

KOTHARI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, NOIDA
TERM END ASSESSMENT, SESSION: 2024-25
GRADE: 7 SUBJECT: ENGLISH
SET A (SUBJECTIVE)

DAY & DATE: MONDAY- FEBRUARY 24, 2025

MAXIMUM MARKS: 60

NAME: _____

TIME ALLOTTED: 2.5 HRS

ROLL NO: _____

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. This question paper consists of 7 pages and 9 questions with sub-parts.

2. The paper contains three sections: A, B & D

Section A-Reading is of 20 marks

Section B-Writing is of 12 marks

Section D-Literature is of 28 marks

3. It is compulsory to attempt all the questions.

4. Read the question paper carefully and then attempt it.

SECTION A-READING

Q1.	<p>Read the passage given below carefully and answer the questions that follow.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Spring is often described as a season of renewal and transformation. As the chill of winter fades, the world awakens with vibrant colours and fragrant blooms. Trees shed their barren look, sprouting fresh leaves, while birds fill the air with melodious songs. For farmers, spring is a time of labour and hope. Fields are tilled, seeds are sown, and the promise of a fruitful harvest lingers in the air.2. But spring is more than just a change in weather. It symbolizes new beginnings, inspiring people to set fresh goals and embark on new journeys. Writers and poets often draw inspiration from spring's vitality, weaving its essence into their works. Festivals like Holi, Nowruz, and Easter are celebrated with great enthusiasm, reflecting the joy and energy that spring brings.3. In urban settings, spring becomes a time to embrace outdoor activities. Parks and gardens come alive with families and friends, enjoying picnics or leisurely walks amidst blooming flowers. Children fly kites in open fields, and communities organize fairs or cultural events to mark the season. It is a time when people feel more connected to nature and to one another.4. Yet, this season of abundance also teaches balance. The unpredictable weather—warm sunshine one day and unexpected showers the next—reminds us of nature's capriciousness. This unpredictability is both a challenge and a gift, emphasizing the importance of adaptability.5. As we celebrate the beauty of spring, we must also remember our responsibility to the environment. Planting trees, conserving water, and reducing waste can ensure that future generations enjoy this magical season just as we do today.	8
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i.	What does spring symbolize in the passage? a) Harsh weather b) Renewal and new beginnings c) The end of the year d) The struggles of winter	(1)
ii	What is the effect of spring's unpredictable weather? a) It disrupts agricultural activities and delays the harvest. b) It teaches people to be adaptable and appreciate nature's balance. c) It makes spring less enjoyable for urban communities. d) It reduces the enthusiasm for outdoor activities and festivals.	(1)
iii	Which of the following is NOT true about spring, as mentioned in the passage? a) Spring inspires people to set fresh goals and embark on new journeys. b) The weather during spring is consistently warm and sunny. c) Urban communities celebrate spring with fairs and outdoor activities. d) Festivals like Holi, Nowruz, and Easter are associated with this season.	(1)
iv	According to the passage, how do urban and rural experiences of spring differ? a) Rural areas focus on creative activities, while urban areas focus on agriculture. b) Rural areas emphasize work, while urban areas prioritize leisure and nature. c) Rural areas celebrate festivals, whereas urban don't celebrate festivals. d) Urban and rural areas experience spring in the same way.	(1)
v	What does the term 'capriciousness' in the passage imply about spring? a) The season's beauty and harmony b) Its unpredictable and changeable nature c) The consistent warmth and sunshine of the weather d) The balance between human activities and nature	(1)
vi	How does spring inspire writers and poets?	(1)
vii.	State whether the given statements are True or False. Also, write the correct statement for the false ones. a. Festivals like Christmas and New Year are celebrated to mark the beginning of spring. b. Spring inspires people to set fresh goals and embark on new journeys.	(2)

