ENGLISH SAMPLE PAPER

TERM 1

CLASS - VI (2025-26)

Time allowed : 3 Hours   *Maximum Marks : 80*

General Instructions:
1. *This paper consists of three sections : A, B and C.*
2. *Attempt all the questions.*
3. *Do not write anything on the question paper except your name, class/section and roll number.*
4. *All the answers must be correctly numbered in the answer sheet as per the numbering given in the question paper.*
5. *Ensure that questions of each section are answered together.*
6. *Read all the questions carefully and follow the instructions given with each question.*
7. *Adhere strictly to the word limit given in the question paper.*

Section-A (Reading)   (20 Marks)

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (1x8=8)

   I.   In recent years, the popularity of indoor plants has significantly increased. Many people believe that having greenery around makes a space look more lively and welcoming. But there's more to plants than just aesthetics. Studies show that certain indoor plants can purify the air by removing toxins such as formaldehyde and benzene. Plants like spider plants, peace lilies, and snake plants are known for their air-filtering capabilities and are easy to maintain.

   II.   Contrary to the belief that all plants require constant sunlight, many indoor plants thrive in low- light conditions. Overexposure to sunlight can even damage some houseplants. This makes them ideal for urban homes and offices where natural light may be limited. Additionally, caring for plants can have psychological benefits. It has been observed that tending to plants can reduce stress, lower blood pressure, and improve mood.

   III. While it's commonly assumed that more water is better for plant growth, overwatering is one of the leading causes of plant death. Each species has its own watering needs. For example, succulents like aloe vera require minimal water and are better suited for dry conditions. It is essential to understand the specific care requirements of each plant to ensure healthy growth.

   IV.   Some people argue that artificial plants are a better option since they require no care. However, they do not provide the same air-purifying or psychological benefits as real plants. Research suggests that even just the presence of living greenery can boost concentration and productivity in workspaces. Therefore, real plants are not only decorative but also functional in enhancing well-being.

(i) Plants like spider plants and snake plants help to:

    A. produce flowers
    B. grow in gardens
    C. remove air toxins
    D. increase heat

(ii) Which of the following statements are TRUE about succulents?

    Statement 1: need frequent watering
    Statement 2: prefer dry conditions
    Statement 3: can grow only outdoors
    Statement 4: include aloe vera
    Statement 5: have bright flowers

    A. Statements 1 and 5
    B. Statements 2 and 4
    C. Statements 3 and 5
    D. Statements 1 and 3

(iii) The following statements are marked Assertion (A) and Reason (R). Read the statements and choose the correct option:

    Assertion: Overwatering is harmful for plant growth.
    Reason: Each plant species has its own water requirements.

    A. Both (A) and (R) are True and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).
    B. Both (A) and R are True and R is not the correct explanation of (A).
    C. (A) is True but R is False.
    D. (A) is False but R is True.

(iv) Which of the following is a spider plant?

Option (A)

Option (B)

Option (C)

Option (D)

(v) Contrary to popular belief, many indoor plants thrive in _____

    A. hot climates

    B. bright sunlight

    C. low-light conditions

    D. humid surroundings

(vi) Which word in the passage means "attractive in appearance" (Para I).

