



INDIAN SCHOOL SALALAH
FIRST TERM EXAMINATION – SEPTEMBER 2025



ENGLISH

Class: VII

Date: 1.10.25

Time: 3 Hrs

Maximum Marks: 80

Roll No: (In numerals)..... Section:
(In words)

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SECTION A (READING)

1. Read the passage given below:

1. Starting next month, the city's innovative solar panel project will enter the "installation phase" bringing clean energy to thousands of homes for an extended period. From March 15 to 30, the weather department predicts cloudy skies that might slow down the solar panel installation process across the city.
2. A senior Municipal Corporation official said, "This will be the first time that we will have weather challenges for such a long period of about 15 days. During this period, there will be reduced efficiency in installation work," he added.
3. Expressing confidence about completing the project once the cloudy weather clears, he said, "the timeline has been tested and the installation schedule will be maintained." The project's duration has been extended for another three months in February due to additional funding from the government.
4. Stating that the project team has been "prepared" for the weather challenges, the Municipal official said, "we are not stopping any installation work now. Till March 15, several hours of work will continue daily that will be for about six to seven hours per day." In April next year, the project will have to face similar weather challenges once again, if there is another expansion when monsoon season arrives.
5. Making environmental history, the city last month successfully launched its ambitious solar energy program covering residential areas in its very first phase, joining an elite group of five eco-friendly cities in the country.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below: (10 marks)

1.1. What is the "installation phase" in the context of the solar project, and how long will the weather challenges last? (2)

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1.2. Choose the appropriate option to fill in the blank. (1)

From paragraph 1 & 2, we can infer that there will be.....

1. no work with the people
2. installation phase
3. project will get reduced efficiency
4. rain will block the sun
5. the weather challenges will be for 15 days

a. 1, 2 & 3

b. 1, 3 & 4

c. 2, 3 & 5

d. 3, 4 & 5

1.3. Complete the following analogy correctly with a word/phrase from paragraph 2: (1)

fragrance: flowers ::.....: municipal projects

(Clue - just like fragrance is integral to flowers, similarly what is/are integral to municipal projects.)

1.4. According to the Municipal official, till March 15, when cloudy skies might affect work,hours per day of installation work will continue. (1)

a. no

b. considerable

c. indefinite

d. only six to seven

1.5. Select the correct option to complete the following sentence: (1)

The Municipal officials are about completing the project after the weather challenges.

a. doubtful

b. worried

c. confident

d. nervous

1.6. How has the solar project been managed to handle the weather challenges and what is planned for work during this period? (2)

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1.7. Read the following sentences and choose the correct option: (1)

A. The weather challenges were a sudden development. B. Because of this, the officials are very worried about the success of the project.

a. Both (A) & (B) are true

- b. Both (A) & (B) are false
- c. (A) is true and (B) is false
- d. (A) is false and (B) is true

1.8. Substitute the word 'prestigious' with one word similar in meaning from paragraph 5:

(1)

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2. Read the following passage carefully:

1. After more than two years of remote learning, India's education sector is now cautiously optimistic. Education technology constituted almost 2% of India's digital economy and created around 50 million learning opportunities in 2019. But the sector experienced dramatic changes in India - like in other countries - in the past two years.

2. Students are now learning with great enthusiasm - 'learning surge', as educators call this phenomenon. And many, teachers say, now prefer to use digital tools along with traditional classroom methods instead of relying only on textbooks. The education sector is also benefiting from new trends born during the pandemic such as hybrid classes and virtual field trips.

3. According to a recent study, 55 percent of Indian students believed that online learning remained an important way of gaining knowledge and connecting with global educational resources. Over two years, the study said, Indian students are now excited about blended learning methods and more than 75 percent of students are enthusiastic about combining digital and classroom learning.

4. There has also been an increase in the number of students participating in online skill courses. The growing interest in digital skills is due to the pent-up demand from the pandemic's two-year period. This has become more pronounced because of rising career aspirations and accessibility among middle-class students from smaller towns and cities.

The table below shows online learning participation by Indian students for different purposes from 2019 to 2022.

Purpose	2019 (in millions)	2020(in millions)	2021(in millions)	2022 (in millions)
Academic Studies	25	45	55	48
Skill Development	10	20	30	35
Language Learning	8	15	18	22

Purpose	2019 (in millions)	2020(in millions)	2021(in millions)	2022 (in millions)
Creative Arts	5	12	16	20
Test Preparation	12	18	25	28

Answer the following questions, based on the above passage: (10 marks)

2.1. Complete the following analogy appropriately, based on your understanding of paragraphs 1 and 2.

(1)

We can say that the situation when students were learning with great enthusiasm is comparable to people rushing to buy books during a sale, because

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2.2. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets, based on your understanding of paragraph 1.

