



B.K. BIRLA CENTRE FOR EDUCATION

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

PERIODIC TEST II-2025-26
ENGLISH-MS

Class: VII
Date: 4.11.25
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

1. Read the passage and answer the questions. (7 marks)

In today's world, many children and teenagers spend several hours a day using phones, tablets, or computers. While technology helps us learn and stay connected, too much screen time can be harmful. It can lead to poor sleep, eye problems, and lack of physical activity. Experts say that children should not spend more than 2 hours a day on screens, excluding schoolwork.

Some parents set screen time limits and encourage outdoor activities like sports, reading, or spending time with family. However, many children argue that they use screens to learn, play educational games, or chat with friends. It's important to find a balance. Screens are useful, but overuse can cause problems. The real challenge is learning how to use them wisely without letting them control our lives.

I. What is the main problem discussed in the passage? (1)

- A) Too many games B) Lack of good phones
C) Too much screen time D) Expensive gadgets

II. List two problems caused by too much screen time. (1)

Answer: Poor sleep and eye problems.

III. What is the author's message in this passage? (1)

- A) Technology is bad. B) Screen time should be completely avoided
C) Only books are useful. D) Screen time should be balanced and used wisely

IV. Find the word that means "a difficult task or problem." (1)

Answer: Challenge

V. According to experts, how much screen time is okay for children (excluding schoolwork)? (1)

- A) 4 hours B) 3 hours
C) 2 hours D) No screen time at all

VI. What is one suggestion given in the passage to reduce screen time? (1)

- A) Buy a bigger screen. B) Sleep more during the day
C) Spend time outdoors or with family. D) Avoid doing schoolwork

VII. What is the "real challenge" mentioned in the passage? (1)

Answer: The real challenge is learning how to use screens wisely without letting them control our lives.

SECTION B- GRAMMAR

(4 marks)

2. Choose the participles and fill in the blanks.

(1x2=2)

I. The children were _____ in the rain happily. (Danced/**dancing**)

II. _____ the assignment, Riya went out to play. (Completed/**having completed**)

3. Change the following sentences into reported speech.

(1x2=2)

I. Ravi said, "I am going to the market."

Ravi said that he was going to the market.

II. She said, "I have finished my homework."

She said that she had finished her homework.

SECTION C-WRITING SKILL

(4 marks)

4. Write any one of the following:

I. Write a notice in about 50 words for your school notice board, informing students about an inter-house quiz competition to be held next week.

Ans:-

BKBCE/OR any other School Name

NOTICE

Inter-House Quiz Competition

Date: 27 September 2025

An inter-house quiz competition will be held on 2nd October 2025 in the school auditorium at 10:00 AM. Each house must send 2 participants. Interested students must register with their house captain by 30th September.

Quiz Coordinator

(Signature)

OR

II. Write a short biography (about 80–100 words) on Mother Teresa using the hints below

Hints:- Hints:-Born, Real name, Missionaries of Charity , Helped the poor, Nobel Peace Prize in 1979,Death.

Mother of a Poor

By----- (Students name)

Mother Teresa was born on August 26, 1910, in Skopje. Her real name was Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu. She came to India in 1929 as a teacher and later decided to dedicate her life to helping the poor. In 1950, she founded the Missionaries of Charity, a religious order that served the sick, homeless, and dying. Her selfless work earned her great respect worldwide. In 1979, she was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. Mother Teresa passed away on September 5, 1997, but her legacy of compassion lives on.

SECTION D – LITERATURE

(10 marks)

5. Choose the correct answer:

(1x3=3)

I. In the Durrells, who was the most interested in nature?

Gerry

II. In An Uncomfortable Bed, why did the narrator feel nervous at the chateau?

As He suspected a prank.

III. What is the main theme of An Uncomfortable Bed?

Trickery and irony

6. Answer any 2 of the following questions in about 40-50 words.

(2x2=4)

I. Why did Gerry collect animals in The Durrells?

Gerry loved animals and was fascinated by nature. He collected them to observe and learn more about their behavior

II. What prank did the narrator suspect in An Uncomfortable Bed?

The narrator suspected his friends had set a trap in the bed, such as something falling or exploding when he got in.

III. Why did Gerry love living in Corfu?

Gerry loved living in Corfu because it gave him the freedom to explore nature and observe animals closely. He was fascinated by wildlife and enjoyed collecting and studying different creatures.

7. Answer any 1 of the following questions in about 60-80 words:

(1x3=3)

I. Compare the narrator of An Uncomfortable Bed and Gerry from The Durrells. What are two differences in their personalities?

Gerry is curious and innocent, deeply interested in animals and learning.

The narrator in An Uncomfortable Bed is suspicious and overthinks situations.

Gerry is joyful, while the narrator is paranoid and cautious. (Any two valid points – 3 marks)

II. What do you mean by a "Prank"? Explain with an example.

A prank is a trick or joke that is played on someone to make them surprised, embarrassed, or laughs.

Example:-Imagine your friend puts a fake plastic spider on your desk.

You see it, get scared for a moment, and then realize it's not real.

Your friend laughs and says, "Got you!"

This is a prank—a harmless joke to trick you for fun.

*****ALL THE BEST*****