

KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA SITAPUR SHIFT 1 (LUCKNOW REGION)
HALF-YEARLY EXAMINATION 2025-26
CLASS – VIII SUBJECT – ENGLISH MM-60
TIME: 120 MINUTES

SECTION A	Reading comprehension	15 MARKS
SECTION B	Writing Skills	15 MARKS
SECTION C	Grammar	10 MARKS
SECTION D	Literature	20 MARKS

Section A [10 Marks]

Q 1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow.

When we enter New York harbour, the first thing we see is the Statue of Liberty. What impresses us the most is its size and magnificence. Have you ever wondered how it came to be there ? The Statue of Liberty was a gift from the people of France to mark the one hundred year anniversary of American Independence. In 1869, sculptor Frederic Auguste Bartholdi began to plan his concept for the monument.

Bartholdi chose the look of classic Greek and Roman figures. He envisioned Liberty as a strong and proud figure, one who personified not only the majestic Greek goddesses of the past, but also the working men and women of the present. Finally, in 1884, the work was finished, and Liberty was packed into 214 crates and sent to New York city. Only one problem stood in the way. While the French had raised a lot of funds to build the statue, New York had not secured the funds to build its foundation. It was not until a New York newspaper implored people for donations that money became available. Finally, on 28th October 1886, Americans celebrated the unveiling of the Statue of Liberty

Question;

1. Why was the Statue of Liberty given as a gift to America by France?
2M
2. What is the name of the sculptor of the monument 'the Statue of Liberty' ?
1M
3. What did the sculptor imagine the Statue of Liberty to be ? 1M
4. How many years did it take to unveil the Statue of liberty ? 1M
5. Trace the word from the passage which means the same as "imagined".
1M

Q 2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow.

The sun was setting behind the hills, casting a golden glow over the small village of Rampur. The villagers were returning from their fields after a long day's work. Children played near the river, their laughter echoing in the evening air. Old men sat under the banyan tree, discussing the day's events.

Ravi, a young boy from the village, loved watching the sunset. He would often sit on a rock near the river and dream about exploring the world beyond his village. He had read stories about great travellers and explorers, and he wanted to be like them. However, his father, a farmer, wanted him to stay in the village and help with the family's fields. One evening, Ravi met an old traveller who had visited many countries. The traveller told him about the wonders of the world, the mountains, oceans, and different cultures. Ravi listened with great interest. The traveller advised him, "Dream big, but never forget where you come from."

That night, Ravi thought a lot about the traveller words. He realized that learning and exploring were important, but so was respecting his roots. He decided that he would study hard and one day travel the world while also helping his village grow.

1. Ques. Where did the villagers go after a long day's work? 1M
2. Ques. What did Ravi love to do in the evening? 1M
3. Ques. Why did Ravi's father want him to stay in the village? 2M
4. Ques. Who did Ravi meet near the river one evening? 1M
5. Ques. What advice did the traveller give to Ravi? 2M
6. Ques. What did Ravi decide to do at the end of the passage? 1M
7. Ques. Find a word in the passage that means 'adventurer.' 1M

Section B [15 Marks]

Q3. Write a letter to your friend narrating your experiences in a rescue operation.
5*1=5 M

Or

Describing how you celebrated your last birthday

You are Suresh of 25, Nehru Nagar, Hyderabad. Write a letter to your friend Vinaya describing your birthday party

Q4. Narrative paragraph writing 6*1=6M

a.) The Night Before The Examination b) Morning Assembly In My School

c.) My Visit To A Historical Place

d.) Bad Effects Of Watching Television

Q5. Mukul Swami of class X, Captain of the School Hockey Team and Sports Secretary, is asked by his sports teacher to put a notice on the school notice board inviting the students to buy some old hockey sticks and balls. These items are in a fairly good condition. Write this notice using not more than 50 words. Try to make the notice catch students' attention. 4M

Or

Sachin of Class VIII A has lost his library book on the playground during the recess. He wants to put up a notice on the School Notice Board. Write his notice in not more than 50 words. Put the notice in a box.

SECTION C (10 M)

Q6. Now, fill in the blanks for the following sentences by choosing the correct verb given within brackets. 5M

1. The bouquet of flowers _____ (is/are) beautiful.
2. Neither the teacher nor the students _____ (was/were) aware of the change in the schedule.
3. Each of the participants _____ (has/have) submitted their projects on time.
4. The data collected by the researchers _____ (shows/show) significant trends.
5. One of the players _____ (was/were) injured during the match.

Q7. Convert the following sentences into Indirect Speech : 5M

1. She said to me, "Who taught you English ?"
2. He said to his mother, "Why did you not wash my school dress ?"
3. The mother said to the child, "Did you have your breakfast ?"
4. Anil said to his sister, "How did you fare in the interview ?"
5. The policeman asked me, "Had the thief stolen your watch ?"

SECTION C [20 Marks]

Q8. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow. 8M

A) That evening, the king approached the queen with a softened expression. "Thirumalambal", he began, his voice gentle, "I have been foolish. I see now that I overreacted. I let my pride blind me. I'm so sorry."

The queen, who had longed for this moment, smiled and replied, "If you like, we can leave this quarrel behind us. I would very much like to listen to your poem."

- (i) Complete the following with a suitable explanation.
When the king said, "I let my pride blind me", he means that _____.
- (ii) Why does the queen say, "If you like, we can leave this quarrel

behind us”?

(iii) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option from those given in the brackets.

The king acknowledges that his pride clouded his judgement, which shows _____. (intelligence and courage/maturity and self-awareness)

(iv) State any one characteristic that the queen’s response to the king’s apology shows about her

B) Born on 31 January 1923, in the picturesque town of Dadh in Kangra, Himachal Pradesh, Somnath Sharma belonged to a family with a rich military legacy. His father, Major General Amar Nath Sharma, had served the nation with distinction, and young Somnath was deeply inspired by the valorous tales of the Mahabharata, imparted to him by his grandfather.

(i) What can be inferred about Somnath Sharma’s early influences on his career?

- A. He was primarily influenced by his father’s achievements in the military.
- B. His inspiration came solely from the tales of the Mahabharata.
- C. His family and heritage inspired his bravery and sense of duty.
- D. He decided to join the military out of necessity rather than passion.

(ii) Identify whether the following statement is true or false: Somnath Sharma belonged to a wealthy family.

(iii) What does the phrase ‘served the nation with distinction’ tell us about Major General Amar Nath Sharma?

(iv) Replace the underlined phrase with a word from the extract that has a similar meaning.

My family and I visited a popular hill station and stayed in an old but visually charming house surrounded by trees

Q9. Answer any four questions in 20-30 words. (2*4=8 M)

1. What were Major Somnath’s last words? What do they reflect about his sense of duty?
- 2.. How was the boy’s approach towards the old woman different from that of the other boys in the group?
- 3.What event does Dr. Kurien refer to when he mentions receiving the Padma Vibhushan?
- 4.Nolan and Davenport were very close. Support this statement with evidence from the text.
- 5.What strategy did Tenali Rama use to make the king realise his mistake?
6. Why did Dr. Kurien write the letter to his grandson?

Q10. What qualities of a good leader are demonstrated by Major Somnath Sharma during the Battle of Badgam? 4M

OR

Explain how Encyclopedia Brown uses deductive reasoning and pattern recognition to solve the mystery of the hidden jewellery, and how this demonstrates the application of critical thinking skills.