



B.K. BIRLA CENTRE FOR EDUCATION

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

POST MIDTERM TEST 2025-26

ENGLISH

Class: IX
Date: 10.01.26
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. Reading Comprehension

A. Multiple Choice Questions ($4 \times 1 = 4$ marks)

1. c) Maintaining sustainable routines after campaigns end
2. b) Collecting data on resource use and waste
3. b) They revealed that eco-themed events also caused waste
4. c) True sustainability requires continuous self-examination and small changes

B. Very Short Answer Questions ($3 \times 1 = 3$ marks)

1. Because cleanliness on one special day is meaningless if unsustainable habits continue on normal days.
2. Student committees analysed the data and suggested small, practical changes to reduce waste and resource use.
3. The school realised that genuine responsibility means questioning and improving everyday practices, even well-intentioned ones.

SECTION B – WRITING & GRAMMAR (8 Marks)

II. Letter to the Editor (4 Marks)

(Format – 1M, Content – 2M, Expression – 1M)

Expected points to be covered:

- Emotional harm and negativity caused by mocking parents
- Importance of respect and empathy
- Need for awareness sessions in schools
- Parents and teachers acting as role models

Sample Answer:

Riya/Rahul

Horizon Public School

Pune

Date

To

The Editor

The Times of India

Pune

Subject: Need to Promote Respectful Behaviour Among Students

Sir/Madam,

I wish to draw attention to a growing concern observed among students during regular school days. Some students make fun of others' parents, treating it as entertainment. Such behaviour causes deep emotional harm, lowers self-esteem, and spreads negativity in the school environment.

Schools must conduct regular awareness sessions to educate students about empathy, respect, and sensitivity. Parents and teachers should also act as role models by demonstrating respectful behaviour in words and actions. Addressing this issue early will help in building a kinder and more inclusive generation.

Yours

sincerely,

Riya/Rahul

III. Grammar (4 Marks)

A. Passive Voice ($2 \times 1 = 2$ marks)

1. Cultural events **are organised** by the school every month.
2. Students **are guided** towards better behaviour daily by parents.

B. Reported Speech ($2 \times 1 = 2$ marks)

Mira asked Raj **(i) if he was coming to the science fair the next day.**

Raj replied **(ii) that he had prepared** a model on renewable energy.

SECTION C – LITERATURE (10 Marks)

IV. Extract-Based Questions ($3 \times 1 = 3$ marks)

1. The literary device is **personification**. It shows nature responding joyfully to the rain, highlighting a close, emotional relationship between rain and the natural world.
2. The rain's humbling and bowing symbolise its selfless role of nourishing the earth before returning to the sky.
3. The extract reflects mutual dependence and harmony, where sky, rain, and earth support each other in a continuous cycle.

V. Short Answer Questions (ANY TWO) ($2 \times 2 = 4$ marks) (30–43 words each)

1. The narrator meets John Pescud in a chair car on a train. Pescud confidently shares his views on romantic stories, mocking unrealistic love tales while unknowingly living one himself.
2. Pescud follows the girl because he is instantly attracted to her and believes she represents genuine love, prompting him to pursue her seriously instead of just admiring her from afar.
3. The rain rises "impalpable" because it evaporates silently from land and sea, becoming invisible vapour before forming clouds, showing the natural and scientific process of the water cycle.

VI. Long Answer Question ($1 \times 3 = 3$ marks)

1. Pescud's love story becomes a "best seller" because it mirrors the very romantic tales he mocked. Despite his criticism of fiction, his real-life romance follows an equally dramatic and idealistic pattern, proving the power of true love.

*****All the Best *****