

PRACTICE PAPER
MID TERM EXAMINATION (2025-26)
CLASS: VIII
SUBJECT: ENGLISH

Time Allowed: 2.30 hours

Maximum Marks: 60

General Instructions:

- (i) This question paper is divided in to four sections:
Section A: Reading: 14 Marks
Section B: Writing: 12 Marks
Section C: Grammar: 14 Marks
Section D: Literature: 20 Marks
- (ii) All the questions are compulsory.
- (iii) Marks are indicated against each question.
- (iv) Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.
- (v) Read the questions carefully before answering.

SECTION: A (READING) (14)

Q.1 Read the passage given below (7)

Water Conservation

Water is one of the most precious natural resources on our planet. Every living being—humans, animals, and plants—needs water to survive. However, fresh water is limited, and many regions around the world are already facing water shortages. This makes it very important for us to conserve water. Water conservation means using water wisely and avoiding waste. Many people waste water by leaving taps running, using hoses for cleaning, or ignoring leaking pipes.

Simple actions like turning off the tap while brushing teeth, fixing leaks, collecting rainwater, and using buckets instead of showers can save a lot of water. Farmers can also help by using drip irrigation methods. Saving water not only ensures there is enough for everyone but also protects the environment. If we don't take steps now, future generations may struggle to find clean water. Every drop is valuable. Let's all do our part to save water every day.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below (7)

- i. **Which one of the following is a way to save water at home? 1**
A) Leave the tap running while brushing
B) Use a hose to clean the driveway
C) Fix leaking taps and pipes
D) Take long showers every day

- ii. **Which method is useful for farmers to conserve water? 1**
A) Spray irrigation
B) Drip irrigation
C) Flood irrigation
D) Pouring extra water on crop

- iii. **What does water conservation mean? 1**
A) Using more water for cleaning
B) Saving rainwater for drinking only
C) Using water wisely and not wasting it
D) Storing water in large tanks

- iv. **What could happen if we don't conserve water? 1**
A) Water will become cheaper
B) Water will taste better

- C) Future generations may face water shortages
- D) Water will turn into oil

v. State whether the following statement is True or False: 1

Fresh water is unlimited and available everywhere.

vi In what ways does water conservation help protect the environment? 2

Q.2 Read the passage given below : (7)

Kalpana Chawla was the first woman of Indian origin to go to space. She was born in Karnal, Haryana, in 1961. From a young age, she was fascinated by airplanes and the sky. After completing her education in India, Kalpana moved to the United States to study aerospace engineering. She earned her doctorate and later joined NASA as an astronaut.

Her first space mission was in 1997 aboard the Space Shuttle Columbia. She spent 15 days in space, conducting experiments and observing Earth. Kalpana became a role model for young people, especially girls, who dream of flying and exploring the unknown.

Tragically, her second mission in 2003 ended in disaster. The Columbia shuttle broke apart during re-entry, and all seven crew members lost their lives. Though her journey ended too soon, Kalpana's courage, dedication, and passion continue to inspire millions.

She proved that with hard work and determination, even the sky is not the limit. Schools, scholarships, and institutions have been named in her honor. Kalpana Chawla will always be remembered as a woman who reached for the stars—literally and symbolically.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below (7)

i. In what year did Kalpana Chawla go on her first space mission? 1

- A) 1995
- B) 1997
- C) 2000
- D) 2003

ii. What happened during Kalpana Chawla's second space mission? 1

- A) She returned safely with new data
- B) The shuttle landed on the Moon
- C) The shuttle broke apart during re-entry
- D) The mission was canceled mid-way

iii. What is Kalpana Chawla most remembered for? 1

- A) Being the first Indian woman to win a Nobel Prize
- B) Discovering a new planet
- C) Being the first woman of Indian origin to go to space
- D) Becoming a fighter pilot

iv. Which organization did Kalpana Chawla join as an astronaut? 1

- A) ISRO
- B) DRDO
- C) NASA
- D) SpaceX

v. The space shuttle _____ broke apart during re-entry, causing her death. 1

vi. What happened during Kalpana Chawla's second space mission? 2

SECTION: B (WRITING)**(12)**

Q.3. Using the following hints, write a complete story in about 100–120 words. Give it a suitable title.
[80-100 words] (1x6=6)

Foggy morning – strange noise – walked towards sound – found an old well – heard voices inside – called for help – rescued a lost traveler – felt relieved – returned home safely.

