

KOTHARI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, NOIDA
TERM END ASSESSMENT, SESSION: 2024-25
GRADE: 6 SUBJECT: ENGLISH
SET A (SUBJECTIVE)

DAY & DATE: THURSDAY-MARCH 06, 2025

MAXIMUM MARKS: 60

NAME: _____

TIME ALLOTTED: 2.5 HRS

ROLL NO: _____

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. *This question paper consists of 5 pages and 8 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.	Read the passage based on the chapter ‘An Alien Hand’ and answer the questions that follow.	12
	<p>1. A spacecraft? Where from? The solar system wasn't known to have any life anywhere else except on their planet. Tilloo's father recalled the ancient days recorded in the archives at the Central Bureau when their ancestors had a well-developed space programme and had searched the solar system with manned and unmanned spacecraft and found that they were indeed 'alone'. Now, in the days of energy shortage and underground life, they had no space programme. They could only watch impotently from their vantage point. Who were these strangers?</p> <p>2. The conference room in the Central Bureau was so quiet that an outsider would have thought it was empty. Far from it. It was full but the members of the Central Committee were unusually quiet. They knew that the President was going to make a momentous announcement.</p> <p>3. "Colleagues! I will give you the report as I have it. While I speak, there may be a change in the situation," the President paused to get his papers in order and then continued. "Two spacecraft are approaching us. One is in fact orbiting our planet while the other is still far away. We guess that they are coming from our neighboring planet. How should we react? Number One, your views please."</p> <p>4. Number One was in charge of defense. He was known for his courage and wisdom. "Sir, if we wish we can totally destroy these spacecrafts with our missiles. But that won't make us any wiser. We do not have the capacity to render these craft unoperational in space; but should they land, we can render them ineffective anytime we choose. Our reports say that they do not contain living beings, they only have instruments."</p>	

i.	<p>What historical record does Tilloo's father recall, and what does it reveal about their ancestors?</p> <p>a) Their ancestors were skilled farmers who cultivated barren lands. b) Their ancestors had a well-developed space program that discovered they were alone in the solar system. c) Their ancestors lived underground due to natural disasters. d) Their ancestors communicated regularly with extraterrestrial beings.</p>	(1)
ii	<p>Why does the underground civilization no longer have a space program?</p> <p>a) They decided to focus on exploring their own planet. b) They faced energy shortages and now live underground. c) They lost interest in space exploration after finding no life. d) Their space program was destroyed by the neighboring planet.</p>	(1)
iii	<p>What significant announcement is the President about to make in the Central Bureau conference room?</p> <p>a) The development of a new space program. b) The discovery of a habitable planet. c) The approach of two spacecraft, one orbiting their planet and the other still far away. d) The presence of extraterrestrial beings within their underground habitat.</p>	(1)
iv.	<p>What does Number One propose as a potential response to the approaching spacecraft?</p> <p>a) Destroy the spacecraft immediately. b) Try to communicate with the spacecraft. c) Allow the spacecraft to land and then render them ineffective. d) Capture the spacecraft in space to study them.</p>	(1)
v.	<p>‘An outsider would have thought conference room was empty.’ Why?</p>	(2)
vi.	<p>Elaborate the defensive strategy proposed by Number One.</p>	(2)
vii.	<p>What is the meaning of "archives" in the sentence "ancient days recorded in the archives at the Central Bureau"?</p> <p>a) A storage area for energy reserves. b) A collection of historical documents and records. c) A secret laboratory for scientific research. d) A room where the Central Committee meets.</p>	(1)
viii	<p>What would it be like if humans discovered life on another planet? How might we communicate with aliens? Write a paragraph in about 50 words on ‘ Life on other Planets’. You may use the clues given.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px auto; width: fit-content;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The life might be very different, like tiny aliens. • Talking to aliens might be hard. • We could use signals or pictures to communicate. </div>	(3)

