

**KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA SANGATHAN
LUCKNOW REGION
HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION SESSION: 2023-2024
CLASS: VI SUBJECT: ENGLISH**

TIME ALLOWED: 2½ HOURS

MAX. MARKS:60

SECTION A	READING COMPREHENSION	15 MARKS
SECTION B	GRAMMAR AND WRITING SKILLS	15 MARKS
SECTION C	LITERATURE	30 MARKS

General instructions:

- 1.All the questions are compulsory. Attempt all the sections.**
- 2.You may attempt any section at a time.**
- 3.All the questions of a particular section should be attempted in the correct order.**
- 4.Write the answers in your answer sheet and remember to number them correctly.**

SECTION A: READING (15 MARKS)

Q. 1 Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow. (8 marks)

Digi Locker

Digi Locker is an online document storage, initiated by Govt. of India, as a part of Digital India, to help its citizens to securely save their Important documents like Driving License, Pan Card, Aadhar Card and Other documents and Certificates issued by different Universities and Govt departments, in a secure Cloud platform, which can be easily accessible from anywhere with a net connection.ie; With DigiLocker, you can Save documents Online Free of cost under Government initiative.

What are the Advantages of DigiLocker Account-

- The main benefits of DigiLocker (Digital Locker System) is that you can upload all your important documents to a Secure Online Platform initiated by Government of India.
- Indian Railways accepts digital Aadhar and Driver License as valid ID proof. These documents can be accessed from anywhere when you need it. So, you don't have to carry your important documents when you travel.
- Another advantage of DigiLocker is that we can now drive hassle free, as we don't have to carry original driving License or RC Book. You can show the Driver License and RC book from your DigiLocker account. Digital Driving License and RC Book is accepted in all states in India.

More than Twenty Crore Educational Certificates are now available in DigiLocker. You can save your Schools (10th Mark sheet, 12th Mark sheet etc.) and College certificates in your Digital Locker Account Safely. So, you can easily share the certificate copies when you attend an interview or when you need it very urgently. Moreover your documents are safe from natural calamities like Floods, Earth quakes etc.

A. The Digi Locker is an Initiative by?

- a) Government Initiative. b) Private initiative
c) NGO's initiative. d) None of the above

B. Digi Lockers are available at

- a) Bank. b) Cloud Platform.
c) Post office. d) None of the above

C. Which program of Govt. Of India promotes the Digi Lockers?

- a) Go green campaign b) digital India
c) Smart City d) none of the above

D. What number of educational certificates are available in Digi Locker?

- a) Two crore
- b) Twenty crore
- c) Two hundred crore
- d) none of the above

E. What according to you is the only limitation to access the Digi Locker?

- a) The key
- b) The net connection
- c) The locker booklet
- d) none of the above

F. What is Digi Locker?

- a) With Digi Locker, you can order Online Food of cost.
- b) With Digi Locker, you can Save documents Online Free of cost under Government initiative.
- c) With Digi Locker, you can study Online Free of cost under Government initiative.
- d) none of the above

G. Which statement is incorrect?

- a) we can now drive hassle free, as we don't have to carry original driving License.
- b) Indian Railways does not accept digital Aadhar and Driver License as valid ID proof.
- c) DigiLocker can be easily accessible from anywhere with a net connection.
- d) None of the above

H. Pick out the word from the above text, which is similar to the word 'commence'.

- a) share
- b) accept
- c) initiate
- d) Upload

Q2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow. (7 marks)



History Of Taj Mahal

Taj Mahal was built by the Mughal emperor Shah Jahan (1628-1658), who was the grandson of Akbar the Great. As the history of Taj Mahal goes, it was built in the memory of his beloved queen Arjumand Bano Begum, better known as "Mumtaz Mahal".

