

BHARTIYA SHIKSHA BOARD
Model Paper – Half Yearly
ENGLISH - Class 6
Session 2025-26


15/10/25

Time: 3 Hours

Max Marks: 80

Instructions:

- Read the questions carefully.
- Please check that this question paper contains **06** 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 **three** sections:
 - Section – A (Reading) : 20 marks
 - Section – B (Writing and Grammar) : 28 marks
 - Section – C (Literature) : 32 marks
- Attempting all the questions is compulsory.
- This question paper contains **11** questions.
- In **Section - A**, Q.no. **1 and 2** carry **10** marks each.
- In **Section - B**, Q.no. **3, 4, 5 and 8** carry **5** marks each and Q.no. **6 and 7** carry **4** marks each.
- In **Section - C**, Q.no. **9 and 11** carry **10** marks each and Q.no. **10** carries **12** marks.

Section-A (Reading)

Q1. Read the passage given below and answer the following questions:

(1x10=10)

On the edge of a busy town lay a small patch of forest. People hardly noticed it, as they were always rushing to offices, schools, and markets. But inside, the forest was alive with wonders. Birds chirped in hidden nests, squirrels darted from branch to branch, and the tall bamboo swayed gently like dancers in the wind.

One day, a group of children from the town wandered into the forest. At first, they felt disappointed—there were no swings, no shops, no games. But soon they began to notice little things: a butterfly with wings brighter than a rainbow, mushrooms shaped like umbrellas, and sunlight breaking through the leaves in golden beams. They felt as if the forest had been waiting to show them its secrets.

When the children returned home, they carried no toys or sweets, yet they were happier than ever. They realized that joy need not always be bought; sometimes it is hidden in nature, free for those who pause and look.

➤ **On the basis of the above passage, answer the following questions:**

- 1. The forest was ignored mainly because**
(a) it had no playground. (b) people were too busy.
(c) it looked frightening. (d) children disliked it.
- 2. The bamboo is compared to dancers because**
(a) it was colourful. (b) it bent gracefully in the wind.
(c) it played music. (d) children enjoyed dancing under it.
- 3. What was the children's first reaction to the forest?**
(a) Excited (b) Afraid and worried
(c) Disappointed (d) Happy
- 4. The mushrooms are described as umbrellas to show**
(a) their wide round tops.
(b) their usefulness in rain.
(c) that they were colourful like umbrellas.
(d) that they were carried by children.
- 5. The sunlight breaking through leaves appeared as**
(a) fire sparks. (b) golden beams.
(c) rainbow streaks. (d) torches of light.
- 6. Which of these natural wonders is not mentioned in the passage?**
(a) Rainbow butterfly (b) Sparkling River.
(c) Umbrella mushrooms (d) Chirping birds.
- 7. The children carried nothing home yet felt happy. What does this teach?**
(a) Happiness depends on shopping (b) Nature gives joy without cost
(c) Forests are full of treasures (d) Toys are useless
- 8. The forest "waiting to show them its secrets" is an example of**
(a) irony. (b) personification.
(c) exaggeration. (d) comparison.
- 9. Which of these statements is FALSE?**
(a) The children noticed golden sunlight
(b) People rushed past the forest daily
(c) The children bought toys in the forest
(d) The bamboo moved in the wind
- 10. What hidden message does the story convey?**
(a) Time spent in nature brings real happiness

- (b) Forests are better than cities
- (c) Children should not play in towns
- (d) Toys are more valuable than trees

Q.2. Read the passage given below and answer the following questions:

(1x10=10)

Long ago in a quiet village, there lived two sisters—Meera and Tara. Meera was known for her kindness, while Tara was admired for her clever tongue. One day, an old woman came begging for food. Meera quickly shared her last roti, though she herself was hungry. The woman blessed her, saying, “From now on, every word you speak shall turn into a flower or a pearl.”

When Meera returned home, her words dropped pearls on the floor, amazing everyone. Tara, jealous of her sister’s fortune, decided to try her luck. She gave the old woman stale crumbs but smiled sweetly, expecting a blessing. The woman frowned and said, “From now on, every word you speak shall turn into frogs and snakes.”

Soon, Tara’s lies released slimy creatures, making people fear her. Meera, however, was loved everywhere for the beauty her words created. The villagers learned that true gifts lie not in cleverness, but in kindness.

➤ **On the basis of the above passage, answer the following questions:**

1. Why did the old woman bless Meera?

- (a) Because she was clever
- (b) Because she was kind despite of her hunger.
- (c) Because she was rich.
- (d) Because Tara told her to do.

2. What was unique about Meera’s words?

- (a) They turned into birds.
- (b) They turned into flowers and pearls.
- (c) They echoed like songs.
- (d) They disappeared in the air.

