

KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA SITAPUR SHIFT 1 (LUCKNOW REGION)
PERIODIC TEST 2025-26

CLASS – VIII SUBJECT – ENGLISH MM-40 TIME: 90 MINUTES

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

Section A [10 Marks]

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

Be like a flower. One must try to become like a flower: open, frank, equal, generous and kind. So you know what it means ?

A flower is open to all that surrounds it: nature, light, the rays of the sun, the wind etc. It exerts a spontaneous influence on all that is around it. It radiates joy and beauty.

It is frank. It hides nothing of its beauty and lets its fragrance flow frankly out of itself. What is within and what is in its depths, it lets it come out so that everyone can see it.

It is equal: it has no preferences. Everyone can enjoy its beauty and its perfume without rivalry. It is equal and the same for everybody. There is no difference, or anything whatsoever.

Then generous without reserve or restriction, it gives away the mysterious beauty and the very own perfume of Nature. It sacrifices itself entirely for our pleasure, even its life it sacrifices to express this beauty and the secret of the things gathered within itself.

And then, kind: it has such a tenderness, it is so sweet, so close to us, so loving. Its presence fills us with joy. It is always cheerful and happy.

Happy is he who can exchange his qualities with the real qualities of the flowers. Try to cultivate in yourself their refined qualities.

Question;

Q1: A flower is compared.....

(a) with all living things (b) with human beings (c) with girls (d) with a child

Q2: A flower is open to all because.....

(a) it influences all (b) it radiates joy (c) it spreads its beauty to all (d) all of these

Q3: The refined qualities of a flower are,

(a) fragrance and beauty (b) generosity and kindness

(c) equality and attractiveness (d) frankness and honesty

Q4: The writer talks about.....

(a) rose flower (b) lotus flower (c) lily flower (d) all flowers

Q5: A spontaneous influence means.....

(a) a slow influence (b) a quicker influence

(c) naturally created influence (d) a casual influence

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

Books are very useful to us. They are the best companion of man. They never cheat the reader. Books are a good source of knowledge. We get knowledge on different subjects. We can read books. We can read books of our taste. They enlighten our hearts and make us bold to face the realities and difficulties of life. We can find everything in books. By reading books, we can be in the company of great writers of the past. We can make this world a better place to live in. Books are the life-blood of great master-minds. We can never deny their utility.

1. What is useful to us?1M
2. Whom do they never cheat?1M
3. Whose best companions are books?1M
4. What are the books a source of?1M
5. On which subject can we get knowledge?1M

Section B [10 Marks]

Q3.You are Anupam, the editor of the school magazine, and want to hold an interclass competition to collect poems and cartoons for the magazine before 20 August, 2016. Draft a notice for the students' notice board inviting entries. Mention all details required like entry dates, prizes etc. Give your notice an appealing heading. **4*1=4 M**

Q4. Narrative paragraph writing 6*1=6M

a.)My favorite birthday party b)A day at the zoo

c.)The best trip I ever took, d.)My first pet

Q5. Fill in the blanks with suitable sound words from the box given below. $6 \times \frac{1}{2} = 3M$

1. As the teacher began the riddle challenge, a _____ of excitement spread through the classroom.
2. Anaya _____ in relief—she loved riddles more than solving Mathematics problems.
3. 'Think carefully,' the teacher began to _____, as she wrote a riddle on the board.
4. When the question was revealed, a few students _____, realising it wasn't as easy as they had expected.
5. Some exchanged _____, wondering if anyone at all would be able to solve it.
6. Just then, Anaya tapped her book on the desk with a small _____, deep in thought.

Q6. Select the appropriate word from the brackets that correctly replaces the underlined word in the sentences from the text. $4 \times \frac{1}{2} = 2M$

1. A sundial with a strange device, (unusual, peculiar, new, rare, external)
2. which Mrs. Jones thinks rather nice. (pleasant, superior, agreeable, gentle, charming)
3. They are so delicate... (delicious, fragile, dainty, graceful, weak)
4. "Where is this lovely thing?" I cried. (exclaimed, wept, shouted, announced, whispered)

SECTION C [15 Marks]

Q7. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow.

"... The king thought I was disrespecting his poem and stormed off. Since then, he has not spoken to me. If I had known this would happen I would have chosen another day. Help me, please, Rama. Only you can help the king understand." Rama nodded thoughtfully. "If you like, I will try my best to resolve this matter, Your Highness. But this needs a well-planned approach and I may need time to find the right strategy."

Question: $1 \times 4 = 4M$

- (i) Why does the queen believe that only Tenali Rama can help the king understand?
- (ii) What does the queen's statement, "If I had known this would happen, I would have chosen another day", suggest about her feelings?

- A. She is angry at the king for overreacting.
- B. She regrets the unintended misunderstanding.
- C. She believes the poem was not worth listening to.
- D. She is worried that the king might punish her.

(iii) How does Tenali Rama's response reflect his wisdom and problem-solving skills?

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

Q8. Answer any four questions in 20-30 words. (2*4=8 M)

1. The queen insulted the king by speaking against the quality of his poem.
2. How does Mrs. Jones feel about her garden? Support your answer with evidence from the poem?
3. Why did the merchant become suspicious of the four men? What does this tell us about him?
4. Why do you think the speaker describes the plants as being so small that they could be planted with a pin?
5. How did Tenali Ramakrishna gain a special place in the king's court?
6. Why did the merchant become suspicious of the four men? What does this tell us about him?

Q9. Write, what you have learned from any one of the following story not more than 80 words: 3*1=3M

(A) WISDOM PAVES THE WAY (B.) THE WIT THAT WON HEARTS