Mumtaz Mahal was one of the most loved queens of emperor Shah Jahan. She was a niece of empress Nur Jahan and granddaughter of Mirza Ghias Beg I'timad-ud-Daula, who was the wazir of emperor Jahangir. Mumtaz Mahal was born in 1593 and died in 1631 at the age of 38. She lost her life in the city of Burhanpur during the birth of her fourteenth child. Shah Jahan was in deep sorrow at the death of the queen and decided to build the Taj Mahal, a marble wonder, in her remembrance. Soon after her death her mortal remains were buried in the garden of Zainabad. Six months after her death, her body was transferred to Agra, and was finally enshrined in the crypt of the main tomb of the Taj Mahal. After the death of Shah Jahan, his last remains were also enshrined in the Taj Mahal. Therefore, the Taj Mahal is the mausoleum of both Mumtaz Mahal and Shah Jahan.

A. Whose wife was Mumtaz Mahal?

- a) Akbar.
- b) Jahangir
- c) Shah Jahan
- d) Humayun

B. What is Taj Mahal?

- a) fort
- b) A tomb
- c) palace
- d) The crown of the palace

C. What is a mausoleum?

- a) A mausoleum is a building that contains a tomb or tombs
- b) A place where animals live in captivity and are put on display for people to view.
- c) It is a natural park which is used for conservation purposes, created and protected by national governments
- d) None of the above

D. Choose the correct answer using the quotes below.

- I. Mumtaz Mahal died in 1631 at the age of 38.
- II. Akbar was the grandfather of Shah Jahan.
- III. Mumtaz Mahal was the Granddaughter of Empress Noor Jahan.
- IV. Taj Mahal is the Mausoleum of Arjumand Bano and Shah Jahan.

- a) I, II and III
- b) I and II only
- c) I, II and IV
- d) II, III and IV

E. Pick out the word from the above text, which is opposite of the word ‘worse’.

- a) better
- b) wonder.
- c) sorrow
- d) enshrined

F. Pick out the word from the above text, which is similar to the word ‘mourn’.

- a) sorrow
- b) built
- c) loved
- d) None of the above

G. After how many months of Mumtaz Mahal’s death, her body was transferred to Agra?

- a) seven months
- b) six months
- c) four months
- d) None of the above

SECTION B WRITING AND GRAMMAR (15 MARKS)

Q.3 Write a paragraph on the topic “ A Village Fair” in about hundred words. Use the clues given in the box. (1×4=4 marks)

Hints- crowded- children and grown-ups – colorful – many stalls - joyrides and games- ice-creams and balloons – happiness everywhere

OR

Write a paragraph on: “MY FAMILY”

HINTS:- My family is family. My family always takes care They always support They understandThey teach ... good habits and etiquette. My family motivates me

Q.4 Attempt ANY ONE of the following : (4 marks)

Write a leave application to the Principal of your school, requesting him/ her to grant you leave for three days to attend you cousin's marriage in Bangalore.

OR

You have lost your water bottle in school playground. Write a notice of lost for the school notice board giving necessary details.

Q.5 Do as directed:

A) Complete each of the following phrase with a suitable word given in the bracket.

(pack, bunch, fleet, school)

(1×2= 2 marks)

a) a _____ of ships.

b) a _____ of fish.

B) Make abstract nouns of the words given below by adding 'ity or ness' . (1×2= 2 marks)

a) Happy

b) Creative

C) Fill in the blanks by choosing suitable form of adjective given in the bracket. (1×2=2mark)

i) Uttar Pradesh is the _____ populated state of India. (more, most)

ii) Delhi is _____ than Chennai. (hot, hotter, hottest)

D. Re-arrange the words to make a meaningful sentence. (1 mark)

our time / should / we / not / waste

SECTION C LITERATURE (30 MARKS)

Q6. Read the extracts given below and attempt ANY ONE of the two by answering the questions that follow choosing the correct options from the given ones: (4×1=4 marks)

Beauty is seen

In the sunlight,

The trees, the birds,

Corn growing and people working

Or dancing for their harvest.

i. Beauty is seen in the

a) Daylight

b) Sunlight

c) Moonlight

ii. What is growing?

a) Corn

b) Fruit

c) Flower

iii. Who is working or dancing?

a) People

b) Labors

c) Doctors

iv. Why are people working or dancing?

a) For their enjoyment

b) For their hard work

c) For their harvest

OR

What is a house?