<p>Q2.</p>	<p>Read the passage given below carefully and answer the questions that follow.</p> <p>Beethoven was a German piano player who composed many famous symphonies and concertos. He also composed different forms of chamber music, choral works, and songs. The most celebrated of his works is Missa Solemnis.</p> <p>Beethoven's full name was Ludwig van Beethoven. His father, Johann van Beethoven, was his first teacher. Early in life, he started showing musical talents. Johann was a strict teacher, and Ludwig was often in tears because of the long hours of practice that his father insisted upon. But this rigorous practice paid off, and Beethoven's first three piano sonatas, named Kurfürst (meaning "Elector"), were published in 1783 when he was only 13 years of age.</p> <p>As he grew up, his father increasingly submitted to alcoholism. This created a depressing environment in his family. The young Beethoven was left under the care of his brothers. But he was nevertheless a hard-working boy. He studied Mozart and Haydn, the great music masters of old. He also performed widely both in public and also for private patrons.</p> <p>Finally, he made his premiere at Burg Theatre on April 2, 1800. This program is known as his First Symphony. It included his famous symphony, Septet, as well as works from Haydn and Mozart.</p> <p>Slowly, as his fame began to rise, his brother Carl encouraged him to publish his works. As a result, many of his compositions came to public notice. He became very rich and popular because of his publications. But this happiness was marred by a great tragedy.</p> <p>At the young age of 26, Beethoven began to face hearing problems. Over a period, his hearing diminished. He could not hear his own music and tried to avoid talking to people. Finally, he became deaf.</p>	<p>(8)</p>
<p>1.</p>	<p>What does the name Kurfürst, associated with Beethoven's early piano sonatas, mean?</p> <p>A. Prince B. Elector C. Symphony D. Virtuoso</p>	<p>(1)</p>
<p>2.</p>	<p>What was the main reason Beethoven was left under the care of his brothers during his youth?</p> <p>A. His father moved to another city. B. His father became an alcoholic. C. His father died when Beethoven was young. D. His father stopped teaching music.</p>	<p>(1)</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>Why was Beethoven often in tears as a child?</p> <p>A. He struggled with learning music. B. He didn't want to practice. C. His father gave him long and rigorous practice sessions. D. He failed his piano exams.</p>	<p>(1)</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>What did Beethoven's premiere at Burg Theatre in 1800 include?</p> <p>A. Only his First Symphony B. Works by Haydn, Mozart, and his Septet C. His piano sonatas Kurfürst D. An opera performance</p>	<p>(1)</p>

5.	Despite his father’s alcoholism, how did Beethoven manage to continue his musical journey?	(1)
6.	Why do you think Beethoven’s happiness from becoming rich and popular was ‘marred by a great tragedy’?	(1)
7.	What does the word "rigorous" mean in the context of Beethoven's practice sessions? A. Relaxed and easy B. Strict and demanding C. Fun and enjoyable D. Short and simple	(1)
8.	State whether the given statements are True or False. A. Beethoven’s first piano sonatas, Kurfürst, were published when he was 18 years old. B. Beethoven became deaf later in his life.	(1)
SECTION B- WRITING		
Q3.	You are Aman/Aditi, the Head Boy/Girl of Sunrise Public School, Jaipur. Your school is organizing an inter-school debate competition. Write a notice in about 50 words inviting students to participate. Mention the date, venue, and registration details. (<i>Word limit- up to 50 words</i>)	(5)
Q4.	Dialogue Writing OR Descriptive Paragraph <u>Attempt any ONE.</u> a. Write a dialogue between two siblings deciding how to celebrate their parents’ anniversary. b. Describe the joyous scene of a family gathering on New Year’s Eve in about 100-120 words, emphasizing the laughter, delicious food, and shared resolutions.	(7)
SECTION D- LITERATURE		
Q5.	Refer to the given extract from the poem ‘Six Honest Serving Men’ and answer the following questions. <i>She sends them abroad on her own affairs, From the second she opens her eyes— One million Hows, two million Wheres, And seven million Whys!</i>	

i.	Name the Poem and the Poet.	(2)
ii.	Who is 'them' in the above lines? What literary device has been employed by the poet.	(2)
iii.	Why does the poet describe the serving-men as being sent "abroad on her own affairs"? What does this reveal about the "person small"?	(2)
Q6.	<p>Refer to the given extract from the poem 'Wishing' and answer the following questions.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Just to scatter seeds of kindness As you pass along the way; For the pleasures of the many May be oftentimes traced to one, As the hand that plants an acorn Shelters armies from the sun.</i></p>	
i	What does the poet mean by 'scatter seeds of kindness'?	(2)
ii	How has the poet tried to suggest about small actions growing into larger results?	(2)
iii.	What does the phrase 'scatter seeds of kindness' suggest in the stanza?	(2)
Q7.	<u>Answer the following in about 40-50 words each:</u>	(3*4)
i.	How does the speaker describe the appeal (attractiveness) of faraway places? Cite examples from the poem. (Foreign lands)	
ii.	Was Mr. Scrooge ever good to people around him? Comment. (The Christmas Carol)	
iii.	The poet suggests that to make the world better, we must improve ourselves. How does the poet emphasize this idea, and what actions does she recommend? (Wishing)	
iv.	In the poem, Kipling lists the six questions. What are they and why do you think the poet refers to them as 'honest serving men'? (Six Honest Serving Men)	
Q8.	<u>Answer the following question in about 80-90 words:</u>	(4)
	How do the visitations of the three ghosts—the Ghost of Christmas Past, the Ghost of Christmas Present, and the Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come—help transform Ebenezer Scrooge's character? (The Christmas Carol)	