



B.K. BIRLA CENTRE FOR EDUCATION

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

PRE MID TERM 2025-26
ENGLISH

Class: XI
Date: 05.08.25
Admission no:

Time: 1hr
Max Marks: 25
Roll no:

General Instructions:

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

SECTION A: READING SKILLS

I. Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions by choosing the correct option.

1. **True**
2. **a) III, I, IV, II**
3. **anxious**
4. **d) I & III**
5. **Protection against heart diseases and cancer.**
6. **d) All of the above**
7. **b) how they are absorbed and utilised by the body**

SECTION B- WRITING & GRAMMAR

II.

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Date: 5th August 2025

Notice

Inter-house Dance Competition

We are excited to announce that Greenfield High School will be hosting an Inter-house Dance Competition. This event is a fantastic opportunity for students to showcase their talent and represent their houses.

Details of the event:

Day: Friday

Date: 28th June 2024

Time: 2:00 PM

Venue: School Auditorium

Interested students are requested to submit their entries to their respective house captains by 18th June 2024. Ensure to include your name, class, and house in the submission.

Don't miss this chance to shine and contribute to your house's glory!

Full Name

Cultural Activities Coordinator

IV. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Identify the error and write it along with the correction. 3 marks

Correction	Error
Intelligence is praise to one and all. we say that intelligence mean being able to solve problems. some animal seem able to do this. for ex. cats often find her way home from long distances.	a. to b. mean c. animal by means animals

SECTION C – LITERATURE (12 marks)

V. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follows: **1x2=2marks**

- a. It was hard for author to believe that his grandmother was once young and pretty as when he opened his eyes, he saw his grandmother old, so terribly old that one could not grow older.
- b. She visited the temple every morning and read scriptures. At home she always mumbled inaudible prayer and kept telling the beads of rosary.

VI. Attempt the following questions given below, within 30-40 words each. 2x3=6 marks

- a. On January 4, the voyagers felt relieved as they were continuously pumping out water for the past 36 hours and only a few centimetres of water was left. They had their first meal in two days. Mary found some corned beef and cracker biscuits.

Later, around 4 pm, the weather changed as black clouds marched towards them. The wind was now 40 knots and the sea was getting higher. The weather got worse and by the early morning of January 5, the situation was bad. This gave them mental stress.

- b. Aram and Mourad belonged to Garoghlanian tribe. The tribe was well known for its honesty and trust. The people belonging to the tribe to neither be liars nor thieves.

VII. Answer ANY ONE of the following questions, within 50-60 words each. 1x4=4 marks

- a. There are good moments and bad times in our lives. With the aid of those joyful memories, which bring us so much joy and enjoyment, we must learn to go on. Everyone will certainly experience hardships at some point in their lives because life is not always a bed of roses. While we are going through a difficult situation, joyous moments can comfort us and give us the positivity we need. One needs to develop coping mechanisms.

- b. Optimism is the determination to overcome any challenges. Without optimism, it is impossible to face difficulties and solve problems. The family fought with the sea with great optimism and determination which ultimately saved them. Again and again, on being attacked by the sea, they didn't stop trying which helped them get to the shore of the Ile Amsterdam Island.

When the son of the narrator told him, "We aren't afraid of dying if we can all be together — you and Mummy, Sue and I". This showed the maturity of the children and how they played an important role in motivating the narrator who had almost lost hope. Sue, his daughter who made him a card showed how she was proud of her parents and didn't make a big deal of her injuries which were in a bad condition. With the struggles and efforts, they finally made it to their destination.