



# B.K. BIRLA CENTRE FOR EDUCATION

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A CBSE DAY-CUM-BOYS' RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

PERIODIC TEST 2 2025-26

ENGLISH  
MARKING SCHEME

Class: IX  
Date: 10.11.25  
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

(7 Marks)

I. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below:

#### **The Rise of Eco-Friendly Travel**

1. What deeper values does eco-friendly travel promote besides avoiding pollution?

It promotes conscious choices that strengthen local economies and protect cultural heritage.

Encourages respect for biodiversity and local communities.

Enhances human experiences by fostering understanding between tourists and indigenous people.

2. Why is sustainable travel considered a bridge between people and the planet?

Because it connects tourists with local cultures and natural environments.

Tourists learn indigenous stories and traditional lifestyles, fostering mutual respect.

It balances enjoyment of destinations with environmental responsibility.

3. Two initiatives that demonstrate local contributions to global environmental goals:

Use of hotels that recycle water and energy.

Travel by train instead of airplanes for short distances and participation in tree-planting drives.

4. Author's tone as per the passage:

b) Optimistic and persuasive.

5. Meaning of "small actions can create a significant impact" in context:

Small responsible behaviors collectively reduce tourism's negative environmental footprint.

6. Find the word meaning "to make smaller or lessen":

Minimize.

7. How could eco-friendly travel influence global tourism's future?

It can make tourism sustainable by protecting nature and culture, making travel more meaningful and ensuring the planet's well-being for future generations.

### **Section B – Writing & Grammar (11 marks)**

#### **II. Formal Letter on Frequent Power Cuts (3 marks)**

Format with sender and recipient addresses, date, and salutation.

State the problem of frequent power cuts affecting life and studies clearly.

Request immediate action from authorities politely.

Close formally with signature.

#### **III. Article on Importance of Saving Water and Energy (4 marks)**

Title and formal style.

Introduce the need to save water and energy.

Explain practical ways: using water carefully, switching off unused appliances, harvesting rainwater.

Emphasize the benefits for environment and future.

Conclusion with a motivating statement.

#### **IV. Do as Directed (4 marks)**

1a. Local communities should support and respect travellers and nature.

1b. All efforts must be made to reduce energy consumption.

2a. She was tired but she continued to work.

3a. I will call you as soon as I reach home.

### **Section C – Literature (7 marks)**

#### **V. Attempt Any Two (4 marks)**

Bubble reputation in the soldier's stage means his reputation is fragile and temporary, like a bubble that looks impressive but bursts easily.

The poet describes that neglecting teeth leads to pain, bad breath, and social embarrassment.

Mrs. Bramble and others keep Mr. Bramble's boxing secret from Harold to protect him from disappointment and maintain his idealized image of his father.

#### **VI. Attempt Any One (3 marks)**

The poet regrets not taking care of his teeth, leading to pain and embarrassment in old age. The humorous tone lightens the serious message, making it memorable and relatable.

"Keeping It from Harold" shows parental concern through the adults' protective actions hiding Mr. Bramble's profession. It reveals the contrast between appearance and reality and the desire to shield Harold from harsh truths.