

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

MARKING SCHEME

Q.NO	ANSWER	MARKS
Q.1	Read the passage given below. i)(i)The fires were not normal. ii) (iv)2019 recorded the warmest temperatures since 1880s. iii) (ii)Ocean temperatures are rising at the equivalent of 5 Hiroshima bombs a second. iv) They were considered “not normal” because they occurred during Australia’s hottest recorded temperatures in December 2019, and satellite data confirmed that the fires were far more severe than usual. v) a) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A. vi) (iii)On the rise. vii) (ii) Clear	8M
Q 2	Read the passage given below. i)b) To shape character and prepare for life ii) (a) we fail to hear it. ii) b) By giving all children a chance to learn iii)Answer: Critical thinking and problem-solving. iv) Because sports, arts, and daily experiences help in building confidence, creativity, and responsibility. 2M v) Equality vi) Analyze	7M
	Section – B: Grammar and Creative Writing Skills (15Marks)	
Q3	a) could b)must	2M
Q4	windowsill, sailor song, check-in, tea time	2M
Q5	The performers (i) are rehearsing (rehearse) every day, and their excitement (ii) has been growing (grow).	2M
Q6	Any two. (Subject+verb2)	1M

Q7		Paragraph Writing – Content: 2 Marks, Organisation of ideas: 1 Mark, Vocabulary and Grammar: 1 Mark	4M
Q8		Notice Writing – Content: 2 Marks Organisation of ideas: 1 Mark Vocabulary and Grammar: 1 Mark OR Letter Writing: Format: 1 Mark Content: 2 Mark Organisation of ideas and Grammar: 1 Mark	4M
Q9		Read the following extract and answer the questions. (i)a) roll: tumble ii)Two characteristics of the spider highlighted in the line “But up the insect went once more” are perseverance and determination. iii) The expression “Ah me !”in the extract indicates a sense of stressed. iv) Readers are able to relate to this extract because it reflects real life struggles where people face failures but must keep trying with perseverance and determination to achieve success.	1x4=4M
10		Read the following extract and answer the questions. i) Mary could spot Mrs Cotter in the street because she often goes out during the day. ii) (b) she is unable to understand why people need medical help. iii) We can say that Mary enjoyed good health because she mentions that she has never needed to visit a doctor in her life suggesting her robust health. iv)True	1x4=4M
Q11		Do as directed. (1x6=6 Marks) i) Teacher ii) False iii) Anand shows his presence of mind by directing Boppa to his room and not his father’s. iv) The phrases sounding sight and hopped home are examples of alliteration. v) b) leaf vi) human and animal doctor	1x6=6 M

Q.12		Answer ANY SIX of the following questions in 30-40 words each. i) The narrator underscores the value of living each moment fully appreciating sight hearing touch smell and taste as unique gateways to beauty they encourage people to cherish these gifts as if they might lose them for string gratitude for life simple pleasures. ii) We can say that Polynesia was a good trainer because she patiently explained the different languages of animals to the doctor one by one. For instance she told him that parents have 2 languages that afternoon while it was raining outside ,she sat at the kitchen table and taught him the ABC of the birds language. iii) The poet uses these phrases to highlight the man’s absurdity. Funny sounding sight suggests his appearance is so strange it seems to produce sound while funny feeling sound implies his song evokes physical amusement, blending sensors for comic effect. iv) At first, Mary is eager to talk and impress the guests. However as the play progresses, her blunders make her more embarrassed and hesitant, especially when her remarks offended the guests. v) Mr Sharma did not believe when Anand told him about The Time Machine because Boppa was nowhere to be seen and he assumed that he had run out. vi) In his dream the paper boat floats on under the midnight stars, with fairies of sleep sailing in them, carrying basket full of dreams. (vii) It signifies king Bruce’s realisation that if a tiny spider could succeed through perseverance, he too could overcome his challenges.	2x6=12M
Q.13		Answer ANY ONE of the following questions in 70-80 words each. i) Failure is important in the learning process because it teaches us perseverance and help us understand our mistakes. When we fail, we get an opportunity to reflect on what went wrong and improve ourselves. Just like the spider that failed many times but still kept trying, failures encourage us not to give up until we succeed it builds confidence, problem solving skills and resilience which are essential for real learning. OR ii) The play Say the Right Thing can be used to teach the value of communication and tactfulness because it shows how words and the way we speak can affect others. In the play, characters learn that being polite, respectful, and careful with their language helps to avoid misunderstandings and conflicts. It demonstrates that communication is not only about expressing our own thoughts but also about considering the feelings of others. By showing the consequences of saying the wrong thing versus the right thing, the play highlights how tactfulness helps us build better relationships, solve problems peacefully, and create a positive environment in daily interactions.	(1x4=4)

