O. P. JINDAL SCHOOL, SAVITRI NAGAR

Half Yearly Examination - (2026 – 2027)

Class: IX **MM: 50**

Subject: English **Time: 2:00 Hrs.**

General Instructions:

Read the following instructions very carefully and follow them:

i. *All questions are compulsory.*

ii. *This question paper contains three sections:*

Section A: Reading Skills

Section B: Writing Skills & Grammar

Section C: Literature

iii. *Attempt all questions based on specific instructions for each part. Write the correct question number and part thereof in your answer sheet.*

iv. *Separate instructions are given with each question/part, wherever necessary.*

v. *Adhere to the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.*

SECTION A - READING SKILLS (8 MARKS)

Q1. Read the following passage carefully: **(8 marks)**

1. The modern classroom has taken several steps forward in its evolution of the learning environment in the past 25 years. Many of the benefits that we have seen in this setting are due to the introduction of new technology options for students. Instead of having a single computer for a class to use or a laboratory environment for the entire school placed in one room, we can now help students learn at their table or desk with items issued to them directly. Thus, there are quite a lot of advantages of having technology in classrooms.

2. Technology helps children to stay motivated during the learning process. Most students don't like to go to school if they feel they are wasting their time. When there is technology allowed in the classroom, then teachers have an opportunity to let children work at a pace which suits them the best without disturbing others. They can look up additional information about a subject they are learning about that day, play educational games that reinforce the lesson, or work on advanced material using a program.

3. Technology encourages more communication between teachers and parents. When there is technology in the classroom, then there are more opportunities for parents and teachers to connect with each other. Using a blog for the classroom can help parents get to see what their children are learning each day. Apps and software options allow teachers to instantly report on a child's behaviour to let parents know in real-time what is happening throughout the day. There are options for chat boxes, instant messaging, and other forms of communication as well.

4. Technology also creates new ways to learn for today's student. There are three critical forms of intelligence that we see in children today: emotional, creative, and instructional. The traditional classroom environment, which typically encourages lecture-based lessons, focuses more on the latter option. Standardized tests and similar ranking tools do the same. When children have access to technology today, then those who excel outside of the standard learning setup can still achieve their full potential.

5. Technology allows children to embrace their curiosity in multiple ways. They can try new things without embarrassment because their tech access gives them a level of anonymity. This process allows children to work, through trial-and error if they wish, to see if a different strategy helps them to learn more effectively.

Answer the following questions based on the passage:

I. Most children don't like to go to school if 1

(a) they don't understand what is being taught in the class. (b)they feel like they are wasting their time.

(c) they find class too boring. (d)they can get away with it.

II. Give one example of how technology facilitates parent-teacher collaboration for the betterment of students. 1

III. Technology allows children to embrace their curiosity in multiple ways. How? 1

IV. State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE. 1
When children have been denied access to technology today, then those who excel outside of the standard learning setup can still achieve their full potential.

V. Based on your reading of the text, list two ways through which technology helps children to stay motivated during the learning process. 2

VI. The three critical forms of intelligence we see in children today are: 1

I	II	III	IV	V
Motivational	Creative	Instructional	Competitive	Emotional

(a) I, II & III (b) II, III & IV (c) II, III & V (d) I, IV & V

VII. Find the word from para 5 which means the opposite of 'a state of being familiar'. 1

SECTION B – WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR (20 MARKS)

Q2. Do as instructed:

A. Complete the following sentences by choosing the correct option. **(2X1=2 marks)**

I. If you _____ hard, you will certainly succeed in the examination.
A. worked B. work C. will work D. have worked

II. Unless the students _____ the instructions carefully, they will make mistakes.
A. follows B. followed C. follow D. will follow

B. The following passage contains two errors. Write the error and the correction: **(2X1=2 marks)**

		ERROR	CORRECTION
When I reach the auditorium yesterday,	a)	_____	_____
the competition was already begun.	b)	_____	_____

Q3. Rearrange the following parts of the sentences in a meaningful way: **(3X1=3 marks)**

I. coal as a fuel (A) / in place of wood (B) / during this period (C) / people were beginning to use (D)
(a) BDAC (b) ACDB (c) CDAB (d) DCAB

II. from the mountains (A) / to see the gentle flow (B) / of the river (C) / it is very pleasant (D)
(a) BDAC (b) BDCA (c) DACB (d) DBCA

III. and weakening the roots of our society (A) / drug addiction (B) / which is eating away (C) / is the monster (D)
(a) DBCA (b) DCAB (c) BDCA (d) BCDA

Q4. Transform the following sentences & rewrite using appropriate modal auxiliaries as per the hints given in the bracket before each of them. One has been done for you. **(3X1=3 marks)**

Eg. I may speak four languages. (Show Ability)
Ans: I can speak four languages.

I. You need not bother someone who's stronger than you. (Show dare)
II. I may drop you home. (show promise)
III. We should follow the traffic rules strictly. (show compulsion)

Q5. Answer ANY ONE of the two questions in 50 words: **(4 marks)**

A. You are Riya/Rohan, the Cultural Secretary of Sunrise Public School, Rourkela. Your school is organising an Inter-House Debate Competition on the topic "Social Media: A Boon or a Bane?" for students of Classes IX and X. The competition will be held on 15 September 2026 in the school auditorium. Interested students should register their names with their respective House Captains by 5 September 2026. Draft a notice informing students about the competition and inviting them to participate.

