# **BK BIRLA CENTRE FOR EDUCATION**



# SARALA BIRLA GROUP OF SCHOOLS SENIOR SECONDARY CO-ED DAY CUM BOYS' RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL



# MID-TERM EXAMINATION 2024-25 ENGLISH ANSWER KEY

#### **SECTION A: READING SKILLS (10 + 10 marks)**

Read the passage carefully and then answer the questions.

There are wild dogs and pet dogs. Pet dogs are helpers and friends to people. There were no pet dogs 15,000 years ago. Men and women learned how to work with dogs. Dogs helped humans travel from Asia to North America 10,000 years ago by pulling sleds in the snow. People say dogs are "man's best friend." They help in farming, in hunting and in fishing. They can pull things for people. They can help find things. There are many colours of dogs. There are white dogs, gray dogs, black dogs, and brown dogs. A dog's fur can be short or long. Dogs have curly hair or straight fur. There are very small dogs. They are only 6-8 inches tall. There are very big dogs. They are about 3 feet tall. Some dogs can see well. Some dogs do not see very well. All dogs can hear well. They can hear sounds that people cannot hear. They can hear high sounds and low sounds. They can hear sound very far away. All dogs can smell very well. They can smell 40 times better than humans! Dogs live 5 to 13 years, but some dogs live much longer. One dog lived to be 24 years old!

Read the passage carefully and then answer the questions. "Rabbit's Cunning Solution"

They can smell 40 times better than humans!

Once, in a forest, there was a lion who scared all the animals. They decided that one animal would go to the lion every day as prey. The wise old rabbit went when it was his turn. He reached the lion's den slowly. The lion asked, "Why are you late?" The rabbit said, "Other rabbits got attacked by a fierce lion on their way to you. I escaped." The rabbit mentioned the other lion's challenge. The lion got angry and asked the rabbit to take him to this new lion. The rabbit led the lion to a deep well and showed him his own reflection .The lion thought it was his enemy and jumped in, but it was just a reflection. The wise rabbit saved himself and all the animals.

1. Which animal did the forest creatures decide to send as prey to the scary lion every day?		
b) Rabbit	<b>(1)</b>	
2. How did the wise rabbit trick the scary lion into jumping into the well?		
c) By showing the lion his reflection	(1)	
Fill in the Blank		
3. The forest animals decided to send one of them to the lion as prey everyday4. The rabbit managed to escape the attack by another lion on his way to meet the scary		
lion, so he was able to reach the lion's den before .	(1)	
True	. ,	
5. The rabbit was chosen to go to the lion because he was the fastest animal in the	<b>(1)</b>	
Forest. False		
6. The wise rabbit showed the lion its own reflection in a deep well, tricking the lion in	to jumping	
in. True	(1)	
7. Write the opposite words from the above passage:		
a) new <b>old</b>	<b>(2)</b>	
b) friend enemy		
8. Answer these questions:		
a) Who got angry?		
The lion got angry	(1)	
b "Why are you late?" Who said this to whom?	<b>(1)</b>	
The lion said to the rabbit.		
SECTION B: WRITING (20)		
9. Letter Writing:		
Write a letter to your Principal asking him/her to allow your class to visit an		
Old Age Home.	<b>(4)</b>	
Bk. Birla Centre For Education,		
Pune		
Sub- Visit to An Old Age Home		

I am writing this letter to convey the request of all students to organize a visit to the nearest Old age home for a survey required in our Value Education project. An actual visit and gathering

OR

Write a letter to your cousin brother/sister who lives in another town, inviting Him /her to your house for the Diwali vacations.

realistic experiences would acceptuate and enchance our project quality.

Respected Sir,

Address

Date.

My dear friend.

Hope you are in good health and enjoying your Dussehra vacation. I am writing this letter to invite you and your family to spend Diwali festival with our family. I know that you too will get holiday on Diwali . So let us all celebrate this Diwali together without crackers. Let me know your final plan. We are awaiting to have a fun and safe Diwali with you all looking forward to meet you.

Yours lovingly, Name.....

#### 10. Write short paragraph on any one of the following topics:

**(5)** 

a) A day in the library

Library is a place where a large number of books are kept. It is an ocean of knowledge and a must for every school and college. A well-equipped library is a great asset for any school. Library is useful both for students and teachers. It helps to develop reading habit and increases the knowledge.

My school has a very good libarary. It is housed in a big hall on the ground floor. It is divided into two sections. In one section the books are kept for the students and in the other section, there are reference books for the teachers.

Or

# b) Watching an interesting cricket match

It is a passionate game of India played with a bat and a ball. There are two teams in the cricket, each of them having 11 players. It is played for a very common aim of getting maximum scores and number of runs by teams. The team wins and gets a higher score at the end of the match. I love watching cricket match.

