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SARALA BIRLA GROUP OF SCHOOLS
A CBSE DAY-CUM-BOYS' RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL



MID-APRIL TEST 2025-26

ENGLISH MARKING SCHEME

Class: X

Date: 21.04.25

Admission no:

Time: 1hr

Max Marks: 25

Roll no:

General Instructions:

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

Section – A Reading

1. Answer: (b) Fascinated
2. Answer: (b) They make space missions more cost-effective.
3. Answer: (c) To support communication and weather forecasting.
4. Answer: (c) Observation
5. Answer: (d) A is false, but R is true.
6. Answer: False
7. Answer: Space debris poses a significant risk because it can collide with operational satellites and spacecraft, causing severe damage. For example, in 2009, an inactive Russian satellite collided with an American Iridium satellite, creating thousands of new debris fragments.

Section B (Grammar & Writing)

II. Email Writing

From:

To:

Date:

Subject: Volunteering for Elderly Welfare Programs

Dear Director,

I am Rohan/Priya, a student of Class 10 at Sunshine Public School. Recently, I had the opportunity to visit an old-age home as part of a school community service program. This visit made me realize the struggles faced by the elderly, including loneliness and a lack of proper care.

I am eager to volunteer for elderly welfare programs and would like to know how students like me can contribute. Perhaps we can organize regular visits, storytelling sessions, or assist in basic medical check-ups. I would appreciate your guidance on how we can help improve their lives.

Looking forward to your response.

Best regards,

Rohan/Priya

III. Fill in the blanks

1. The thief explained how he (b) had escaped from the jail.
2. The swimmer was tired, but he (b) could reach the shore before he collapsed.
3. I saw (c) some boys playing in the park.

IV. Rearranging Sentences

1. Punctuality is always important for success in life.
2. Scientists are searching for signs of life on Mars.
3. We should clean up the picnic place after.
4. Effective communication is essential in the workplace.

Section C (Literature)

V. Extract-Based Questions

1. The words "stones, prayers, sticks, insults, complaints, and bricks" suggest that others viewed the frog with frustration and tried different ways to silence him.
2. The frog's determination reveals that he is stubborn and persistent, refusing to give up despite opposition.
3. This extract reflects the theme of manipulation and persistence as the frog remains undeterred, continuing to exploit others for his personal gain.

VI. Short Answer Questions

1. Despite their hardships, the two boys never complained. This shows their strong character, resilience, and sense of responsibility. They remained hopeful and worked tirelessly to support their sick sister.
2. The story highlights the theme of selfless love and responsibility through the boys' devotion to their sister. An example is how they took up odd jobs and made sacrifices to pay for her medical treatment without seeking sympathy.