



# B.K. BIRLA CENTRE FOR EDUCATION

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A CBSE DAY-CUM-BOYS' RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL



PERIODIC TEST-1 2025-26

ENGLISH

Class: IX

Date: 11.06.26

Admission no:

Time: 1hr

Max Marks: 25

Roll no:

## General Instructions:

1. The question paper contains FOUR sections-READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

## SECTION A: READING SKILLS

### I. Read the passage and answer the questions.

(7 marks)

In today's rapidly changing world, technology has become an inseparable part of human life. From communication to education, from healthcare to transportation, its influence is visible everywhere. While technology has made life easier and more efficient, it has also created certain challenges that cannot be ignored.

One of the major concerns is the increasing dependence on digital devices. Students often rely more on search engines than on books, which may affect deep reading and critical thinking skills. Similarly, excessive use of social media has led to reduced face-to-face interaction among individuals, weakening real human connections.

On the positive side, technology has revolutionized education. Online learning platforms allow students to access knowledge from anywhere in the world. Doctors can now treat patients remotely, and scientists can collaborate across continents. During global crises like pandemics, technology has proven to be a lifeline.

However, the key lies in balance. Technology should be used as a tool for growth, not as a replacement for human effort or relationships. Responsible usage, digital discipline, and awareness can help society enjoy its benefits while minimizing its drawbacks.

1. What is the main idea of the passage?
  - a) Technology is harmful
  - b) Technology has only benefits
  - c) Technology has both advantages and disadvantages
  - d) Technology should be avoided
3. What is a major concern mentioned in the passage?

- a) Lack of electricity
- b) Over-dependence on digital devices
- c) Shortage of books
- d) Increase in sports activities

4. What has technology improved in education?

- a) School uniforms
- b) Online learning access
- c) Exam difficulty
- d) Classroom size

4. What is suggested as the key to using technology wisely?

5. What habit is affecting students negatively?

6. Find a word from the passage that means “essential or necessary”

7. Find a word that means “increase in importance or change completely”

**SECTION B: GRAMMAR**

**(4 marks)**

**II. Read the following passage and fill in with suitable words which have been omitted to complete the passage.** **(0.5x4=2)**

The twins stayed their granny’s house for a month their classes started. During their stay granny taught them how paint. So before leaving the twins decided to their granny with a beautiful painting.

**III. Change the following into indirect speech.**

**(1×2=2)**

a. Riya: “Are you going to the library?”

b. Aman: “Yes, I need to return a book.”

Riya asked Aman (i) \_\_\_\_\_

Aman replied (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ a book.

**SECTION C: WRITING SKILL**

**(4 marks)**

**IV. Write any of the following:**

a. Draft an E-mail for your friend informing him that you are reaching his city by train at about 9.30 p.m. You are a newcomer to his city and he has to come to receive you at the station.

**OR**

b. You have been selected to represent your school in an inter-school sports competition. Write an application to your Principal requesting leave for practice and participation.

**SECTION D: LITERATURE**

**(10 marks)**

**V. Answer any two of the following questions in about 40 -50 words.**

**(2×2=4)**

a. “Learning has no age limit.” Justify this statement with reference to the story.

- b. What human qualities are given to the brook? How does this make the poem more interesting?
- c. What values does the story “How I Taught My Grandmother to Read” teach us? Explain with examples from the text.

**VI. Answer any two question from the following in about 60-70 words. (2×3=6)**

- a. Describe the journey of the grandmother from being illiterate to becoming independent. What challenges did she face and how did she overcome them?
- b. Discuss how sound devices are used in the poem to bring out the movement and musical quality of the brook. Give suitable examples from the poem to support your answer.
- c. Describe the journey of the brook from its origin to its end. How does the poet use vivid imagery and movement to show the changing nature of the brook? Explain the line “For men may come and men may go, but I go on forever” in the context of the poem.