Write any one story-

#### A boy who always told lie

There was once a boy who looked after some sheep. The boy was bored. One day, he played a trick on the villagers. The villagers came up the hill to save the sheep. When they got there, there was no wolf. The boy laughed at them. "You must not tell lies!" said the villagers. They went back to the village. "You must not tell lies!" shouted the villagers. They went backdown to the village. Soon, the boy was bored again. He shouted, "Wolf! Wolf!" The villagers rushed up the hill to save the sheep. Later that day, a wolf did come into the field. The boy shouted and shouted, "Wolf! Wolf!" This time, no one came to help. The wolf ate all the sheep. No one believes a liar. "Wolf! Wolf!" he shouted. The boy laughed at them.

Or

# b) A magic box that fulfils wishes

Once upon a time, there was a poor farmer who dug up a big box in his field. He took it home and showed it to his wife. His wife cleaned it and kept it in their house. One day, she dropped an apple into it. Immediately the box began to fill up with apples. No matter how many were taken out, others took their place. So the farmer and his wife sold the apples and were able to live quite comfortably.

Then the farmer dropped a coin into the box. At once, the apples disappeared and the box began to fill itself with coins. Everyday the farmer and his wife collected hundreds and hundreds of coins from the box. Soon they became very rich.

## 12. Picture Composition:

**(6)** 

Look at the picture carefully and write a paragraph of 50-60 words each.



This is a picture of sea beach. There are five children playing near the beach. There are three boys and two girls. They are collecting sand and filling in the sacks. They came with a senior boy There are many crabs around them. Suddenly one big crab caught one boys finger and bit him. He started shouting and crying with pain. All his friends got frightened. The big boy came running to see what happened to him.

#### **SECTION C: GRAMMAR** (15)

#### 13. Circle the adjectives of quality in the sentences given below:

(1x3=3)

- 1. It was a **sunny** day.
- 2. This frictional piece is based on a **true** story.
- 3. Lucknow is a **big** and **beautiful** city.

#### 14. Fill in the blanks given below with older than, oldest, as old as, younger than (1x3=3)and the voungest.

- 1. Ravi is teased as he is **the youngest** boy in the class.
- 2. The **oldest** employee in our office is Preetam.
- 3. Meena is naughty as she is **vounger** than Rita.

#### 15. Choose the correct pronouns from the options given in the brackets at the end of each sentence and fill in the blanks. (1x3=3)

1. This shoe belongs to **me** (I, me). It (It, This) is **mine** (me, mine).

That one is **yours** (you, yours).

2. **Who** (Who/ Why) will come with us to the market?

### 16. Fill in the blanks with shall have, was, were, will, is or will have.

(1x4=4)

- 1. The boy **is** going to the market to make some purchase.
- 2. The team players were exhausted, so they stopped playing.
- 3.My father will come next Monday.
- 4.At this pace, I **shall have** enough money to build a home in five years.

### 17. Fill in the blanks with may or may not:

(1x2=2)

- 1. Ravi **may not** agree with what you write for the feature page.
- 2. Teachers **may** use the car parking outside the gate.

#### **SECTION D: LITERATURE (4)**

18. Fill in the missing silent letters in these common words:	(1x2=2)
1. $\underline{\mathbf{K}}$ N I $\mathbf{F}$ E 2. L I $\underline{\mathbf{S}}$ T E $\underline{\mathbf{N}}$	
19. Choose the correct option:	(1x2=2)
1. Which of the following was not carried on board Mangalyaan?	
a. camera	
b. instruments	
c. <u>humans</u>	
2. If we were to drive to Mars, it would take us	
a. 1,200 days	
b. 30 days	
c. <b>1,200 years</b>	
20. Answer these questions:	(2x4=8)
1. When was Mangalyaan launched?	
A-On 5 November 2013, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) lau	inched a
spaceship. That would travel to Mars.	
2. What force pulled Mangalyaan into Mars's orbit?	
A-The gravity force pulled Mangalyaan into Mars's orbit	
3. What is an orbit?	
A- An orbit is a repeating, curved path that one object in space takes around	l another objects
due to gravity.	
4. What are the things the speaker wants to be?	
A- The speaker wants to be a tree, an Ocean, a range of mountains and a mag	gician.
21. Short Answer Questions:	(3x3=9)
1. What are the things that the adults do not realise?	
A- They do not realise that I can fulfil any ambition and they do not realise a	mong them
walks a magician.	
2. Why does the speaker feels she/he is a magician?	
A- The speaker says that I'm not going to be an airline pilot or a dancer, a la	wyer or an
MC. He thinks he can fulfil any ambition and he is a magician.	
3. How did Laurie manage to get Jo to tell him what she had done?	
A- Laurie simply pestered Jo for so long that she had to tell him what she ha	d done.
22. Long Answer Question:	(1x4=4)
1. What did Jo do after she finished signing her name and what did she also	
do when she reached a building on a certain busy street?	
Ans- Once Jo had finished writing, she revised her story ,then, tied up the ma	_
A red ribbon and went downstairs. After having found the office she was and	l then looking
for, Jo stood still for minute and then, turned around and left.	
All The Best	