



OSDAV Public School, Kaithal
ANSWERKEY May Test (2025-26)

Class: XI

SET-A

SUBJECT: ENGLISH

Time: 1.5 hrs

M.M. : 40

	SECTION A (READING)	
Q1	Answer the following questions based on the above passage.	12
	i. The depiction of violence can desensitise audiences and perpetuate a culture of aggression, posing ethical concerns about the social responsibility of filmmakers.	1
	ii. One of the major ethical concerns regarding the portrayal of minorities and marginalised communities is reinforcement of stereotypes.	1
	iii. A. some people find the cuts to be morally correct and others find it against freedom	1
	iv. societal values and norms	1
	v. (b) Portrayal of gender roles	1
	vi. Proponents argue that censorship maintains public morality and social harmony while opponents view it as an infringement on artistic freedom. This tension creates a persistent ethical dilemma for filmmakers.	1
	vii. Filmmakers strive to portray these communities with authenticity and respect balancing creative freedom with sensitivity to social impact. For instance, they may avoid resorting to caricatures and stereotypes.	2
	viii. (c) Subservience	1
	ix. (b) It calls for mentioning the film from which the content has been taken.	1
	x. Historically, Indian films have perpetuated stereotypes by portraying women in subservient roles or as objects of desire. However, progressive filmmakers are challenging these norms by depicting women in diverse and empowered roles highlighting the evolving ethical considerations in the industry	2
	SECTION B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR)	
Q2	Advertisement	
	Format: The format should include box, Heading, Contact Details	1
	Content	1
	Expression	1
	Value Points:	
	Position: Lady Front Office Assistant •Qualification: Graduate •Skills: Sound computer knowledge, fluent communication, pleasing manners •Company: Hotel Green Park, Gurugram •Contact details: (Should include phone/email) •Brevity and clarity (within ~50 words)	
	OR	
	Poster	
	Format: The format should include: Box, Heading/s, details of issuing authority	1
	Content	1
	Expression	1
	Value Points:	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heading/title: “Follow Traffic Rules, Save Lives” / “Drive Safe, Stay Safe” Slogans: Short, catchy (e.g., “Speed thrills but kills”) Safety Measures: Helmet, seatbelt, no phone while driving, obey signals Visual appeal: Bold fonts, symbols, or color suggestions (implied) Call to Action: Encourage responsible driving and awareness 	
Q3.	Do as directed.	5 Marks
	i. fall	1
	ii. had, begun	1
	iii. in	1
	iv. wakes, missed	1
	v. enough/many, some	1
Q4	i. She found joy and companionship in feeding the sparrows. It was the happiest time as it broke her seclusion and filled her with warmth and peace.	1
	ii. b. A noisy confusion	1
	iii. She might have expressed feelings of loneliness, seclusion, and how feeding sparrows brought her comfort and emotional relief.	1
	iv. d. Metaphor; it evokes a chaotic but joyful scene.	1
	v. “She smiled but never shooed them away. It used to be the happiest half-hour of the day for her.”	1
Q5	i. The mother goldfinch is referred to as “the engine” because she is the source of energy, life, and nourishment for her family.	2
	ii. Her face is ‘barred’ because it has distinctive stripes or markings	1
	iii. She stokes it full” means she feeds her young ones, filling them with food and energy.	1
	iv. Metaphor – “The engine of her family” compares the mother bird to an engine, showing her as the driving force behind the family’s survival.	1
Q6.	i. The narrator’s statements show Uncle Khosrove as comically impatient and irritable, creating a humorous and exaggerated impression of his behaviour.	1
	ii. d. His furious temper and impatience	1
	iii. Synonym of ‘hefty’: Enormous	1
	iii. The narrator portrays Uncle Khosrove’s imposing physical appearance in great detail because it highlights the contrast between his size and his absurdly impatient behaviour.	1
Q7.	Answer the following questions, in about 40-50 words. (Any 2)	3x2=6
	i. The phrase “winter landscape” symbolizes silence, seclusion, and the fading vitality of the grandmother’s life. It reflects her calm, quiet demeanor and acceptance of old age and death.	3
	ii. Despite the physical and mental toll of the storm, the voyagers stayed united, motivated by the hope of survival. Their courage and team spirit helped them overcome fear and pain.	3
	iii. Aram justified Mourad’s act by convincing himself it wasn’t really stealing, since they had no intention to sell the horse. He believed they were just enjoying it temporarily.	3