Its brick and stone and woods that's hard.

Some window glass and

Perhaps a yard.

i. A house is made up of

- a. Brick
- b. Stone
- c. All of these

ii. Wood is derived from

- a. Tree
- b. Hill
- c. Sea

iii. Perhaps a yard –here yard means

- a. Measurement of house
- b. Ground attached to house
- c. Materials of house

iv. The poet of the poem is

- a. Sarojini Naidu
- b. William Blake
- c. Lorraine M. Halli

Q7. Read the extracts given below and attempt ANY ONE of the two by answering the questions that follow choosing the correct options from the given ones:

(1x4=4marks)

Muttering their anger and disappointment, the villagers left the place one by one. Taro came out from his hiding place. Was it true, he wondered? Was the sake a dream? Once more he caught a little liquid in his hand and put it to his lips. It was the same fine sake. To the thoughtful son, the magical waterfall gave the delicious sake. To everyone else, it gave only cold water.

i. The villagers were angry because

- a. they felt cheated
- b. they were thirsty
- c. they wanted Taro
- d. they had tasted sake

ii. Taro had hidden himself because

- a. he was enjoying the fun
- b. He had smelt the danger from crowd
- c. He hated people
- d. He was unconscious

iii. The truth was that the waterfall was

- a. Always giving water
- b. Always giving sake
- c. Simply a dream
- d. None of the above

iv. The word muttering means

- a. Cursing
- b. Speaking
- c. Crying
- d. Complaining

OR

Kalpana's first space mission in the space shuttle, Columbia, was 15 days, 16 hours and 34 minutes long. During this time she went around the earth 252 times, travelling 10.45 million kilometers! The crew included a Japanese and a Ukrainian astronaut. The crew performed experiments such as pollinating plants to observe food growth in space, and tests for making stronger metals and faster computer chips all for a price tag of about 56 million dollars.

A. What was Kalpana's space shuttle's name?

- a. Apollo
- b. Columbia.
- c. Viking.
- d. ISRO

B. How many times did she go around the earth?

- a. 150 times.
- b. 250 times.
- c. 252 times
- d. 350 times

C. Who included the crew members?

- a. Indian.
- b. Japanese.
- c. Ukrainian.
- d. All of them

D. Which experiments did the crew perform?

- a. Pollinating plants.
- b. Test for making stronger metals
- c. Faster computer chips.
- d. All of the above

Q8. Answer ANY FIVE of the following questions in 30- 40 words. (2x5=10marks)

- I. Why did the dog serve the lion for long time?
- II. What was Patrick's wish?
- III. Where was Kalpana Chawla born? Why is she called an Indian– America?
- IV. What was the 'game' that every child in the school had to play?
- V. Who did he finally choose as his master and why?
- VI. Why did the waterfall give Taro saké and others water?

Q9. Answer ANY TWO of the following questions in 30- 40 words. (2x2=4 marks)

- a. Why did the farmer bring a baby mongoose in the house?
- b. How did the two baby birds get separated?
- c. Why did the other governors grow jealous of the shepherd?

Q10. Answer ANY ONE of the following questions in 60-80 words. (4 marks)

How successful was Miss Beam in inculcating values in her students?

OR

Kalpana Chawla's life has changed the outlook of many. Do you agree or not?

Q11. Answer ANY ONE of the following question in 60-80 words (4marks)

The story of shepherd teaches humanitarian values. Do you agree?

OR

What made the farmer's wife kill the mongoose? Why did she cry after killing the mongoose?