

BHARTIYA SHIKSHA BOARD
Model Paper – Half Yearly
ENGLISH - Class 5
Session 2025-26

15/10/25

Time: 2 Hours

Max Marks: 50

Instructions:

- Read the questions carefully.
- Please check that this question paper contains **03** printed pages.
- **10** minutes of extra time has been allotted to read this question paper. During this time, students will only read the question paper and will not start writing the answers.
- This question paper contains **four** sections:
 - **Section – A (Reading) :** **10 marks**
 - **Section – B (Writing) :** **10 marks**
 - **Section – C (Grammar) :** **15 marks**
 - **Section – D (Literature) :** **15 marks**
- Attempting all the questions is compulsory.
- This question paper contains **9** questions.
- Q.no. **1** carries **10** marks.
- Q.no. **2, 3, 6** and **9** carry **5** marks each.
- Q.no. **4** and **8** carry **6** marks each.
- Q.no. **5** and **7** carry **4** marks each.

Section-A (Reading)

Q1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follows:

THE SOLAR ECLIPSE

A solar eclipse occurs when the Moon passes between the Earth and the Sun, blocking the Sun's light either partially or completely. There are three main types: total, partial, and annular. In a total solar eclipse, the Moon completely covers the Sun, and the day briefly turns into night. In a partial eclipse, only a part of the Sun is covered, while in an annular eclipse, the Moon is farther from Earth and appears smaller, creating a "ring of fire" effect around the Sun. Solar eclipses occur about two to five times a year, but total eclipses are rare in any given location. Watching a solar eclipse requires safety measures, as looking directly at the Sun can damage the eyes. Special eclipse glasses or indirect viewing methods, like pinhole cameras, are used. Ancient civilizations often considered eclipses as omens, but today they are understood as predictable astronomical events. Scientists use solar eclipses to study the Sun's corona and other celestial phenomena.

I. Answer the following questions:

(3x2=6)

- (1) What happens during a total solar eclipse?
- (2) Why should people not look directly at the Sun during an eclipse?
- (3) How often do solar eclipses occur in a year?

II. Fill in the blanks:

(4x1=4)

- (1) A solar eclipse occurs when the _____ passes between the Earth and the Sun.
- (2) In an annular eclipse, the Moon is _____ from Earth and appears smaller.
- (3) Total solar eclipses are _____ in any given location.
- (4) Ancient civilizations often considered eclipses as _____.

Section B: Writing

Q2. Write a letter to your friend describing an interesting incident or event you recently witnessed in your school (for example, a sports day, a cultural programme, or a class picnic). Mention what happened, how you felt, and why you wanted to share it with your friend. **(5 marks)**

Q3. Write a paragraph on "The Importance of Healthy Eating Habits" (70–80 words) . Explain why eating nutritious food is necessary, how it affects our body and mind, and what simple steps can be taken to stay healthy.

(5 marks)

Section C: Grammar

Q4. Read the passage below and answer the questions. **(2x3=6 marks)**

Last Sunday, Riya went to the market. She bought some fruits, vegetables, and a bottle of milk. She also purchased two books and a little sugar. After shopping, she sat on a bench and enjoyed her snacks.

- (1) Identify two countable nouns from the passage.
- (2) Identify two uncountable nouns from the passage.
- (3) Write one more example of a countable and one uncountable noun of your own.

Q5. Read the passage below and answer the following questions: **(4 marks)**

During the Independence Day, the students of our school felt a great joy as they watched the parade. The Principal delivered a speech, and the audience clapped loudly.

- (1) Pick out one Proper Noun from the passage.
- (2) Pick out one Common Noun from the passage.

- (3) Pick out one Abstract Noun from the passage.
- (4) Pick out one Collective Noun from the passage.

Q6. Identify the Adverbs in the following sentences and mention its type
(5 marks)

- (1) She sings sweetly.
- (2) He came yesterday.
- (3) The soldier fought bravely.
- (4) The train moved slowly.
- (5) The child is playing outside.

Section D: Literature

Q7. Write the meaning of ANY TWO words and use them in your own sentences.
(2x2=4)

- (a) flourish (b) disguise (c) toil

Q8. Read the following extract and answer the questions.
(2x3=6)

*"O Gardener, please pluck me
And strew my petals on the road
Taken by fearless soldiers."*

- (1) What request does the flower make to the gardener?
- (2) Why does the flower want its petals strewn on the road taken by soldiers?
- (3) What value does the flower uphold in this stanza?

Q9. Answer ANY TWO of the following :
(2.5x2=5)

- (1) What inspired Varadraj to return to the ashram and resume his studies?
- (2) What tactics did Raman employ while the thieves were drawing water from the well?
- (3) Mention two instances that show Jhalkari Bai's bravery before joining Rani Laxmi Bai's army.
- (4) Name some contributions of Ahilya Bai to society and infrastructure.