

KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA SANGATHAN-MUMBAI REGION	
HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION 2025-26	
CLASS: VII	
SUBJECT: ENGLISH – SAMPLE PAPER	
Time: 02.30 Hours	Max Marks:60

General Instructions:

- i) This question paper comprises 13 questions.
- ii) The question paper contains THREE sections.
 - Section – A: Reading Skills
 - Section – B: Grammar and Creative Writing Skills
 - Section – C: Literature
- iii) Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

		SECTION – A (READING SKILLS) (15 MARKS)	
Q1		Q. 1. Read the passage given below. 1. Data from satellite sources assembled by the United Nations Environment Programme’s (UNEP) World Environment Situation Room confirms that the wildfires in Australia in the last two months of 2019 and the first six weeks of 2020 were far from normal. 2019 was the second hottest year on record since 1880, and Australia recorded its warmest temperatures ever in December 2019. 2. “Rising temperatures continue to melt records. The past decade was the hottest on record. Scientists tell us that ocean temperatures are now rising at the equivalent of five Hiroshima bombs a second. One million species are in near-term danger of extinction. Our planet is burning,” says United Nations Secretary-General AntónioGuterres. 3. “The trend is very clear: 37 of the last 40 years were the warmest recorded since 1880, and the six warmest years recorded were the last six years,” says Pascal Peduzzi, Director of UNEP’s Global Resource Information Database in Geneva. “For those who think Australia is always burning, graphs clearly show that these fires were exceptional.” 4. “This service, accessible via the UNEP’s World Environment Situation Room, is provided for all countries at national and provincial levels. It identifies trends in wildfire activity since 2003, when the data first became available and monitoring began. We have sliced and diced the satellite-based data on wildfires worldwide from 2009 to the present day. We analyse the wildfires’ data by month, type of land cover, protected area, province and nation to produce information products,” Peduzzi adds. (Source: UN Environment) Answer the following questions based on the above passage: i. What do the reports confirm about the 2019-20 Australian fires? 1 M a) The fires were not normal b) the fires were normal c) the fires were natural d) data inconclusive	8 M

	ii. What was the difference in the recorded temperatures in 2019 from the 1880s? 1 M a) 2019 recorded the wettest temperature since 1880s b) 2019 recorded the hottest temperatures ever c) 2019 recorded the cooler temperatures than 1880s d) 2019 recorded the warmest temperatures since 1880s iii. What comparison has been made between the rising sea temperatures and Hiroshima? 1M a) Ocean temperatures are rising at the equivalent of three Hiroshima bombs a second b) Ocean temperatures are rising at the equivalent of five Hiroshima bombs a second c) Ocean temperatures are rising at the equivalent of five Hiroshima bombs an hour d) None of these iv) Why were the 2019-2020 Australian bushfires considered “not normal”? 2 M v) Assertion (A): The past decade was the hottest on record since 1880. Reason (R): Rising global temperatures have caused ocean temperatures to rise and wildfires to worsen. Answer Choices: a) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A. b) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A. c) A is true, but R is false. d) A is false, but R is true. vi) The graph compiled with data from four different sources shows that the global surface temperatures have been-. 1 M a) Steady b) Falling c) On the rise d) None of these vii) Which word in the passage is opposite to the meaning of vague/ murky? 1M a) Assembled b) Clear c) Extinction d) Provincial	
Q.2	Read the passage given below The True Purpose of Education Education is often thought of as simply going to school, reading books, and passing exams. But in reality, the true purpose of education is much deeper. It is not only about gaining knowledge but also about shaping character and preparing students for life. Through education, students learn important subjects such as science,	7 M

	mathematics, and history. These help them to understand the world better and prepare for future careers. However, education also teaches values like honesty, kindness, cooperation, and respect. A person who is highly educated but lacks values may not contribute positively to society. Another important purpose of education is to help students develop critical thinking. Instead of memorizing facts, students should learn how to ask questions, analyze information, and find solutions. This skill is necessary in today's fast-changing world, where new challenges appear every day. Education also promotes equality. When all children, regardless of their background, are given the chance to learn, society becomes fairer. Education empowers people to break free from poverty and build a better future. Famous leaders and reformers around the world have often emphasized the power of education in bringing change. However, education should not be limited to classrooms. Learning also takes place through sports, arts, cultural activities, and daily experiences. True education is about becoming a responsible, confident, and creative individual who contributes to the well-being of others. In conclusion, the purpose of education is not just to secure good marks or a good job. It is to develop knowledge, character, and responsibility. Students should understand that education is a lifelong journey that helps them grow as individuals and also serve society. Answer the following questions based on the above passage: i) What is the deeper purpose of education beyond passing exams? 1 M a) To make students memorize facts b) To shape character and prepare for life c) To learn only science and math d) To get entertainment ii) How does education promote equality? 1 M a) By allowing only rich children to study b) By giving all children a chance to learn c) By teaching only classroom lessons d) By focusing on exams alone iii) What two skills should education develop apart from knowledge? 1 M iv) Why is education outside classrooms also important? 2 M v) What does education promote when students learn to treat everyone fairly? 1M vi) Find a word from the passage which means “the ability to examine and judge carefully.” 1 M	