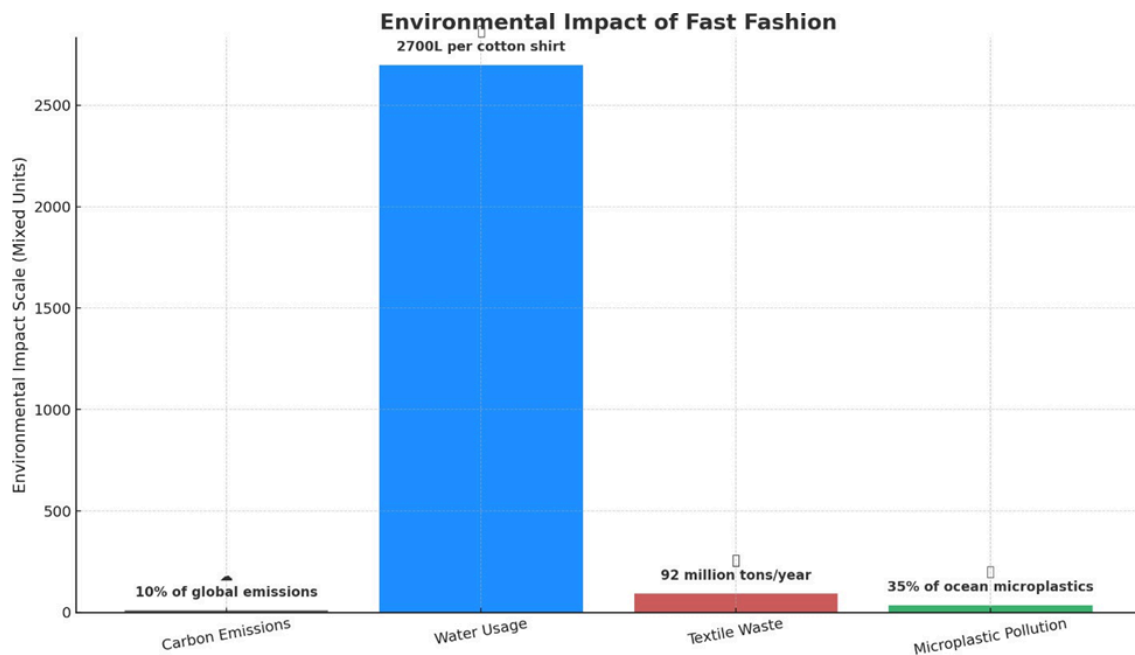(vii) State whether the given statement is TRUE or FALSE:

    Artificial plants provide the same health benefits as real plants.

(viii) It is observed that caring for plants can _____

2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (1x12=12)

I.   Fast fashion refers to inexpensive clothing produced rapidly by mass-market retailers in response to the latest trends. This business model encourages consumers to purchase new styles frequently, often at the cost of quality and sustainability. As a result, billions of garments are discarded each year, contributing massively to global textile waste.

II.   The environmental impact of fast fashion is severe. The industry is responsible for around 10% of global carbon emissions, which is more than all international flights and maritime shipping combined. The production of clothing also consumes enormous amounts of water. For example, it takes around 2,700 liters of water to make a single cotton shirt—enough for one person to drink for two and a half years.

III.   The use of synthetic fabrics such as polyester and nylon adds to the problem. These fabrics are derived from fossil fuels and take hundreds of years to decompose. Moreover, when washed, synthetic clothes release microplastics into water bodies, threatening aquatic life and eventually entering the human food chain.

IV.   Fast fashion also raises ethical concerns. Many factories employ low-paid workers, sometimes in unsafe and exploitative conditions. To meet the demand for rapid production, garment workers often work long hours with minimal wages and little job security. Major clothing brands have faced criticism over poor labor practices in countries like Bangladesh, India, and Vietnam.

V.   As awareness grows, sustainable fashion is gaining momentum. Consumers are being encouraged to buy fewer, better-quality clothes, reuse or recycle garments, and support brands that follow ethical and eco-friendly production methods. Donating clothes, organizing clothing swaps, and choosing natural fabrics are small steps that can make a big difference.

Environmental Impact of Fast Fashion

(i) What does the term "fast fashion" refer to?

(ii) The fast fashion industry is responsible for about _____ of global carbon emissions.

(iii) Suggest one way to reduce the impact of fast fashion.

(iv) Why are synthetic fabrics harmful to the environment?

(v) As per the assumed graph, which item contributes the most to fashion-related carbon emissions?
   A. Cotton T-shirts
   B. Denim jeans
   C. Synthetic jackets
   D. Leather bags

(vi) Which of the following has the lowest water footprint in its production?
   A. Cotton T-shirt
   B. Silk scarf

C. Wool sweater

D. Denim jeans

(vii) The word in paragraph II "enormous" means:

    A. limited

    B. tiny

    C. huge

    D. dangerous

(viii) Choose the word which is NOT similar in meaning to "discarded" (Para I):

    A. thrown away

    B. dumped

    C. kept

    D. disposed of

(ix) From the passage, find a word that is the antonym of "ethical" (Para IV).

(x) The following statements are marked Assertion (A) and Reason (R). Read and choose the correct option:

    Assertion: Synthetic clothes release harmful microplastics.

