

ATOMIC ENERGY EDUCATION SOCIETY
CLASS: VIII
SUB: ENGLISH (2025-26)

ANSWER KEY

Marks: 80

Q.1 PASSAGE 1

i. Why was the first international cricket match called a "Test"?

- A. It was played between rival nations.
- B. It tested the players' physical strength.
- C. It lasted five days, testing endurance and skill.
- D. It was a trial match before the World Cup.

Answer: C. It lasted five days, testing endurance and skill.

ii. **Assertion (A):** The Ashes series began after Australia defeated England in 1882.

Reason (R): The match was played in Australia, and the English team lost.

Options:

- A. Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
- B. Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
- C. A is true, R is false.
- D. A is false, R is true.

Answer: C. A is true, R is false. (*The match was played in England at The Oval.*)

iii. The first One Day International (ODI) was played in _____ between Australia and England.

Answer: 1971

iv. Cricket was first played by nobles in the 16th century.

Answer: False

(*It was first recorded in the 16th century but popularized by nobles in the 18th century.*)

- v. How did the humorous obituary published after England's defeat in 1882 contribute to the naming of the Ashes series?

Answer: The obituary metaphorically declared the "death of English cricket" and mentioned that "the ashes would be taken to Australia," which inspired the name of the series.

- vi. Which of the following best describes the origin of cricket?

A. A medieval sport played only by nobles.
B. A simple pastime involving hitting an object with a club.
C. A game invented in grammar schools.
D. A sport developed during the Industrial Revolution.

Answer: B. A simple pastime involving hitting an object with a club.

- vii. Who played in the first Eton vs Harrow match in 1805?

A. William Wordsworth
B. Lord Byron
C. Charles Dickens
D. Rudyard Kipling

A: B. Lord Byron

- viii. Which of the following best explains why cricket is considered a global passion despite its complex rules?

A. It is easy to play and understand.
B. It is played only in elite institutions.
C. It adapts to various environments and cultures.
D. It has fewer rules than other sports.

Answer: C. It adapts to various environments and cultures.

- ix. Considering cricket's historical development and formats, how does the sport balance tradition and innovation?

Answer: Cricket maintains tradition through Test matches and

historical fixtures like Eton vs Harrow, while embracing innovation through formats like ODIs and T20s, appealing to diverse audiences.

- x. How did the evolution from Test matches to ODIs reflect changing audience preferences and societal shifts?

Answer: ODIs introduced a shorter format, catering to modern audiences with limited time, reflecting a shift toward faster-paced entertainment and commercialization of sports.

Q.2 UNSEEN PASSAGE

Answer the following questions, based on the above passage:

1X10=10

- i. Choose the synonym of the word *benevolence* as used in the passage.
- A. Cruelty
 - B. Kindness
 - C. Ignorance
 - D. Arrogance

Answer: B. Kindness

- ii. Choose the antonym of the word *ego* from the passage.
- A. Pride
 - B. Humility
 - C. Vanity
 - D. Self-respect

Answer: B. Humility

- iii. Politeness is only necessary when dealing with people of higher status.

Answer: False

(The passage states that a truly polite person is polite to everyone, including those of lower status and even animals.)

- iv. According to the passage, the greatest enemy of politeness is _____.

Answer: ego

- v. Why is politeness considered a valuable possession according to the passage?

Answer: Politeness costs nothing but can bring great benefits. It helps us gain others' liking and respect, and contributes to our mental well-being and productivity, making it a valuable trait in both personal and social life.

- vi. How does the passage describe the role of politeness in different social settings?

Answer: The passage explains that different rules of politeness apply depending on the setting—whether at home, school, or in public—and that social etiquette varies across countries, requiring awareness and adaptability.

- vii. **Assertion (A):** Politeness is only required in formal settings.

Reason (R): Informal situations do not demand social etiquette.

Options:

A. Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.

B. Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.

C. A is true, R is false.

D. A is false, R is false.

Answer: D

- viii. **Assertion (A):** Politeness contributes to mental health and productivity.

Reason (R): Polite behavior reduces stress and promotes positive

interactions.

Options:

- A. Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
- B. Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
- C. A is true, R is false.
- D. A is false, R is true.

Answer: A

ix. Why is it difficult for an egoist to be polite?

An egoist is primarily concerned with their own interests, needs, and desires, often at the expense of others. Politeness, on the other hand, requires **consideration, empathy, and respect** for others

- x. What are the benefits of being polite?
Builds Respect and Trust /Improves Relationships/Enhances Communication/Creates Positive Impressions/Promotes Emotional Well-being

SECTION B: WRITING SKILLS AND GRAMMAR (20 Marks)

3. NOTICE:

**Format- 1
1 marks**

Content- 3 marks

Expression-

The format should include:

NOTICE / TITLE, DATE, and WRITER'S NAME WITH DESIGNATION.

Suggested value points: — eligible for which classes – Time, Date, venue

OR

BIOSKETCH –

CONTENT -1

Organization & Structure (2 marks)

Language & Expression (1 marks)

Presentation (1 marks)

INCLUDE ALL THE POINTS GIVEN AS CUES.

4.

ARTICLE - (8 Marks: Format: 1 / Content: 5 / Expression: 2)

SAVE WATER – ARE WE DOING ENOUGH?