(1)

The statement that, 'Education technology constituted almost 2% of India's digital economy and created around 50 million learning opportunities in 2019', is a/an
 (fact/opinion) because it is a/an
 (subjective judgement/objective detail).

2.3. Justify the following in about 40 words.

(2)

After being restricted to remote learning for more than two years, Indian students are now excited about blended learning methods.

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2.4. Based on the given table, for which 'purposes' did Indian online learning participation increase consistently from 2019 to 2022? (1)

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2.5. 'The education sector is also benefiting from new trends born during the pandemic such as hybrid classes and virtual field trips.' Which 'sector' is being talked about here? (1)

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2.6. As per the given table, for which purpose did maximum number of Indians participate in online learning in 2019 and in 2022? (1)

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2.7. Why are students today choosing to participate in online skill courses? (Answer in about 40 words.) (2)

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2.8. Which of the following is the main takeaway from the study mentioned in the passage?

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A. Online learning remains an important way of gaining knowledge and connecting with global educational resources.

B. Though online learning has increased, traditional classroom methods are still preferred by most students.

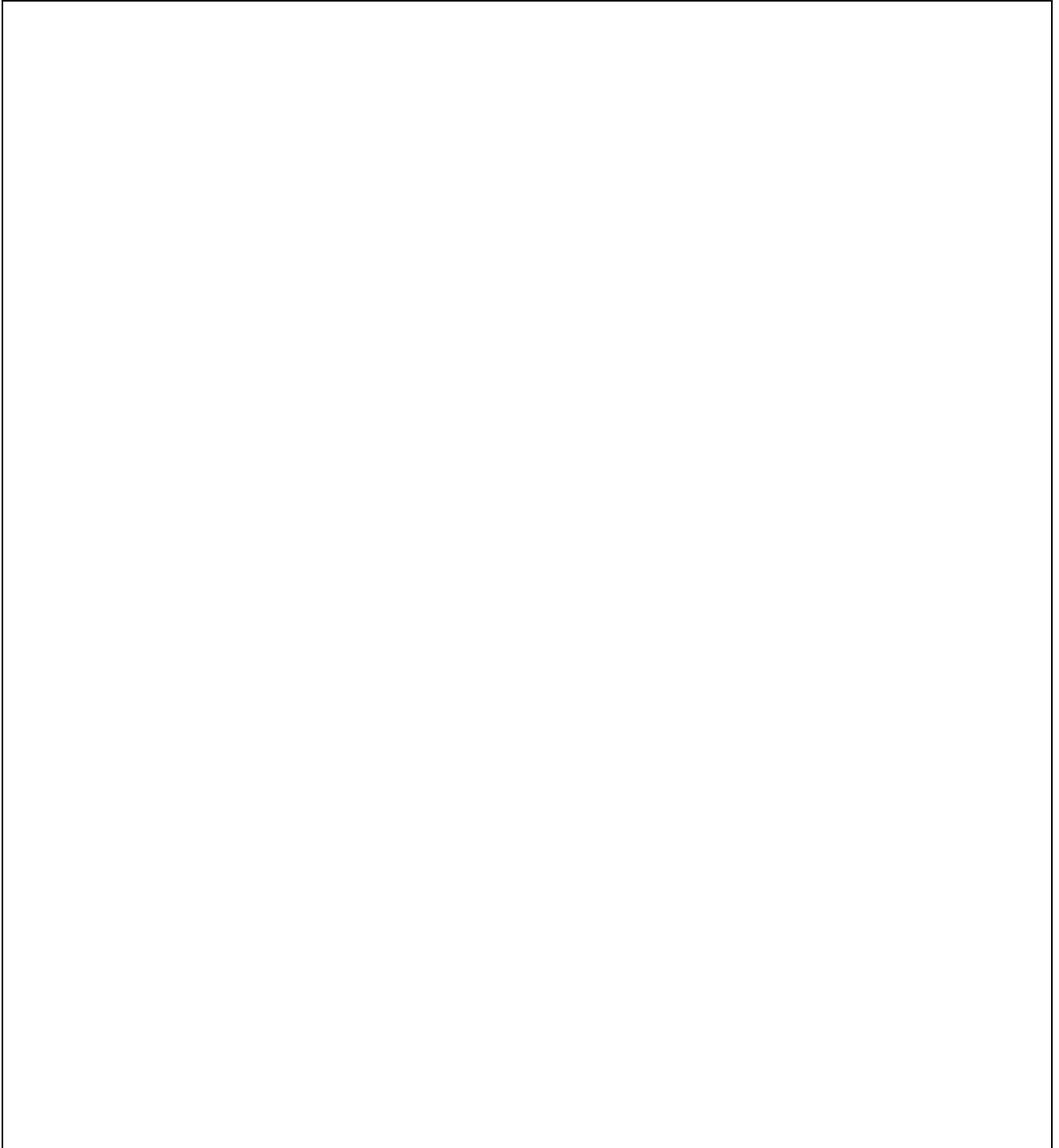
C. Students are excited about combining digital and classroom learning methods.