<p>Q2.</p>	<p>Read the passage based on the chapter ‘Savitri’ and answer the questions that follow.</p> <p>YAMA: Savitri, you cannot follow to the land of the dead!</p> <p>SAVITRI: Lord Yama, I know your duty is to take my husband. But my duty as his wife is to stay beside him!</p> <p>YAMA: Princess, that duty is at an end! Still, I admire your loyalty. I will grant you a favour—anything but the life of your husband.</p> <p>SAVITRI: Please restore my father-in-law’s kingdom and his sight.</p> <p>NARRATOR 2: Yama again headed south.</p> <p>NARRATOR 3: Savitri followed.</p> <p>NARRATOR 1: Along a riverbank, thorns and tall sharp grass Yama passed untouched. But they tore at Savitri’s clothes and skin.</p> <p>YAMA: Savitri! You have come far enough!</p> <p>SAVITRI: Lord Yama, I know my husband will find happiness in your kingdom. But you carry away the happiness that is mine!</p> <p>YAMA: Princess, even love must bend to fate! Still, I admire your devotion. I will grant you another favour—anything but the life of your husband.</p> <p>SAVITRI: Grant many more children to my father.</p> <p>YAMA: Your father shall have many more children.</p> <p>NARRATOR 2: Yama once more turned south.</p> <p>NARRATOR 3: Again, Savitri followed.</p> <p>NARRATOR 1: Up a steep hill Yama glided, while Savitri clambered after. At the top, Yama halted.</p> <p>YAMA: Savitri! I forbid you to come farther!</p> <p>SAVITRI: Lord Yama, you are respected and revered by all. Yet no matter what may come, I will remain by Satyavan!</p> <p>YAMA: Princess, I tell you for the last time, you will not! Still, I can only admire your courage and firmness. I will grant you one last favour—anything but the life of your husband.</p>	<p>12</p>
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	<p>SAVITRI: Then grant many children to me. And let them be children of Satyavan!</p> <p>NARRATOR 2: Yama’s eyes grew wide as he stared at Savitri.</p> <p>YAMA: You did not ask for your husband’s life, yet I cannot grant your wish without releasing him. Princess! Your wit is as strong as your will.</p> <p>NARRATOR 3: Yama took out the spirit of Satyavan and removed the noose. The spirit flew north, quickly vanishing from sight.</p>	
i.	<p>Which of these favours does Savitri NOT ask from Yama directly?</p> <p>a) To restore her husband’s life</p> <p>b) To grant her father many children</p> <p>c) To restore her father-in-law’s kingdom and sight</p> <p>d) Grant children to her and Satyavan.</p>	(1)
ii	<p>What unique feature does Yama notice about Savitri’s character?</p> <p>a) Her intelligence</p> <p>b) Her wit and firmness</p> <p>c) Her kindness</p> <p>d) Her beauty</p>	(1)
iii	<p>How does Yama finally agree to release Satyavan’s spirit?</p> <p>a) By not granting Savitri one last favor</p> <p>b) By being impressed with Savitri’s love and devotion</p> <p>c) By testing Savitri’s patience</p> <p>d) By Satyavan’s prayer</p>	(1)
iv.	<p>Part 1: What does the term ‘devotion’ mean in the context of the passage?</p> <p>a) A desire to live long with dedication</p> <p>b) A strong feeling of love and loyalty</p> <p>c) A feeling of fear and worry</p> <p>d) A desire to challenge authority</p>	(0.5)
	<p>Part 2: In which of the following sentences is the word ‘devotion’ used incorrectly?</p> <p>a) Her devotion to her family was unmatched.</p> <p>b) He showed devotion to his work by arriving early every day.</p> <p>c) The devotion of the soldiers to the king was inspiring.</p> <p>d) His devotion with winning the competition made him neglect his health.</p>	(0.5)