3. Tara gave the old woman

- (a) her last roti.
- (b) pearls and flowers.
- (c) stale crumbs.
- (d) snakes and frogs.

4. What did the villagers value most after the incident?

- (a) Clever words.
- (b) Kindness.
- (c) Wealth.
- (d) Silence.

5. The phrase “slimy creatures” refers to

- (a) pearls and flowers.
- (b) snakes and frogs.
- (c) rotten food.
- (d) villagers.

6. Which trait of Tara led to her downfall?
- (a) Jealousy. (b) Generosity.
(c) Honesty. (d) Patience.
7. If Meera had refused to share, the outcome would likely be
- (a) The same blessing. (b) A punishment instead.
(c) More roti for her. (d) Nothing unusual.
8. The blessing turned into a curse for Tara because
- (a) she gave crumbs with selfish intent. (b) she spoke too much.
(c) the villagers disliked her anyway. (d) she was too hungry.
9. What moral does the story suggest?
- (a) Cleverness is always better than kindness.
(b) True fortune lies in kindness.
(c) Hunger makes one selfish.
(d) Words are more powerful than actions.
10. Which title suits the story best?
- a) "The Tale of Clever Tara" b) "The Old Woman's Curse"
c) "Pearls or Frogs" d) "The Lost Roti"

SECTION B-WRITING AND GRAMMAR

Q3. Attempt any one of the following.

(5 marks)

You are the Cultural Secretary of your school. Your school is organizing a Puppet Show to promote folk art and entertainment. Write a notice informing the students about the event. Mention the date, time, venue, and purpose.

Or

You dreamt that you were walking in a magical forest where animals and humans lived together peacefully, and there was no pollution. Write a diary entry about this dream and how it inspired you.

Q4. Write a letter to your best friend telling him/her how you and your classmates worked together to prepare a group project for the class exhibition. Share how you divided the work and solved problems as a team.

(5 marks)

Q5. Fill in the blanks with suitable determiners:

(1x5=5)

(a) There are _____ books on the table, but I don't have time to read them.

(b) _____ of my friends are going on a school trip tomorrow.

- (c) She has not made _____ progress in her project.
- (d) Is there _____ sugar left in the jar?
- (e) My grandmother gave me _____ useful advice yesterday.

Q6. Rewrite the sentences as directed:

(1x4=4)

- (a) She is very intelligent. (Change to exclamatory)
- (b) How will you solve this puzzle? (Change to assertive)
- (c) What an exciting match it was! (Change to declarative)
- (d) I wish you all the best. (Change to imperative)

Q7. Rewrite the following passage using correct punctuation:

(1x4=4)

yesterday we went to the zoo we saw lions tigers and elephants my sister said wow they look so big and scary dont they suddenly the guide shouted be careful dont go near the fence

Q8. Write whether the following are Affirmative or Negative sentences.(1x5=5)

- (a) Nobody could answer the riddle.
- (b) She is never late for school.
- (c) Everyone enjoyed the magic show.
- (d) He did nothing to help his friend.
- (e) The task is not too difficult.

SECTION C -LITERATURE

Q9. Read the following extracts and answer the given questions.

(1x10=10)

- I. *I dream a world where man
No other man will scorn,
Where love will bless the earth
And peace its paths adorn.*

- (a) Who is dreaming in these lines and what is he dreaming about?
- (b) What does the poet want people to stop doing to one another?
- (c) Which two good qualities does the poet wish to see everywhere on earth?
- (d) Why do you think love and peace are important for the world?

- II. *He smiled at the tiny squirrel and said, "O Vrikshamkartika, it is not important whose stone is big or whose is small. When we do something what matters the most is our feelings and thoughts behind it. I am honoured by your effort."*

- (a) According to Rama, what is more important than the size of one's contribution?
- (b) Why did Rama say that he was honoured by the squirrel's effort?
- (c) What lesson do we learn from this episode?

III. *But each group did it in its own way, and not one of them thought of protecting themselves against the onslaught of the birds or the anteater.*

- (a) What task was each group doing in its own way?
- (b) What do the words "onslaught of the birds or the anteater" mean?
- (c) What mistake did the ants make while working?

Q10. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words. (3x4=12)

- (a) What different solutions did each group of ants propose for their safety in the story 'The Lost Message'?
- (b) Discuss the emotions of the squirrel towards Shri Rama.
- (c) What issues did Jadav face while planting bamboo.
- (d) What does the poet mean when he says, "It is underneath the coppice and heath", The Way Through the Woods'?

Q.11 Answer the following questions in 30-40 words. (2x5=10)

- (a) Do you think the Bhurki could have changed her fate by making better choices in the story 'A Tale of Two Sisters'? Why or why not?
- (b) What does the story 'Jadav and the Tree-Place' show about the power of one person's determination?