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SECTION A (READING)		
Q1.	Answer the following questions based on the above passage.	
	i. The main challenge faced by women in tier-2 and 3 cities in India is the pay disparities the face in comparison to their metro counterparts.	1
	ii. They help women overcome the challenges of returning to work after career breaks by enabling them to find suitable employment options aligned with their skills and preferences.	1
	iii. (A) technical fields like writing, coding, design etc	1
	iv. legitimate and suitable for their users _____	1
	v. (c) Connecting women with flexible work opportunities	1
	vi. Neha Bagaria's experience of taking a career break to raise her children motivated her to start JobsForHer, aiming to help women on career breaks reconnect with the workforce through flexible job opportunities.	1
	vii. Women in tier 2 and 3 cities, like Priti Sharma from Ranikhet, Uttarakhand, can overcome pay disparities compared to metro counterparts by securing jobs through platforms like JobsForHer ensuring they receive salaries commensurate with their qualifications.	2
	viii. (b) Genuine	1
	ix. (a) Empowering	1
	x. The primary services offered by job portals include screening jobs for legitimacy, providing counseling sessions to understand candidates' skills and offering suitable job options or training. These services empower women by ensuring they access legitimate job opportunities aligned with their skills and preferences.	2
SECTION B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR)		
Q2	Advertisement	
	Format: The format should include box, Heading, Contact Details	1
	Content	1
	Expression	1
	Value Points:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 BHK / 3 BHK available • Prime location (mention area) • Spacious and well-ventilated rooms • Area: _ sq. ft. • 24×7 water and electricity • Lift and parking facility • Near school / market / metro / hospital 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reasonable price / Negotiable Contact: Name and phone number 	
	OR	
	Poster	
	Format: The format should include: Box, Heading/s, details of issuing authority	1
	Content	1
	Expression	1
	Value Points:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catchy title: “Say No to Smoking” Slogan: “Your Lungs are Not Ashtrays!” Visual: Cigarette crossed out or lungs in danger Message: Smoking causes cancer, heart diseases, and kills silently Urge: Quit today, live tomorrow! Contact: Help available at nearest health center Issued by: Health Department / School Health Club 	
Q3.	i. Will have accomplished	1
	ii. entered	1
	iii. a	1
	iv. accepts	1
	v. a. little	1
Q4.	i. c. The safety rope pulled tight, preventing the narrator from falling overboard.	1
	ii. c. Overturning	1
	iii. • Mary screamed as the water flooded the lower deck. • The narrator responded by scrambling for the hatch and taking control of the wheel.	1
	iv. He was hurled overboard but saved by the taut lifeline. He suffered injuries (teeth broken, mouth filled with blood, and returned to the deck.	1
	v. Courageous, quick-thinking, responsible, and determined in the face of danger.	1
Q5.	Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:	5 Marks
	i. The poet’s mother.	1
	ii. Her mother’s death and the long time that has passed since.	1
	iii. The poet is overwhelmed by grief and loss; the silence is so deep that it silences even thoughts and words.	2
	iv. Alliteration	1
Q6	i. b. He is torn between his love for horses and his loyalty to family values.	1
	ii. They were known for their honesty and integrity.	1
	iii. c. Moral integrity and pride in heritage	1
	iv. The chief appeal of this extract is the element of humour and moral conflict.	1
Q7.	Answer the following questions, in about 40-50 words. (Any 2)	3x2=6
	i. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> She accepted her seclusion with grace. Spent time spinning the wheel and praying. Found joy in feeding sparrows in the afternoon. It became the happiest part of her day. 	3

	ii.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The captain's planning, courage, and sailing skills helped them survive. • He remained calm, repaired the boat, and encouraged the crew. • Though luck played a part, leadership was key. 	3
	iii.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aram admired Mourad's free spirit and wild streak. • Mourad had inherited traits from ancestors, not his father. • His actions were guided more by passion than obedience 	3