    Reason: Synthetic fabrics are derived from natural cotton.

    A. Both (A) and (R) are True and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).

    B. Both (A) and R are True and R is not the correct explanation of (A).

    C. (A) is True but R is False.

    D. (A) is False but R is True.

(xi) What is the problem with the fast fashion industry, as mentioned in Para I?

(xii) What should be the response of an ideal citizen to fast fashion?

Section-B (Writing and Grammar)   (30 Marks)

3. "A friend in need is a friend indeed". Your friend has proved that he/she is indeed a true friend as they helped you to prepare for your exams while you were sick. Write a Thank You Note to your friend expressing your gratitude, in not more than 50 words. Enclose the note in a box.   (4 Marks)

OR

You are Rohan/Rohini, a student of DAV Public School, Mumbai. As a Cultural Secretary of your school, you have been asked to inform the students of Classes VI-VIII about a Drama Competition, to mark the birth anniversary of William Shakespeare. Draft a notice in not more than 50 words informing the students about the same. Invent all the necessary details. Enclose the notice in a box.   (4 Marks)

4. You are Arjun/Ananya. You feel that the library in your school does not have enough interesting books. As a Literary Captain of BBPS School, Hyderabad, write an application to the School Principal requesting her to

arrange short story books for the school library to encourage reading habit. Write within a word limit of 120-150 words. (8 Marks)

OR

It is the happiest day of your life because today you got an opportunity to attend a literary event where you got to meet your favorite author, Ruskin Bond! It was a dream come true. After coming back home, you decide to pen down a diary entry sharing your joy and experience of interacting with your favorite author, in not more than 120 words. (8 Marks)

5. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Find the error and write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet. The first one has been done as an example. (1x4=4)

	Incorrect	Correct
Paper were first made by the Egyptians from	were	was
the plant names papyrus. For a long time, (a)	_____	_____
papyrus was used extensively as an writing material (b)	_____	_____
before a Chinese man perfected the processes. The (c)	_____	_____
demand of paper grew with the advent of books worldwide. (d)	_____	_____

6. Rearrange the following words/phrases into meaningful sentences. (1x4=4)
   (a) on / was / silent / the / library / completely / Monday
   (b) a / speech / gave / inspiring / very / she / assembly / the / at
   (c) not / to / forget / do / homework / your / complete
   (d) has / India / culture / diverse / a / very

7. Do as Directed: (1x4=4)
   (a) The leader as well as his juniors _____ (is / are / am) from the same family.
   (b) The dog _____ (run) after the cat yesterday. (Use simple past tense – irregular verb)
   (c) Rewrite the sentence using an abstract noun for "angry":
       She became angry after hearing the news. She was filled with _____.
   (d) The boy _____ (walk) to school every day.

8. Fill in the blanks with suitable determiners to complete the following sentences: (1x3=3)
   (a) Do you have _____ questions to ask? (any / much / the)
   (b) He gave me _____ advice, which was very helpful. (a / some / many)
   (c) _____ students in the class passed the test. (Much / Many / Little)

9. Supply suitable forms of the verbs given in the brackets to fill the blanks. (1x3=3)
   (a) They _____ (reach) the station on time tomorrow. (Use Simple Future Tense)
   (b) The cat _____ (sleep) under the table. (Use Simple Present Tense)
   (c) He _____ (buy) a new bicycle last week. (Use Simple Past Tense)

Section-C (Literature)   **(30 Marks)**

10. Attempt **ANY ONE** extract out of the two given below: (1x4=4)

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Don't tell me of tomorrow;
Give me the man who'll say,
That when a good deed's to be done,
"Let's do the deed today."

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(a) Who is referred to as 'me' in the given stanza?

(b) What kind of people does the poet want to talk about?

(c) Identify the poetic device used in line 4 of the stanza.

(d) Find out the rhyme scheme of the stanza.

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What is this life if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.
No time to stand beneath the boughs
And stare as long as sheep or cows.

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(a) Who is referred to as 'we' in the given extract?

(b) Mention the activity that the poet fails to enjoy due to shortage of time.

(c) Explain the phrase 'full of care'.

(d) Identify an example of alliteration from the given extract.

