

ENGLISH
SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER – 5
SESSION 2026–27
(Class 7)

Time: 2 Hours 30 Minutes

Maximum Marks: 60

General Instructions

1. All questions are compulsory unless an internal choice is given.
2. The question paper is divided into Sections A, B, C and D.
3. Read the questions carefully and answer in clear, complete sentences.
4. Marks are indicated against each question.

SECTION A – READING SKILLS

(15 Marks)

1. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. [8]

On a winter morning, the students of Class VII noticed that the school garden looked dull. Many plants had dry leaves, and the flower beds were untidy. Their teacher suggested that the students take responsibility for one small part of the garden.

The students divided the work among themselves. Some removed dry leaves, some loosened the soil, and others planted flowering plants. They also made small labels showing the names of different plants. Instead of finishing everything in one day, they worked for a few minutes every morning.

After several weeks, the garden looked fresh and colourful. Students from other classes began visiting it during recess. The Class VII students felt proud, but their teacher reminded them that the real success was not the beautiful garden alone. It was learning how regular small efforts can bring about a lasting change.

- Why did the school garden look dull? [1]
What did the teacher suggest to the students? [1]
How did the students divide their work? Mention any two tasks. [2]
Why did they not try to finish everything in one day? [1]
What change was seen after several weeks? [1]
What did the teacher say was the real success? [2]

2. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. [7]

Aarav had always been nervous about speaking in front of the class. When his teacher announced a short storytelling activity, he wanted to avoid taking part. His friend suggested that he practise the story at home and speak slowly instead of trying to remember every word.

Aarav practised in front of a mirror and then told the story to his family. On the day of the activity, his hands were still shaking, but he stood up and began. He forgot one line in the middle, paused for a moment and continued in his own words.

When he finished, the class clapped. Aarav realised that he did not need to speak perfectly to speak confidently. He only needed preparation, patience and the courage to try.

- Why was Aarav nervous? [1]
What did his friend suggest? [2]
How did Aarav practise? [1]
What did he do when he forgot a line? [1]
What did Aarav realise after the activity? [2]

SECTION B – GRAMMAR & VOCABULARY

(15 Marks)

3. Choose the correct option.

[5]

1. There are ____ apples in the basket.

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| (a) much | (b) many |
| (c) any | (d) a |

2. This is my sister's bag. It is ____.

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| (a) her | (b) hers |
| (c) she | (d) herself |

3. The children completed the work ____.

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| (a) careful | (b) carefully |
| (c) care | (d) caring |

4. Meena ____ her grandmother last Sunday.

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| (a) visits | (b) visit |
| (c) visited | (d) visiting |

5. I ____ my homework before dinner yesterday.

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| (a) finish | (b) finished |
| (c) will finish | (d) finishing |

4. Fill in the blanks with suitable words.

[5]

1. The school reopens ____ July. (in / on)

2. The boy jumped ____ the wall. (over / during)

3. I wanted to buy the book, ____ I had forgotten my money. (but / and)

4. You ____ be kind to animals. (should / might)

5. Neither the teacher nor the students ____ late. (was / were)

5. Choose the correct answer.

[5]

1. Choose the correct comparative form of "beautiful":

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| (a) beautifuler | (b) more beautiful |
| (c) most beautiful | (d) beautifully |

2. Choose the present continuous form: "The girls ____ a song".

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| (a) sing | (b) sang |
| (c) are singing | (d) will sing |

3. Choose the correct helping verb: "They have finished the work".

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| (a) they | (b) have |
| (c) finished | (d) work |

4. Choose the synonym of “brave”:

- (a) afraid
- (c) weak

- (b) courageous
- (d) quiet

5. Choose the correct homophone of “flower”:

- (a) flour
- (c) flown

- (b) floor
- (d) flare

SECTION C – WRITING SKILLS

(10 Marks)

6. Descriptive Writing

[5]

Write a descriptive paragraph in 80–100 words on any ONE:

- (a) The School Library

OR

- (b) A Day I Will Always Remember
- Give your paragraph a suitable title.

7. Informal Letter

[5]

Write a letter to your friend inviting him/her to spend a few days with you during the school holidays.

SECTION D – LITERATURE

(20 Marks)

8. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow.

[4]

“She knew that the path would not always be easy, but she also knew that every step would take her closer to her goal.”

- (a) Who is referred to as ‘she’?
- (b) What was her goal?
- (c) What does the ‘path’ suggest in the extract?
- (d) Give one word for a person who keeps working towards a goal.

9. Answer any two of the following in 30–40 words each.

[4]

- 1. What did Jahnvi understand about the importance of education?
- 2. Why does Helen Keller want people to use their eyes with greater attention?
- 3. Why does the problem of the missing pencil become funny in the poem?
- 4. What makes the conversations in the play amusing?

10. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow.

[4]

“The animals seemed to understand that the doctor would listen to them and would never laugh at their troubles.”

- (a) Who is the doctor mentioned here?
- (b) What did the animals trust him to do?
- (c) Why would they feel comfortable with him?
- (d) Choose: He treated the animals with (respect / anger).

11. Answer any two of the following in 40–50 words each.

[4]

1. How did Jahnavi's dream affect the choices she made?
2. What does Helen Keller's writing teach us about gratitude?
3. How did Doctor Dolittle's understanding of animals change his life?
4. How does the poem show that an ordinary school problem can become humorous?

12. Answer any ONE in 80–100 words.

[4]

(a) "Success is not achieved in one attempt." Explain this idea with reference to "Try Again" and the journey of Jahnavi.

OR

(b) Imagine you are Doctor Dolittle. Write about how understanding the feelings of animals helped you become a better doctor.