolded Ravi b) They ignored the situation c) They helped rescue the traveller d) They treated the traveller alone	(1)
	iii	Identify the type of noun in the word “ bravery ”: a) Common noun	(1)

		b) Proper noun c) Abstract noun d) Collective noun	
	iv	Identify the correct tense of the verb in the sentence: <i>"Ravi rushed back to the village and informed the elders."</i>	(1)
	v	a) Present Simple b) Past Simple c) Present Continuous d) Past Continuous	
	SECTION B (WRITING & GRAMMAR)		
3.		Write an application to the Class Teacher requesting permission to submit your homework late due to ill health.	(6)
		OR	
		Write an email to your friend telling him/her about the Republic Day celebration in your school.	
4.		Your mother has gone out and a courier delivery person comes with an important parcel. Write a message for your mother regarding the delivery.	(4)
		OR	
		Draft a classified advertisement to let out a one-room set on rent in a prime residential area of your city.	
5.		Read the passage given below. There is one error in each line. Write the error and the correct word in the space provided.	(6)
		Incorrect word/ Correct word	
		In the time of drought, many the villagers face severe problems.	a)
		The lack of water affect both humans and animals.	b)
		There is shortage of food and people has to migrate to cities.	c)
		Farmers lose their crops and suffers heavy losses.	d)
		Many children do not receives proper nutrition and education.	e)
		The authorities tries to control the situation but funds are insufficient.	f)
6.		Do as directed.	9

	a)	The shining sun brightened the day. (Identify the highlighted word as a Gerund / Participle)	
	b)	She can't answer vyour call right now. She is as busy _____. (Complete the given sentence with a suitable simile.)	
	c)	The lady covered her face with ____ (Choose the correct word -veil/vale)	
	d)	He celebrated his birthday with ____ (Write the synonym of -‘zeal’)	
	e)	Frame a sentence with the antonym of – ‘worship’	
	f)	Ritu said to Rohit, “When are you leaving?” Change it into Indirect Speech.	
	g)	She said to her friend, “Alas! I have failed the exam.” Identify the speech	
	h)	Who read this book? (Change the sentences in the passive voice.)	
	i)	The artist created a stunning painting.	
	SECTION C (LITERATURE)		
7.	Read the given lines and answer the questions with reference to the context.		
	<i>Yet some maintain that to this day She is a living child; That you may see sweet Lucy Gray Upon the lonesome wild.</i>		
	a)	Name the poet of the poem.	(1)
	b)	What idea or feeling about Lucy is conveyed in these lines?	(1)
	c)	Explain the phrase “lonesome wild”.	(1)
8.	Read the given lines carefully and answer the questions		
	<i>‘Soon the puppies were crawling all over the place, squeaking softly and looking for their mother.’</i>		
	a)	Which feeling does the extract evoke in the reader?	(1)
	b)	What does this line tell us about the age of the puppies?	(1)
	c)	Why were the puppies squeaking softly?	(2)
9.	Attempt any five of the following questions. Word limit 30-40 words.		
	a)	How was the confusion in the play ‘A Midsummer Night’s Dream resolved’?	
	b)	Who was Helen? What challenge did she face?	
	c)	What task did Mr. Hall and Knight take?	
	d)	Who was Bunyip?	
	e)	What actions of Helen proved that she was keen to utter audible sounds?	
	f)	Who was Oberon?	

10.	Attempt any <i>one</i> of the following questions. Word limit 50-60 words.		(3)
	a)	Helen Keller overcame the challenges of being deaf and blind through determination and hard work. What values can we learn from her life? How can students apply these values in their own life?	
	b)	How can misunderstandings affect relationships, as shown in the play “A Midsummer Night’s Dream?	
SECTION D (SUPPLEMENTARY READER)			
11.	Choose the correct answer		
	a)	Where had the tiger hidden its treasure? A. Inside a cave B. Under a rock C. In the hollow of a tree trunk D. Beneath the riverbed	(1)
	b)	Why was Medekeri Nayak worried despite being peaceful? A. His army was weak B. His kingdom was poor C. Haider Ali’s growing ambition and power D. Internal rebellion	(1)
	c)	How did Kallu like to live, despite having little money? a) Simply and frugally b) Lavishly like a Nawab c) Quietly and peacefully d) Travelling abroad	(1)
12.	Answer the given questions in 10-20 words.		
	a)	Why did the tiger warn the goldsmith not to tell anyone about the crab?	(1)
	b)	Why did Haider Ali’s army fail to conquer the fort easily?	(1)