D. The study needs to include more teachers to offer any recommendations for further research.

SECTION – B WRITING

3. Design a poster on the topic 'Water Conservation - Every Drop Counts.'

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4. Your cousin Amit/Anita lives in Muscat. An Exhibition is taking place in your locality as part of the 'Khareef Festival'. Write a letter inviting him/her to come and stay with you and visit the exhibition.

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5. Computer games and video games have become popular with children today. As a result, outdoor games seem to have no place in their life anymore. You are Satish/Sakshi. You had the opportunity of playing Hide-n-Seek when you visited your cousins in a small town. You decide to write an article on your experiences about the joys of playing outdoor games for the school magazine. Write the article in 120-150 words. (7)

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SECTION C – GRAMMAR

6. Do as directed (20 marks)

6.1. Fill in the blanks with abstract nouns formed from the words given in the bracket. (2)

- i. The(brave) of the soldiers was commendable during the war.
- ii. His (wise) helped him make the right decision in difficult times.

6.2. Fill in the blanks with suitable collective nouns. (2)

- i. A of bees was buzzing around the flower garden.
- ii. The of wolves howled at the full moon last night.

6.3. Fill in the blanks with suitable articles, where necessary. (2)

i.apple a day keepsdoctor away.

ii. She is honest woman who always tells truth.

6.4. Fill in the blanks with Simple Present Tense form of the verbs given in the bracket. (2)

i. The train (arrive) at the station every morning at 8 o'clock.

ii. We (visit) our grandparents during summer holidays.

6.5. Fill in the blanks with the simple past tense or the past perfect tense of the verbs given in the bracket. (2)

i. By the time we(reach) the station, the train
(leave).

ii. After he (complete) his studies, he(start)
looking for a job.

6.6. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs given in the bracket. (2)

i. He (study) when his mother called him for dinner yesterday.

ii. The children (play) in the park at this time tomorrow.

6.7. Rewrite the following into the Future Continuous Tense form. (2)

i. The students write their examination.

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ii. She cooks dinner for the family.

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6.8. Rewrite the following sentences into its interrogative form. (2)

i. The children are playing in the garden.

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ii. The train arrived at the platform five minutes ago.

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6.9. Rewrite the following sentences into its negative form.

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i. She can speak three languages fluently.

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ii. They have finished their project work.

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6.10. Rewrite the following sentences to passive voice.

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i. The chef prepared a delicious meal for the guests.

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ii. The mechanic has repaired the broken car engine.

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SECTION – D LITERATURE

7. Tick the correct answer.

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1. What did Kari see in the river ?

(a) Drowning animal

(b) Drowning boy

(c) A Lion

(d) A crocodile

2. What did the funny man offer as a “rose”?

(a) A real rose

(b) A shoe

(c) A hat

(d) A currant bun

8. Annotate the following.

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1. “For he had been trying to do a great deed,
To make his people glad;
He had tried and tried, but couldn’t succeed
And so he became quite sad.”

a. Why did the King feel sad?

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b. Which poetic device does the poet use in the line

‘ He had tried and tried, but couldn’t succeed’

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2. “The rope was heavy, and she hated it. She hated the way it bit into her neck, the way it cut her skin.”

a. Whom does ‘she’ refer to?

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b. Why did she hate the rope?

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9. Answer the following.

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1. What is the ‘Master Call’ and when is it used?

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2. Why was Abbu Khan unlucky in the matter of goats?

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3. What is the role of the river in Janvi’s life?

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4. Describe the appearance of the funnyman in the poem?

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