OR

Q3 You visited a wildlife sanctuary with your family during the holidays. Write a diary entry describing your journey, the animals and plants you saw, your experiences, and how you felt being close to nature. [80-100 words] (1x6=6)

Q.4 You are *Ananya Sharma* of *Sunrise Public School, Lucknow*. There is a lot of garbage piled up near the school gate, causing foul smell and health concerns. Write a letter to the Principal requesting him/her to take action and contact the municipal authorities for cleaning the area.
[80-100 words] (1x6=6)

Use the given format:

- Sender's Address
- Date
- Name & Address of the school.
- Subject
- Sir/Madam
- Troubles caused because of garbage
- Thank You
- Your name, class/ section.

OR

Q4. You recently visited a science exhibition organized in your city. Describe the exhibition in 80–100 words, mentioning the models displayed, your favorite exhibit, and what you learned from the visit.
(1x6=6)

- Science Exhibition
- Models Displayed
- Venue and Time
- Competition held
- Awards Given
- Overall Experience

SECTION- C (GRAMMAR)**(14)**

Q.5 Complete the sentences below by choosing the correct option for each given blank (Any Four): (4x1=4)

- i. The final exams will start _____ Monday.
 - a. in
 - b. at
 - c. on
 - d. to
- ii. We are planning to leave _____ the morning.
 - a. at
 - b. in

- c. on
- d. by

- iii. She was tired, _____ she went to bed early.
 - a. or
 - b. so
 - c. and
 - d. but
- iv. He is not only smart _____ also hardworking.
 - a. and
 - b. or
 - c. but
 - d. so
- v. They stayed indoors _____ it was raining heavily.
 - a. because
 - b. and
 - c. but
 - d. or

Q6. Do as directed: (Any Four) (4x1=4)

- i. He said, “I have finished my homework.” (*Change to Reported Speech*)
- ii. She asked, “Where are you going?” (*Change to Reported Speech*)
- iii. They are playing cricket in the park. (*Change to Past Continuous Tense*)
- iv. We will visit the museum next week. (*Change to Future Continuous Tense*)
- v. She writes beautiful poems. (*Change to Simple Past Tense*)

Q7. Fill the blanks with the correct option from the bracket. (Any Three) (3x1=3)

- i. This question is _____ than the previous one. (easy/easier)
- ii. He _____ a story when the teacher entered. (was telling/told)
- iii. Riya is the _____ singer in the group. (good/best)
- iv. I have never _____ such a beautiful painting. (see/seen)

Q8. Fill in the blanks with the correct Modal Verb from the table given below (Any Three) (3x1=3)

May	must	could	Ought to
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- a. You _____ respect elders.
- b. He _____ join us later if he finishes his work.
- c. You _____ improve your score by practicing daily.
- d. You _____ look both ways before crossing the street.

SECTION- D (LITERATURE) 20 Marks

Q.9 Read the given extract and answer the questions that follow (Any Four) (4x1=4)

When the tremors came early in the morning, the family was sleeping. Almas’s father saw the sea water recede. He understood that the water would come rushing back with great force. He woke everyone up and tried to rush them to a safer place. As they ran, her grandfather was hit on the head by something and he fell down. Her father rushed to help him. Then came the first giant wave that swept both of them away

Almas’s mother and aunts stood clinging to the leaves of a coconut tree, calling out to her. A wave uprooted the tree, and they too were washed away.

(The Tsunami)

- i. What did Almas’s father see before the wave came?
- ii. Why did Almas’s father wake everyone up?
- iii. State True or False: Almas’s father was able to save her grandfather
- iv. The word, ‘giant’ in the above passage means _____.
- v. While running, Alma’s _____(grandfather) was struck on the head by something and collapsed

Q.10 Read the given extract and answer the questions that follow (Any Two) (2x2=4)

A silly young cricket, accustomed to sing
Through the warm, sunny months of gay summer and spring,
Began to complain when he found that, at home,
His cupboard was empty, and winter was come.
Not a crumb to be found
On the snow-covered ground;
Not a flower could he see,
Not a leaf on a tree.
“Oh! what will become,” says the cricket, “of me?”

(The Ant and the Cricket)

- i. What was the young cricket accustomed to doing?
- ii. What was the condition of the ground during winter?
- iii. What question did the cricket ask at the end of the stanza?

Q.11 Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words. (Do any four) (4x3=12)

- i. What did the author discover inside the roll-top desk? (Best Christmas Present in the World)
- ii. What is the central message of the poem "Geography Lesson"?
- iii. How did Indian reformers contribute to social change during British rule? (Glimpses of The Past)
- iv. How did Bipin react after being told he had visited Ranchi? (Bipin Choudhary's Lapse of Memory)
- v. How did Tilly Smith’s geography lesson save her family and others? (The Tsunami)
