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SARALA BIRLA GROUP OF SCHOOLS
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PRE MID TERM 2026-27

ENGLISH
SET 2

Time: 1hr
Max Marks: 25
Roll no:

Class: IX
Date: 22.07.26
Admission 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

(7 marks)

I. Read the passage and answer the questions.

Cataract is the major cause of blindness, which is also caused by damage to the cornea. It occurs more often in old age. As one starts growing old, the lens of the eye hardens, loses its transparency and becomes opaque. It obstructs the light rays from entering the eye.

The onset of cataract blurs the vision. Sometimes, the cataract patient sees multiple images instead of a single object image. Because of the gradual development of cataract, the afflicted person loses his/her vision, and the world becomes dark to him/her.

The development of cataract is a complex process. However, the following factors can be attributed to its formation. Cataract generally develops in old age but sometimes, children are born with cataract because of hereditary defects. Eye injuries too, can cause cataracts.

People exposed to sun rays for longer periods develop cataract earlier than others. Researchers opine that the smoke inhaled while smoking carries substances internally damaging the eyes.

Ultraviolet radiation, invisible to the human eye, is linked to skin cancer. The victim loses vision and the world becomes dark to him

- a. What is the major cause of blindness?
- b. Why does the lens of the eye become opaque in old age?

- c. How does cataract affect its victim ultimately?
- d. People exposed to _____ for long periods may develop cataracts earlier.
- a) Moonlight
- b) Rain
- c) Sun rays
- d) Wind
- e. Sometimes a cataract patient sees:
- a) No image
- b) Coloured images
- c) Multiple images
- d) Moving images
- f. Find a word from the passage that means "**blocked**".
- g. Find a word from the passage opposite in meaning to "**single**".

SECTION B: GRAMMAR

II. The lines given have an error in each. Write the incorrect word and the correction. (1×2=2)

The poet and philosopher are invited to the function.	error	correction
The committee have taken its decision.	error	correction

III. Fill in the correct verb form using the verbs given in the bracket. (1×2=2)

These days, Riya _____ (prepare) for her final examinations. She _____ (almost/complete) most of the revision.

SECTION C: WRITING SKILL

(4 marks)

IV. Write any of the following:

- a. Noise pollution caused by loudspeakers and traffic has become a serious concern in your locality. Write a letter to the editor of The Hindu expressing your concern and suggesting measures to control it.

OR

b. You are Rohan/Rita, residing at 67 Lake View Residency, New Delhi. The decline in reading habits among young people due to social media and digital entertainment is worrying educators. Write a letter to the editor of The Hindustan Times expressing your concerns.

SECTION D: LITERATURE

(10 marks)

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

(2×2=4)

- a. How did Duke become a source of motivation for Chuck?
- b. Why did the speaker keep the first road for another day? Write your answer in reference to the poem.
- c. How did Private Quelch's habit of showing off his knowledge create problems for him?

VI. Answer any two questions from the following in about 60-70 words.

(2×3=6)

- a. "True companionship can change a person's life." Explain this statement with reference to the chapter 'The Dog Named Duke.'
- b. Why do you think the speaker stood for a long time looking at both roads? What does it reveal about his personality?
- c. "Knowledge without humility can create problems." Explain with reference to the chapter.