OR

B. You are Arjun/Amayra, a resident of LIG 32, Yamuna Vihar, Bilaspur. Your parents are celebrating their 25th Wedding Anniversary with a small family gathering at your residence. The celebration will be held on 20 September 2026 at 6:00 p.m. You wish to invite your close friend Rahul/Natasha to the celebration. Draft an informal invitation to your friend requesting him/her to join the celebration.

Q6. Answer ANY ONE of the two questions in 120-150 words: **(6 marks)**

A. You are Aarav/Aarohi, a resident of Shanti Nagar, Rampur. You are concerned about the increasing problem of plastic waste in your locality. Despite repeated requests, people continue to use single-use plastic bags, and the waste is often dumped in open spaces, creating an unhealthy environment. Write a letter to the Editor of a local newspaper highlighting the problem, its harmful effects, and suggesting suitable measures to control it.

OR

B. You are Ananya/Anand, a student of Class IX at Sunrise Public School, Bhilai. You are concerned about the poor maintenance of washrooms in your school. The washrooms are often unhygienic, lack adequate water and soap, and are not cleaned regularly. Write a formal email to the Principal of your school highlighting the problem and requesting immediate action to improve the cleanliness and maintenance of the washrooms.

SECTION C- LITERATURE (22 MARKS)

Q7. Answer ANY ONE of the following: **(3X1=3 marks)**

A. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

Over time, pankhas became significant cultural goods distributed through trade routes. They were considered exotic and stylish. Although there was substantial commonality in their use across India, different villages and towns developed their own varieties of traditional pankhas. Each place developed pankhas with distinct materials or a variety of intricate designs, that set them apart from one another.

I. State whether the following sentence is true or false.
With time and the advent of technology and innovative creations, the beautiful culture of pankhas runs the risk of slowly losing its presence among Indians. (TRUE/FALSE)

II. Find the word from the passage which means the antonym of 'common/easily available'.

III. Select which one of the two statements is the correct assertion for the given reason.
Reason: Pankhas were made of indigenous materials, unique to the region, with elaborate designs.
A. Each kind of pankha could be distinguished from the other.
B. Pankhas were used by many people.

OR

B. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

"When I came back to my village, I saw my grandmother in tears. I was surprised, for I had never seen her cry even in the most difficult situations. What had happened? I was worried.
'Avva, is everything all right? Are you okay?'
I used to call her Avva, which means mother in the Kannada spoken in north Karnataka.

She nodded but did not reply. I did not understand and forgot about it. In the night, after dinner, we were sleeping in the open terrace of our house. It was a summer night and there was a full moon. Avva came and sat next to me. Her affectionate hands touched my forehead."

I. What surprised the narrator upon her return?

II. Grandmother did not reply when the narrator asked if she was alright because she might have been too _____ to respond. (emotional/tired)

III. State whether TRUE or FALSE:
The grandmother's regret over her lack of education is not emphasised in the given extract. (TRUE/FALSE)

Q8. Answer ANY ONE of the following: (3X1=3 marks)

A. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

I hear Bharat celebrating, the varied vocations
I hear;
Those of craftsperson, each one celebrating their
craft, woven with colours and myriad hues.

I. The line '*I hear Bharat celebrating, the varied vocations*' signifies that the poet_____

(a) is celebrating the cultural diversity
(b) is admiring various professions
(c) is showing a patriotic zeal
(d) admires each vocation

II. Who of the following is not a craftsperson?
(a) Architect (b) carpenters (c) goldsmith (d) Weaver

III. What poetic device is there in '*craft, woven with colours*'?

OR

B. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

The mighty Himavant is ours—
there's no equal anywhere on earth.
The generous Ganga is ours—
which other river can match her grace?
The sacred Upanishads are ours—
what scriptures else to name with them?

I. Why is Ganga called 'generous'?

II. State whether TRUE or FALSE:
The question mark at the end of the fourth and sixth line of the extract is used to emphasise the discussed idea. (TRUE/FALSE)

III. Fill in the blank with the correct option from the words given in the brackets.
The poet is implying that the Upanishads are _____ (unmatched/complex) in their wisdom and spiritual depth.

Q9. Answer ANY FIVE of the following in about 40- 50 words each: **(5X2=10 marks)**

I. What does the line - *"For a good cause if you are determined, you can overcome any obstacle."* tell us about the broader theme of the story? Justify with reference to grandmother's character.

II. How does this poem 'Bharat our Land' foster a sense of national pride? Explain.

III. What is the role of perseverance in pursuing one's dreams? Elaborate with reference to Sentila.

IV. Do you think the role of all the people belonging to different vocations is crucial in ensuring an easy and comfortable life for all of us? Support your answer with reasons.

V. How does the title 'Winds of Change' capture the essence of the chapter?

VI. How effectively does the story 'How I Taught my Grandmother to Read' highlight the value of education in supporting personal independence?

Q10. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 120- 150 words: **(6X1=6 marks)**

A. As a proud citizen of Bharat, our motherland, describe three things that make you feel proud of being a Bharatiya (Indian). It could be about geographical, cultural, traditional features, or even its enriched history with scholarly people.

OR

B. As a socially responsible citizen, you strongly believe that students can contribute significantly in promoting adult literacy. Write a letter to the Editor of a local newspaper emphasising the importance of student participation in adult literacy camps conducted by various organisations. Discuss the benefits of such initiatives for both students and society. Suggest effective ways to spread awareness and encourage more students to volunteer for this noble cause.