v.	In the line, ‘ <i>you carry away the happiness that is mine,</i> ’ what does the word ‘ <i>happiness</i> ’ refer to?	(1)
vi.	What happens each time when Savitri continues to follow Yama despite his warnings?	(2)
vii.	How does Savitri show that her love for Satyavan is stronger than her fear of Yama?	(2)
viii	What lessons do you learn from this extract?	(3)
SECTION B- WRITING		
Q3.	<p>Descriptive Paragraph Attempt any ONE. Write a descriptive paragraph describing the vibrant atmosphere of a festival celebration in your neighbourhood.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>OR</u></p> <p>Write a descriptive paragraph describing the sights, sounds, smells you noticed while walking through a flower garden. <i>(Word limit- up to 100 words)</i></p>	(5)
Q4.	<p>Formal Letter Writing & Article Writing Attempt any ONE.</p> <p>Write a formal letter to the librarian of your school requesting the addition of new books to the school library. Mention the types of books you would like, why they are important, and how they will benefit the students. <i>(Word limit- up to 150 words)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>OR</u></p> <p>Write an article on the effects of excessive screen time on children. In your article, you may include the following points: Introduction:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Define what ‘screen time’ means (time spent on devices like phones, tablets, computers, etc.). 2. Highlight its relevance in today’s tech-driven world. <p>Benefits:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Access to online learning platforms, videos, and resources 2. Improves hand-eye coordination through certain games 3. Encourages tech literacy and creativity (e.g., coding, digital art) 4. Staying connected with friends and family through social media or video calls <p>Challenges:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Eye strain and headaches due to prolonged screen exposure 2. Reduced physical activity leading to obesity 3. Over-reliance on screens for entertainment reduces real-life interactions 4. Poor Academic Performance 5. May lead to addiction or difficulty managing time <p>Conclusion</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Emphasize the need for balance between screen time and other activities. <p>Suggest practical solutions like setting limits, encouraging outdoor play, and using screens responsibly. <i>(Word limit- up to 200 words)</i></p>	(7)

SECTION D- LITERATURE

<p>Q5.</p>	<p>Refer to the given extract from the poem ‘I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings’ and answer the following questions.</p> <p align="center"><i><u>"The caged bird sings with a fearful trill of things unknown but longed for still and his tune is heard on the distant hill for the caged bird sings of freedom."</u></i></p>	
<p>i.</p>	<p>In the line ‘his tune is heard on the distant hill,’ the word ‘heard’ is an example of:</p> <p>a) Imagery b) Personification c) Simile d) Symbolism</p>	<p align="right">(1)</p>
<p>ii</p>	<p>Explain how the line ‘the caged bird sings of freedom’ is an example of symbolism.</p>	<p align="right">(2)</p>
<p>iii.</p>	<p>What does the expression ‘of things unknown but longed for still’ suggest about the caged bird’s desires?</p>	<p align="right">(2)</p>
<p>Q6.</p>	<p>Refer to the given extract from the story ‘A Tiger in the House’ and answer the following questions.</p> <p><i><u>“Died!” exclaimed Grandfather. “Yes, sir, of pneumonia. This tiger was trapped in the hills only last month, and he is very dangerous!” Grandfather could think of nothing to say. The tiger was still licking his arm, with increasing relish. Grandfather took what seemed to him an age to withdraw his hand from the cage. With his face near the tiger’s he mumbled, “Good night, Timothy,” and giving the keeper a scornful look walked briskly out of the zoo.</u></i></p>	
<p>i</p>	<p>In which of the following sentences is the word ‘scornful’ used correctly?</p> <p>a) She gave him a scornful look when he suggested something absurd. b) The flowers in the garden were scornful and bright. c) He felt scornful as he admired the breathtaking view of the mountains. d) The scornful child was excited to receive a gift from her parents.</p>	<p align="right">(1)</p>
<p>ii</p>	<p>Why did Grandfather take so long to pull his hand away from the cage?</p>	<p align="right">(2)</p>
<p>iii.</p>	<p>What do these lines reveal about Grandfather’s bond with animals?</p>	<p align="right">(2)</p>

Q7.	<u>Answer the following in about 40-50 words each:</u>	3*3 = 9
i.	What was the condition for sick children to get to the Heaven meant for them? (Ticket to Heaven)	
ii.	Why did Grandma want to show that Santa Claus exists? (On Santa' Team)	
iii.	What was the result of the fight between the mongoose and the cobra? How did the winner succeed in winning the battle? (The Banyan Tree)	
Q8.	<u>Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 80-90 words:</u>	(4)
	Elaborate on the contrasting lives of the caged bird and the free bird as highlighted in the poem. (I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings)	
<u>OR</u>		
	Elaborate on the boy's bond with the banyan tree as depicted in the story, focusing on how the tree becomes a place of comfort, adventure, and learning for him. (The Banyan Tree)	
Q9.	You are Ethel and Donald's beloved yellow cat who left them to become the queen of witches. Write a letter to the couple expressing your gratitude for taking such good care of you and sharing how you have been ever since. <i>(Word limit- up to 100-120 words)</i> (The Black Cat's Message)	(5)