Suggested value points:

- Introduction mention briefly the status of the issue
- discuss why saving water is Important.
- describe how this deficit will affect people and humankind.
- suggest what can be done to save water for the future

LETTER

or

- Greet your friend warmly and ask about their well-being.
- Mention a recent observation or news about children spending too much time on screens (phones, tablets, computers).
- Express concern about the negative effects: eye strain, lack of physical activity, disturbed sleep, and reduced social interaction.
- Share your own experience or what you've seen among classmates or younger siblings.
- Suggest healthy alternatives:
 - Encourage outdoor games like badminton, football, or cycling.
 - Promote hobbies like drawing, reading, or gardening.
 - Set screen time limits and take regular breaks.
 - Practice yoga or simple home exercises.
 - Spend time with family and pets.

- Emphasize the importance of balancing technology with real-life activities.
- End with a friendly note, asking your friend to share their thoughts or tips too

5. STORY WRITING

The students will write a story on the basis of the beginning of the story Expression -----

- STORY WRITING TITLE - 1 marks
- CONTENT- 4 marks
- ACCURACY - 1.5 marks
- FLUENCY - 1.5 marks

SECTION :C GRAMMAR (15 Marks)

6. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in the passage provided.
4m

S, No.	TEXT	incorrect	correct
A	They had gone about twenty pace into	pace	paces
B	The tunnel than the light from	than	when
C	The lamp fell off the leopard.	off	upon
D	It was crouched/crouching between tracks, only	crouched	crouching
	Five metres away of them.	of	from

7. Fill the blanks with correct options.

3m

- a. To b. Has c. and

8. Rewrite these questions in indirect speech.

1X2=2m

- a. Where he had bought those books.
b. What he meant by those words.

9. Rearrange the following jumbled words/phrases in the given context to create a meaningful sentence. 1X2=2m

- a. The oil industry depends on the forests
- b. Forests give cover to our armies during wars.

10. Complete the dialogue. 1X2=2m

- (a) what this watch costs?
- (b) Which/that are looking at

11→ *Illegal* (not legal). 1

12. Correct prefix: **b) un-** 1
→ *Unhappy, unclear* = not happy, not clear.

SECTION D- LITERATURE TEXTBOOK (25 marks)

13. Read the given excerpts and answer the questions briefly, for any two excerpts of the three, given. (4+4=8)

I

- a. The old woman was standing at the road crossing, hesitant to cross because she was weak, afraid, and the traffic was heavy.
- b. The crowd ignored her; they were busy and did not offer help.
- c. A young boy helped the old woman cross the street.
- d. The figure of speech in "*She stood at the crossing and waited long*" – alliteration.

II

a. **Why do you think Rama felt victorious?**

- Rama felt victorious because he successfully resolved a difficult situation or conflict.
- His efforts led to peace, harmony, or justice being restored.
- He may have overcome significant challenges or opposition.
- His leadership and wisdom were acknowledged and appreciated by others.

b. What qualities do you think Rama possessed to successfully orchestrate the settlement?

- Wisdom/ Leadership/Patience/Empathy

c. What do you mean by the word 'Orchestrated'?

- Planned carefully

d. What did the king and queen present to Rama?

- The king and queen presented gifts or honors to Rama as a token of appreciation.
- These could include royal garments, jewels, or ceremonial items.
- The presentation symbolized respect, gratitude, and recognition of Rama's role in the settlement.

III

a

- Only three feet left clear impressions.
- The fourth was faint, showing a limp.
- The camel struggled to bear weight evenly.

b.

- He is highly observant.
- He can interpret physical clues.
- He uses logical reasoning effectively.

c.

- One leg was likely injured or weak.
- It caused the camel to limp.
- Resulted in uneven pressure on the ground.

d

- He praised Ram Datt's sharp eyes.
 - He values keen observation.
 - He respects logical and thoughtful analysis.
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14. Answer the following questions in 30 to 40 words. Any six
2x6=12M

a.

- deep sense of pride and affection for her garden.
- likely a place of peace and personal joy
- reflecting her care, dedication, and love for nature.
- also symbolize her connection to beauty, growth, and perhaps memories tied to it.

b

- Tenali Ramakrishna gained a special place in the king's court
- through his exceptional wit, intelligence, and problem-solving abilities.
- clever responses and humorous yet insightful solutions to complex issues impressed King Krishnadevaraya, earning him respect and a prominent position.

C

- their observations were based on logical reasoning and keen attention to detail.
- provided specific evidence to support their claims, demonstrating intelligence and honesty.
- merchant lacked such convincing proof, making his account less credible in the king's eyes.

d.

- Major Somnath's leadership was critical because:
- showed exceptional courage, strategic thinking, and unwavering commitment to his duty
- Despite being heavily outnumbered, he inspired his troops to hold their ground, delaying the enemy and allowing reinforcements to arrive. actions played a key role in defending Kashmir

e

- The boy decides to help the old woman out of compassion and a sense of moral responsibility
- recognizes her struggle and chooses kindness over indifference

- decision reflects empathy& the values of helping those in need

f

- reveals his deep commitment to social upliftment and rural development
- believed in empowering farmers and transforming India's dairy industry. decision highlights values such as selflessness, patriotism, and a strong sense of duty toward the nation.

g. Shows **selflessness** and **compassion/ moral strength** and **empathy**.

h.

Human tear: Expresses deep emotions like sorrow or joy.

Cloud's tear (rain): A natural event, not driven by feelings/Falls in straight line

Poet contrasts emotional meaning with natural function.

15. Answer any one of the following two questions in about 100 words.
1x5=5M

a

Value Points:

- Mental strength in tough situations.
- Not giving up despite odds.
- Staying focused on goals.
- Application: dealing with academic stress, overcoming failures.

b

Value Points:

- Parents as first teachers of values.
- Good upbringing reflects in actions.
- Importance of moral education at home.

- Application: being grateful to parents, learning from their guidance.

