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## POST MID TERM EXAMINATION- 2025-26 ENGLISH

Class: VIII

Time: 1hr

Date: 12.1.26

Max Marks: 25

Admission no:

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)

The small village of Kethuli was once known only for its quiet fields and gentle river. But in recent years, a remarkable change has taken place. The villagers discovered that their soil was ideal for growing a rare medicinal herb called Arovia. Scientists from nearby cities soon visited the village and confirmed that the herb had great healing properties. This discovery brought new opportunities—but also new challenges.

With the rising demand for Arovia, many villagers shifted from traditional farming to cultivating this herb. Their incomes improved, and the village slowly transformed into a busy marketplace. However, over-harvesting of Arovia began affecting the natural balance of the land. The riverbanks started eroding, and some wild animals disappeared from the forests.

Realizing the danger, the village council invited environmental experts to guide them. The experts suggested sustainable farming methods: limiting the use of chemicals, planting more trees, and allowing parts of the land to rest each season. The villagers agreed, and within a year, the river became cleaner, and the forest life began to return. The success of Kethuli showed that development and nature can coexist—if people act responsibly and think about the future.

#### I. What was Kethuli originally known for?

(1)

- a) Arovia herb
- b) Wildlife
- c) Quiet fields and a gentle river
- d) Large markets

#### II. How did Arovia cultivation affect villagers' income?

(1)

#### III. What problem arose due to over-harvesting Arovia?

(1)

- a) Increase in rainfall.
- b) Riverbanks began eroding.
- c) Population decreased.
- d) Roads were damaged.

#### IV. Find a word from the passage that means “very special or uncommon.”

(1)

#### V. Which method was NOT suggested by the experts?

(1)

- a) Planting more trees.
- b) Using more chemicals.
- c) Allowing land to rest.
- d) Sustainable farming.

