



# B.K. BIRLA CENTRE FOR EDUCATION

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POST MID TERM EXAMINATION-2025-26  
ENGLISH-MS

Class: VII  
Date: 6.1.26  
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 the heart of a dense forest stood an ancient banyan tree that had lived for hundreds of years. Many travellers, tired from their long journeys, would rest under its vast canopy. The villagers believed that the tree had witnessed countless events—storms, droughts, festivals, and even the rise and fall of kingdoms. Though the tree could not speak, its twisted branches and deep roots seemed to hold stories of the past. One evening, a young boy named Rohan, curious by nature, wandered into the forest after hearing tales about the tree. As he sat beneath it, a cool breeze rustled the leaves, making it sound almost as if the tree was whispering. Rohan felt a deep sense of calm, as though the tree was sharing its wisdom with him. From that day, he visited the banyan tree often, finding peace and inspiration beneath its silent yet powerful presence.

I. The banyan tree was believed to be how old?

(1)

- a) Fifty years old      **b) Hundreds of years old**  
c) A few decades old    d) Thousands of years old

II. What did the villagers believe about the ancient banyan tree?

(1)

**Villagers believed the tree had witnessed many events over the years and held stories of the past.**

III. What made Rohan curious to visit the tree?

(1)

- a) He got lost in the forest.      b) His teacher asked him to write about trees  
**c) He heard tales about the banyan tree.**    d) He wanted to pick fruits from the tree

IV. Find a word from the passage that means “strange or unusual, causing interest.”

(1)

**Answer: curious**

V. What did Rohan feel when he sat under the tree? (1)

a) Fear                      b) Sleepiness

c) Hunger                      **d) A deep sense of calm**

VI. What did Rohan feel the tree was doing when the leaves rustled? (1)

**Answer: He felt the tree was whispering to him.**

VII. What made the leaves of the banyan tree rustle when Rohan sat under it? (1)

a) A storm                      **b) A cool breeze**

c) Birds flying                      d) Heavy rain

### **SECTION B- GRAMMAR**

**(4 marks)**

**2. Convert the following sentences from Active Voice to Passive Voice.**

**(2x1=2)**

I. The chef prepared a delicious meal.

II. The students are painting the classroom.

**Answers: - I. A delicious meal was prepared by the chef.**

**II. The classroom is being painted by the students.**

**3. Identify whether the following sentences are Declarative or Interrogative.**

**(2x1=2)**

I. The museum closes at 6 p.m. :- **Declarative sentence**

II. Where did you keep my notebook? :- **Interrogative sentence**

### **SECTION C-WRITING SKILL**

**(4 marks)**

**4. Write any one of the following:**

I. Write a short book review of any storybook you have read recently.

**Sample Answer (4 marks):**

**Book Title: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory**

**Author: Roald Dahl**

**This story is about a poor but kind boy named Charlie who wins a chance to visit Willy Wonka's magical chocolate factory along with four other children. The book is full of imagination, humour, and surprising twists. Each child's behaviour teaches an important lesson—Greed and bad manners lead to trouble, while honesty is always rewarded.**

**I liked the book because it was funny, creative, and inspiring. The descriptions of the chocolate rooms and inventions made the story exciting. I would recommend this book to all children who enjoy adventure and fantasy stories.**

OR

II. Write a short essay on “The Importance of Reading” in about 100–120 words.

**Sample Answer (4 marks):**

Reading is one of the best habits a student can develop. It helps us gain knowledge, improve our vocabulary, and understand the world better. Books introduce us to new ideas, cultures, and experiences. Reading also strengthens our imagination and makes us better thinkers.

When we read regularly, we learn to express ourselves more clearly and confidently. It also improves concentration and helps us perform better in school. Whether it is storybooks, newspapers, or informative articles, reading always adds value to our lives. Therefore, everyone should read a little every day to become smarter and more confident.

**SECTION D – LITERATURE**

**(10 marks)**

**5. Answer the following questions in 1 word/1 sentence.**

**(1x3=3)**

I. What precious stones did Sindbad find in the valley?

**Answer: Diamonds**

II. According to the poem “Leisure” what are we ‘full of care’ because we have no time to stand and do?

**Answer: Stare**

III. What creature carried Sindbad away to the valley?

**Answer: A giant bird (Rukh)**

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

**(2x2=4)**

I. Describe the valley Sindbad fell into. What made it both dangerous and valuable?

**Answer: -The valley was extremely deep and surrounded by steep cliffs, making it impossible to climb out. It was dangerous because of huge serpents, but valuable because it was filled with diamonds.**

II. Why does the poet say that our lives are “poor” if we have no time to enjoy nature?

**Answer: The poet believes life loses its beauty and meaning when we are always busy. If we cannot appreciate nature, we miss out on simple joys that make life rich and fulfilling.**

III. Explain the main message of the poem “Leisure.”

**Answer: The poem teaches that life should not be rushed. We must make time to observe nature and appreciate the beauty around us, or else our lives become dull and incomplete.**

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

(1x3=3)

I. What qualities of Sindbad's character are revealed in his second voyage? Give examples.

**Answer: Sindbad shows bravery when he faces the dangerous serpents in the valley. He also shows intelligence by using the merchants' meat-collecting method to escape. His patience is visible because he waits for the right chance to act. He is observant as he notices details about the valley and the Roc. These qualities help him survive difficult situations.**

II. How does the poem show that modern life is too busy? Explain with examples.

**Answer: The poet repeats that we have "no time" for many simple activities, showing how rushed life has become. People don't stop to look at nature or appreciate its beauty. Even watching a squirrel hide a nut or noticing the stars in the sky seems impossible because of our busy schedules. This suggests that work and worries fill our day completely. The poem warns that such a lifestyle makes life less enjoyable.**

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