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SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT – TERM II, 2026–27

ENGLISH

SET 1

Standard: VIII **Time: 1½ Hours**

Total Score: 40

INSTRUCTIONS

- 15 minutes is given as cool-off time.
- This time is to be used for reading the question paper.
- You are not supposed to write anything during the cool-off time.
- Attempt the questions according to the instructions.

Questions 1 – 3: Read the passage and answer the questions that follow. (3 × 1 = 3)

Every January the temple ground at Kuttipuram turned into a fair. There were giant wheels, balloon sellers, and a man who claimed his parrot could read the future for two rupees. The biggest crowd, however, gathered around a lucky-draw stall. For ten rupees you could win anything from a plastic comb to a bicycle. My cousin Appu bought one ticket, and to everyone's surprise, his number was called for the first prize – a huge wooden boat. People cheered and patted his back. Only on the way home did we begin to wonder how we would carry a boat through the narrow lanes, and where on earth we would keep it.

1. What were the prizes one could win at the lucky-draw stall? (1)

2. How did Appu probably feel when his number was called? (1)

A) He was thrilled. B) He was surprised. C) He was bored. D) Both A and B

3. Pick out the word from the passage that means "said something was true without proof". (1)

Questions 4 – 6: Read the lines from "Hope is the Thing with Feathers" and answer the questions. (3 × 1 = 3)

"Hope" is the thing with feathers –
That perches in the soul –
And sings the tune without the words –
And never stops – at all –

4. To what is hope compared in these lines? (1)

5. Pick out the line which tells us that hope never leaves us. (1)

6. What is meant by "sings the tune without the words"? (1)

A) Hope speaks loudly to us. B) Hope comforts us silently.

C) Birds cannot sing. D) Songs have no meaning.

7. Read the lines from "The Astronomer" and write a paragraph about its theme and poetic devices. You may use the hints given below. (1 × 4 = 4)

I only said, "When in the evening the round full moon gets entangled
among the branches of that Kadam tree, couldn't somebody catch it?"
But dada laughed at me and said, "Baby, you are the silliest child
I have ever known. The moon is ever so far from us, how could anybody catch it?"

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(Hints: a conversation between two brothers – a child's wonder – an elder's adult logic – imagery – simple language)

Questions 8 – 10: Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow. (3 × 1 = 3)

Millets: The Forgotten Grains

Millets such as ragi, jowar and bajra were once part of every Indian kitchen. These small grains need very little water and can grow even in dry, poor soil, which makes them a smart choice for farmers facing irregular rain. Doctors now recommend millets because they are rich in fibre, iron and calcium. Ragi, for example, has more calcium than most other cereals and is good for growing children. Many schools have started serving ragi porridge and millet snacks, and young people are rediscovering the taste of these old grains.

8. Why are millets a good choice for farmers? (1)

A) They need little water. B) They can grow in poor soil.

C) They are costly. D) Both A and B

9. Which millet is especially good for growing children? Why? (1)

10. Frame a question tag: "Millets are rich in fibre." (1)

Questions 11 – 13: Read the headlines and answer the questions that follow. (3 × 1 = 3)

A. Kerala Girl Bags Gold in National Junior Athletics

B. Heavy Rain: Holiday Declared for Schools in Three Districts

C. ISRO Successfully Tests New Reusable Launch Vehicle

D. Farmers Welcome Rise in Rubber Prices

11. Which headline talks about a scientific achievement? (1)

12. Which headline would please students the most? Why? (1)

13. What does the word "bags" mean in headline A? (1)

14. Fill in the blanks using appropriate phrasal verbs given in brackets. (3 × 1 = 3)

The fair was …(a)… for three days. On the last day, the organisers …(b)… the remaining prizes to the children. Some people …(c)… early in the morning hoping to win something. (turned up, went on, gave away)

15. Edit the following passage. Errors are given in bold. (4 × ½ = 2)

Science **help** (a) us understand the world. A good scientist **ask** (b) many questions and **don't** (c) accept anything without proof. Curiosity is the **most important** (d) quality of all.

(Note: one of the bold parts may already be correct. Rewrite it unchanged if so.)

16. Complete the conversation between Malala and her father. (3 × 1 = 3)

Malala	Father, you look worried today, …(a)…?
Father	Yes, I'm worried about your safety.
Malala	…(b)…?
Father	Because some people don't want girls to go to school.
Malala	What should I do then?
Father	You had better …(c)…
Malala	All right, I will.

17. Prepare a brief profile of R. K. Narayan based on the details below. (1 × 4 = 4)

Name	Rasipuram Krishnaswami Narayan
Born	10 October 1906, Madras

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Known for	Stories set in the imaginary town of Malgudi
First novel	Swami and Friends (1935)
Awards	Sahitya Akademi Award (1958) for The Guide; Padma Vibhushan (2000)
Died	13 May 2001

Questions 18 – 20: Answer either A or B. (3 × 4 = 12)

18 A. The narrator of **Engine Trouble** becomes the owner of a road engine after winning it in a lucky draw. Write his likely **diary entry** on that day. (4)

OR

18 B. Moniba, Malala's friend, is shocked by the attack on Malala. Write a **letter** from Moniba to a friend sharing her feelings. (4)

19 A. Mani is happy that Granny reached Mussoorie safely after the long walk. He writes an **e-mail** to his friend describing the journey. Draft the e-mail. (4)

OR

19 B. You are the Secretary of the Science Club of your school. The club is conducting a Science Exhibition. Prepare a **notice** giving the details. (4)

20 A. You get a chance to interview a scientist from ISRO. Frame **four questions** you would like to ask. (4)

OR

20 B. Based on your reading of **Talking of Science**, write a **paragraph** on "Science in our daily life". (4)

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