		Section – B: Grammar and Creative Writing Skills (15Marks)	
Q.3		Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct option, to complete the sentence. a).....I use your telephone, please.(could/can/will) b)Jimhelp you with your homework because he knows a lot about science.(could/may/must)	2M
Q.4		Form meaningful compound words by using the given words. Words: window, sailor, check, time, in, song, sill, tea	2M
Q.5		Fill in the blanks using the verbs given in the brackets in present continuous or present perfect continuous tense. The performers (i) (rehearse) every day, and their excitement (ii) (grow).	2M
Q.6		Write two sentences of simple past tense	1M
		CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS	
Q.7		Write a paragraph on ANY ONE topic. i) Importance of Science Experiments ii) Curiosity: An ingredient in success	4M
Q.8		Attempt ANY ONE question the given below. i) You are AnuDeshmukh/AnoopDeshmukh the sports secretary of Laxman Public School, Mumbai. Your school has decided to host the regional level volleyball tournament. Draft a notice for your school on the notice board inviting all children of your school to cheer for the teams. OR ii) Write a letter to your friend appreciating his book that he wrote while pursuing his writing career. You are Robert/Robina. You are Ritu/Ritesh, 101, Himmat Nagar, Tarapur.	4M
		SECTION –C- LITERATURE (30MARKS)	
Q.9		Read the following extract and answer the questions. “.....when it toils so hard to reach and cling, And tumbles every time.” But up the insect went once more, Ah me!’ tis an anxious minute; He's only a foot from his cobweb door, Oh say, will he lose or when it? i) Choose the correct option to complete the analogy. toil: hard ::__:_ a)roll :tumble b. tumble:circle c. compress:roll d.jump: tumble. ii) List any two characteristics of the spider highlighted in the line ‘But up the insect went once more’. iii) Choose the correct option to complete the sentence. The expression ‘Ah me!’ in extract indicates asense of _____.	1x4=4 M

	A. happiness B. stressed C. relief D. loneliness iv) Complete the sentence with an appropriate reason. Readers are able to relate to this extract because _____.	
Q.10	Read the following extract and answer the questions. Mary: I saw Mrs. Cotter in this afternoon. I met her in the street. No one sees her in the morning because she always stays in bed then. And she always asking the door to go to see her. I can't understand women who stay in bed in the morning. And why must she always ask for the doctor? I have never been to a doctor in my life. Mrs Harding: I stay in bed in the morning myself. i) Complete the following sentence suitably. Mary could spot Mrs Cotter in the street because..... ii) What does Mary comment about Mrs Cotter staying in bed and calling the doctor suggest about her understanding? a) She's worried about why Mrs Cotter stays in bed all morning. b) She is unable to understand why people need medical help. c) She thinks Mrs Cotter is scared and lonely for staying in bed. d) She believes Mrs Cotter is right to rest and take care of herself. iii) How can we say that Mary enjoyed good health? iv) Identify whether the following statement is true or false. "Mary might have unintentionally offended Mrs. Harding."	1x4=4 M
Q.11	Do as directed. i) Janhavi wanted to become awhen she grew up. ii) State whether the following statement true or false. "The River promised to take Janhavi to the sea." iii) Which action of Anand shows his presence of mind? iv) The phrases 'sounding sight' and "hopped home' are example of (Alliteration / Simile) v) The narrator feels delicate symmetry of a _____. (Three Days to See) a) Bud b) leaf c) flower d) branch vi) Doctor Dolittle was.....	1x6=6 M
Q.12	Answer ANY SIX of the following questions in 30-40 words each. i) What does the narrator's perspective teach us about the importance of appreciating life?(Three Days to See)	2x6=12M

		ii) How can we say that Polynesia was a good trainer of animal language? iii) Why has the poet used phrases like funny sounding sight and funny feeling sound with reference to the funny man? iv) How does Mary's attitude towards the guest change throughout the play? v) Why did Mr Sharma not believe Anand when he spoke about his time machine? vi) What happens in the poet's dream at night? (Paper Boat) vii) What does the phrase "He conquered, why shouldn't I"? Signify?	
Q.13		Answer ANY ONE of the following questions in 70-80 words each. i) The spider failed multiple times but still kept trying why do you think failure is important in learning process? OR ii) Discuss how this play could be used as an example to teach the value of communication and tactfulness in daily interactions. (Say the right thing) *****THE END*****	1x4=4