11. Attempt **ANY ONE** extract out of the two given below: (1x4=4)

He was quite certain that he wanted to be a nightwatchman when he grew up.' But then the ice – cream man came along with his bright green cart.

(a) Who is 'He' in the above line?

(b) From which lesson this extract has been taken?

(c) State whether the following statement is True or False.
    He wanted to be an ice- cream man but he changed his mind and decided to be a nightwatchman.

(d) Give the antonym of the word 'certain'.
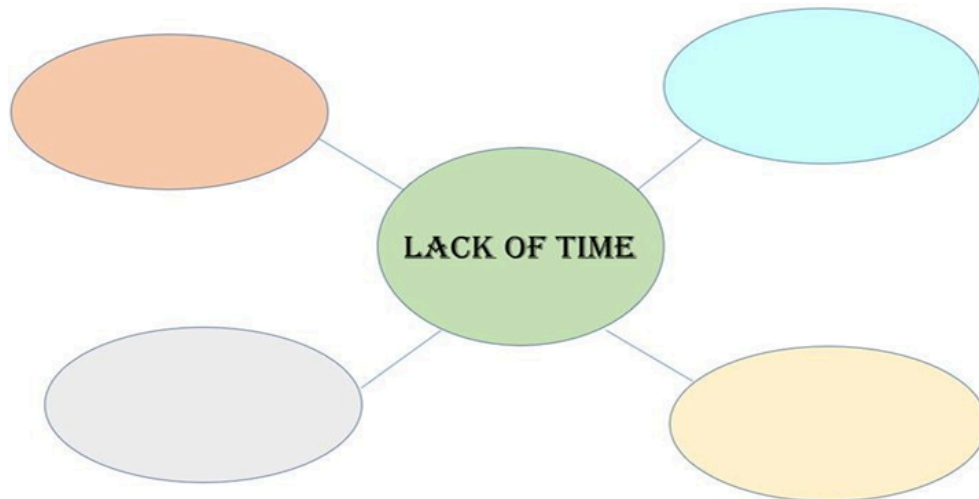   A. uncertain   B. certainly   C. undeniable   D. accomplished

OR

The heart of her son was equally heavy. 'What will she do without me?' he thought, 'if only I had listened to her advice.'

(a) Who is 'I' in the above lines?

(b) Select the appropriate response. heart : emotions :: _____ : thought

(c) choose the correct antonym of the word 'heavy':
  A. dry   B. dreary   C. soft   D. light

(d) Why did the speaker regret not listening to his mother?

12. Attempt **ANY SIX** short answer type questions out of the seven given below. [Word Limit: 30-40] (2x6=12)

(a) The white elephant says to his mother at the end that 'we should forget the treachery of the forester and think only of the king's goodness.' What lesson does this statement of 'The White Elephant' teach all of us?

(b) What does lack of time lead to? Depict the same through a graphic organizer. (Leisure)

(c) How did Gandhiji learn the lesson of 'Ahimsa' in his childhood? (My Experiments with Truth)

(d) In the poem 'Today and Tomorrow', the poet has talked about the importance of completing our work today. Mention any two reasons for not postponing our work for tomorrow?

(e) The white elephant considered the king as a noble and kind man. Why did he consider him so? (The White Elephant)

(f) 'Procrastination is the thief of time' do you agree with this statement? Explain it briefly. (Today and Tomorrow)

(g) Why do little children keep changing their mind every now and then? (How Daddy Decided What He Wanted to Be)

13. Purest type of repentance is accepting one's mistake and with a promise never to commit that sin again. Justify your answer with reference to the chapter, 'My Experiments with Truth'. (Word Limit: 70-80)
(4 Marks)

OR

Let us forget the forester's treachery and remember the king's kindness. What is the underlying idea behind the said statement? Compare and contrast forester and king's action with reference to the chapter, 'The White Elephant'. (Word Limit: 70-80)   (4 Marks)

14. The meeting with the officer was a turning point in Little Daddy's life. Do you agree with the statement? Give reasons to support your opinion. (Word Limit: 100-120)   (6 Marks)

OR

As White elephant, write a diary entry page expressing your sadness for not listening to your mother's advice and leaving her alone in the forest. (Word Limit: 100-120)   (6 Marks)