

BHARTIYA SHIKSHA BOARD
Model Paper – Half Yearly
ENGLISH – CLASS 5
SESSION 2026-27

Time: 2 Hours

Max Marks: 50

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- Read all the questions carefully.
 - Please check that this question paper contains **3 printed pages**.
 - 10 minutes of extra time has been allotted to read the question paper. During this time, students should only read the questions and not begin writing the answers.
 - This question paper contains **four sections**:
 - **Section A – Reading:** 10 Marks
 - **Section B – Writing:** 10 Marks
 - **Section C – Grammar:** 10 Marks
 - **Section D – Literature:** 20 Marks
 - All questions are compulsory.
 - This question paper contains 9 questions.
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SECTION A: READING

Q1. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Famous Monuments of India

India is famous for its beautiful monuments that reflect its rich history and culture. These monuments were built many years ago and attract visitors from all over the world.

The Hawa Mahal in Jaipur is known as the "Palace of Winds" because it has hundreds of small windows. The Ajanta and Ellora Caves in Maharashtra are famous for their beautiful rock-cut caves, sculptures and paintings. The Taj Mahal in Agra is made of white marble and is one of the Seven Wonders of the World. The Red Fort in Delhi is an important symbol of India's freedom, where the Prime Minister hoists the national flag every Independence Day.

These monuments are an important part of India's heritage. We should protect and preserve them so that future generations can enjoy and learn from them.

A. Answer the following questions.

(2×3=6)

1. Why do people visit India's famous monuments?
2. Why is the Hawa Mahal called the "Palace of Winds"?
3. Why should we preserve historical monuments?

B. Fill in the blanks.

(1×4=4)

1. The Ajanta and Ellora Caves are famous for _____.
2. The Prime Minister hoists the national flag at the _____.
3. Historical monuments are a part of India's _____.
4. Find a word from the passage that means '**to keep safe**'. _____

SECTION B: WRITING

Q2. Write a letter to your friend inviting him/her to your birthday party. Include the date, time, venue, and why you would like your friend to attend. **(5 Marks)**

Q3. Attempt any one of the given questions **(5 Marks)**

A. Write a short biographical sketch using the details given below.

Name: Neeraj Chopra

Born: 24 December 1997, Haryana

Profession: Javelin Thrower

Achievements: Olympic Gold Medallist (2020 Tokyo Olympics); World Champion; Arjuna Award and Padma Shri recipient.

Qualities: Hard-working, disciplined, determined.

OR

B. Write a paragraph in about 80–100 words on "The Importance of Trees." Your paragraph should describe the uses of trees, explain how they help the environment, and mention why it is important to protect and plant more trees.

SECTION C: GRAMMAR

Q4. Read the paragraph given below and identify any five nouns. Write them in the space provided. **(1×5=5)**

Last Sunday, Riya visited the zoo with her parents. They saw a lion, an elephant, and many colourful birds. The children enjoyed watching the playful monkeys.

Q5. Fill in the blanks with suitable adverbs from the box. **(1×5=5)**

outside, often, neatly, early, slowly

1. The tortoise walked _____ on the road.
2. Please keep your books _____ on the shelf.
3. We reached school _____ in the morning.
4. The children are waiting _____ for the bus.
5. My grandparents _____ go for a morning walk.

Q6. Fill in the blanks with suitable adjectives to complete the sentences meaningfully. **(1×5=5)**

wonderful, fragrant, five, beautiful, huge

1. The _____ elephant drank water from the river.
2. We saw a _____ rainbow after the rain.
3. Ravi has _____ pencils in her pencil box.
4. This is a _____ story that teaches an important lesson.
5. The _____ flowers filled the garden with fragrance.

SECTION D: LITERATURE

Q7. Write the meaning of any two of the given words and use them in your own sentences.

(2×2=4)

- a. Trap b. betray, c. valour d. sculptor

Q8. Read the following extract and answer the given questions.

(2×3=6)

"Trade grew, and farmers were also happy. Art, music and literature flourished in the capital. Hers was indeed an ideal kingdom. Weavers, artisans, sculptors and artists too found support in Maheshwar. Even today, Maheshwar is known for its fine cotton and silk."

1. Which three fields flourished in the capital?
2. Why is Maheshwar famous even today?
3. Which word in the extract means 'prospered' or 'developed successfully'?

Q9. Answer any two of the following questions.

(2.5×2=5)

1. What did Tenali Raman do with the water that the thieves poured out of the well?
2. What was Jhalkari Bai Famous for?
3. In what ways was Ahilya Bai a compassionate ruler?
4. Why did the villagers call Dashrath Manjhi *Baba*?