



B.K. BIRLA CENTRE FOR EDUCATION

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A CBSE DAY-CUM-BOYS' RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL
PERIODIC TEST II-2025-26

ENGLISH
Answer Key

Class: VI
Date: 10.11.25
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Time: 1hr
Max Marks: 25
Roll no:

SECTION A: READING SKILLS

1. Read the passage and answer the questions. (5 marks)

The Silver Lining Behind Every Challenge

Life is full of ups and downs, and challenges often seem overwhelming when we're in the middle of them. However, the saying "*Every cloud has a silver lining*" reminds us that even in the darkest moments, there is hope and potential for something good to emerge. Just as clouds may block the sun but still reflect its light around their edges, difficult situations can lead to personal growth, unexpected opportunities, or valuable lessons.

For example, someone who loses a job may initially feel devastated, but the experience might push them to pursue a passion they had long neglected, leading to a more fulfilling career path. Similarly, a failed relationship can bring heartbreak, yet it can also teach someone what they truly value in a partner, helping them build stronger connections in the future.

This idiom encourages optimism and resilience. Instead of focusing solely on the negative aspects of a problem, it inspires us to look for the hidden benefits or lessons that can come from hardship. Often, it's only in hindsight that we see how a challenging experience helped shape us into stronger, wiser individuals.

While not every difficulty has an immediate or obvious benefit, the mindset that things can and often do improve can provide comfort and motivation. In essence, "*Every cloud has a silver lining*" teaches us that hope can be found even in adversity, and that better days are often just beyond the storm.

I. Answer the following questions:

1. **What quality does the idiom encourage in people?** (1)

A. Anger B. Patience C. Optimism D. Fear

2. **What does the passage say about facing challenges?**

A. Avoid them at all costs B. They are always harmful

C. They can lead to growth and wisdom D. They should be ignored

3. **What does the idiom "Every cloud has a silver lining" teach us?** (1)

Ans. It teaches us to stay hopeful during tough times.

4. Write the antonym of the following from the passage- a) comfort - (1)

5. Make sentence with the word-Opportunity. (1)

SECTION B- WRITING SKILLS

(4 marks)

II. Write a formal letter in about 50 words (leave application) to your class teacher, requesting her for one week's leave.

Your Name, Class and Section
Date

To,
The Class Teacher,

Subject: Request for one week's leave.

Respected Madam,

I am writing to request one week's leave from *start date* to *end date* due to *reason, e.g., illness, family emergency, etc.* I kindly ask for your approval and assure you that I will finish missed lessons after I join back from leave.

Thank you for your understanding.

Yours sincerely,
Your Name

SECTION B- GRAMMAR

(6 marks)
(3 marks)

III. Do as directed:

i. Underline the conjunctions in each sentence below.

1. I wanted to go for a walk, **but** it started raining.
2. She can stay here **or** go home early.
3. He didn't study, **so** he failed the test.

ii. Combine the two clauses using a suitable coordinating or subordinating conjunction from the help words. (**because, but, for, so, or, yet, and**). (3 marks)

1. She was tired, **but** she finished her homework.
2. It was cold, **so** we wore jackets.
3. He practiced every day, **and** he won the competition.

SECTION D – LITERATURE

(10 marks)

IV. Write the meanings of the following words and make sentences with them:

(4)

1) Interpretation, 2) excellent, 3) Triumph, 4) Elapsed

1) Interpretation- an explanation or understanding of something.

Sentence- Their lawyer needs to **interpret** the laws carefully.

2) Excellent- very good.

Sentence- The hotel and the service was **excellent**.

3) Triumph-a great victory or achievement.

Sentence- It was a personal **triumph** for him.

4) Elapsed- passed away or went by.

Sentence- Five years had **elapsed** since he last played his guitar.

V. Read the sentence and answer the questions:

(4)

"You like your brains, my girl: I've no book-learning, but we'll see who wins."

a) Who said this and to whom?

Ans. Mr. Marsh said to Miss Violet.

b) Why did the speaker say so?

Ans. b. The speaker resisted Miss Violet from pursuing education, but she didn't give in and decided to leave for Girton to continue her education after getting a scholarship. So, Uncle Andrew said these words.

VI. Answer the following question-

(2)

1. Marcus wins the race, but why is he angry?

Ans- Marcus is angry because even though he won the race, the prize money was given away to Cassius for saving Felix's puppy.

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