

**DAV BR PUBLIC SCHOOL, BINA**  
**Half Yearly Examination 2024-25**  
**PRACTICE PAPER**

**Class - VII**

**Subject - English**

**Time Allowed – 2 Hours**

**MM: - 50**

**General Instructions –**

1. This question paper consists of 3 sections, 14 questions and 3 pages.
2. All questions are compulsory.
3. Read instruction and the question statements carefully and then only start writing answers.
4. Attempt all the questions of the same section together.
5. Write correct question numbers in the answer sheets as given in the question paper.

**Section ‘A’ - Reading Skills**

**10Marks**

Q1. Read the passage given below carefully.

A giant in stature, with long hair, wearing a bottle green fur lined overcoat and round seal skin cap on his head, Oscar Wilde arrived in New York on 2nd of January 1882 on a lecture tour. He was mobbed by reporters who asked him (much to his irritation) unimportant questions such as how he liked his eggs fried? How he trimmed his finger nails? And what temperature he preferred his bath to be? His answers showed a total lack of interest.

However, when he stepped ashore, the customs official asked, “Have you anything to declare?” and with customary style. Wilde replied, “No, I have nothing to declare (pause) except my genius.” Few remarks in history have travelled as widely and as quickly as that one.

Now on the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions -

1X5 =5

- a. Mention two details of Oscar’s physical appearance when he came to New York?
- b. Why did Oscar Wilde come to New York?
- c. Oscar Wilde was not interested in answering the questions of reporters. Why?
- d. What does Oscar Wilde’s answer to the custom officer’s questions show?
- e. Find a word in the passage which means “exceptional ability in a person”.

Q2. Read the passage given below carefully.

Eskimos live in the polar areas. They are not usually tall but they have powerful legs and shoulders. They have a common language and can understand members of another group although they may come from many thousands of miles away. Marriage is by mutual

consent. They do not have a special marriage ceremony. Eskimos live by hunting and fishing. The Eskimos' snow house, which is called igloo, is very well-known, but in fact, Eskimos usually live in houses made of wood and turf. When they are not hunting and working, Eskimos like to carve. They use ivory and wood and they often make very beautiful objects.

Now on the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions (any five) –

1X6=6

- What do the Eskimos look like?
- How does a common language help them?
- How do they earn their living?
- What activities do they engage in during their spare time?
- Mention the two types of houses Eskimos live in.
- Find a word from the passage the means "agreement".

### Section 'B' – Grammar and Writing Skills

20Marks

Q3. On the basis of the given telephonic conversation, write a message in not more than 50 words. Put the message in a box:

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- Amrita: Hello! Is it 29861231?
- Shweta: Yes, May I know who is speaking, please?
- Amrita: I am Amrita from Vijay Nagar. Could I speak to Priyanka, my classmate?
- Shweta: I am sorry. She has gone outside. I am Shweta, her sister. Is there anything to convey?
- Amrita: Yes. She has my class notes and I have to prepare for the test which is going to start next week. Kindly tell her to return these today.
- Shweta: I'm in a hurry right now, but I'll convey your message and ask her to return your class-notes.
- Amrita: Thank you very much.
- Shweta: You are welcome.

**OR**

Meenakshi is the Sports Captain of Navodaya School. The sports day is to be held on November 21st which is just two weeks away. She has to inform house captains that they have to submit the names of the participants to her in a week's time. A student cannot take part in more than three events excluding the relay. Any delay or wrong information will lead to disqualification of the student. Write the notice for Meenakshi using not more than 50 words.

Q4. Prepare a paragraph on the topic 'Good Manners' with the help of the given outlines. You are Avadhesh/Gourangi, studying in class VII.

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Importance of good manners – cost nothing – at home – at school – in social life.

**OR**

Write an article on 'School Life'.

Q5. Fill in the blanks with the correct options:

1x2=2

- They ..... swim for improving their health. (should/must)
- Ravi ..... be doing this job honestly. (should/must)

Q6. Rearrange the given words or phrases to make meaningful sentences.

1X2=2

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- (a) my parents /20th/anniversary/celebrating today/their/are  
 (b) associated/with/purple/royalty/the/colour/is

- Q7. Do as directed. 1X2=2  
 (a) Revathi studies in DAV school. (say whether the verb here is transitive/intransitive)  
 (b) Rekha said, "My brother is very good at sports". (say whether the verb "is" here is transitive/intransitive)

- Q8. The passage given below has not been edited. There are two errors in it. Write the errors and their corrections. 1X2=2  
 Players played wonderfully  
 even then they cannot a) .....  
 won the match. b) .....

- Q9. Identify the underlined portion as phrase(s) and clause(s) in the following sentence. 1/2X2=2  
Ajinkya will play for Rajasthan in the next IPL and he said in a meeting.

**Section 'C' – Literature**

**20Marks**

- Q10. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: 1X3=3  
 "I dream a world where man  
 No other will scorn,  
 Where love will bless the earth  
 And peace its paths adorn."  
 (a) Identify the poem.  
 (b) Who is the poet of these lines?  
 (c) What kind of world does the poet desire?

- Q11. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. 1X3=3  
 "For colours and paints... I ...I want to learn painting..."  
 (a) Who speaks these lines?  
 (b) To whom are these lines spoken?  
 (c) Name the lesson of the above extract.

- Q12. Answer any three out of four questions in about 30 – 40 words. 2X3=6  
 a. Why did Manju's father deny to allow her to continue painting?  
 b. What lesson does the poem "I Dream a World" give?  
 c. Why does Manju want to become a painter?  
 d. What was the Birdie's desire?

- Q13. Write three qualities of a true fighter (Manju) and three qualities of a true brother (Amol). 3

True fighter	True brother

**OR**

Why was the monkey a trouble? Discuss in about 50- 80 words.  
 (Monkey's Trouble)

- Q14. Manju won ultimately. Write a diary entry to discuss the fighting spirit of Manju. (word limit – 80 words) 5

**OR**

Write a diary entry on "The World of Your Dream". (word limit – 80 words)

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