



ATOMIC ENERGY EDUCATION SOCIETY
Answer Key Practice Paper for September- Set- I (2025-2026)

CLASS: VIII

SUB: ENGLISH

MAX.MARKS:80

Reading (20 Marks)

Passage 1: The Story of the Telephone ($8 \times 1 = 8$)

1. (B) Alexander Graham Bell
2. (B) Sound
3. (B) "Mr. Watson, come here, I want to see you."
4. (D) Reducing the cost of letters
5. electrical
6. bulky
7. False (Watson was in another room)
8. transform

Passage 2: Gaming in Students' Lives**

(Short Answer Questions – $4 \times 1 = 4$)

(Each requires TWO reasons – award $\frac{1}{2}$ mark per correct reason)

1. Beneficial because → develops skills (quick thinking/problem-solving/teamwork); encourages creativity.
2. Harmful because → causes eye strain/poor posture/lack of sleep.
3. Studies & friendships suffer because → neglect studies, ignore sports & real-life friends.
4. Parents/teachers should guide because → prevent overindulgence, help in balanced use.

Extended Answer Questions – $4 \times 2 = 8$

(Award full 2 marks if two clear points are made in about 30 words)

1. Gaming has educational value → improves problem-solving, teamwork, creativity; puzzle & strategy games build critical thinking.
2. Two negatives → poor health (lack of sleep, eye strain), neglecting studies/social isolation.
3. Parents/teachers → set limits on screen time, encourage balance between gaming and academics/sports.

4. Opinion-based → credit if reasoned (Yes: affects academics/health; No: provides skills, fun, but needs control).

Writing (12 Marks)

1. Notice Writing (1 × 5 = 5)

Format (Heading, Date, "NOTICE", Writer's designation): 1 mark

Content (What, When, Where, Who): 3 marks

Language & Expression: 1 mark

2. Letter Writing (1 × 7 = 7)

Format (Sender's address, Date, Receiver's address, Salutation, Subject, Closing): 2 marks

Content (Relevance, clarity, details as per question): 3 marks

Language & Expression (politeness, coherence, grammar): 2 marks

3. story writing: (1x8=8)

. Title (1m)

. Expression (2m)

. Accuracy (2m)

Grammar (15 Marks)

I. Omission (6 × ½ = 3)

a) lived in the

b) went into the

c) them to her

d) care for her

e) way and sought

f) him on his

II. Do as Directed (4 × 1 = 4)

1. magnificent 2. heavy 3. unthankful / thankless 4. refused

III. Reordering (4 × 1 = 4)

a) The traveller lost his way in the dense forest. b) The white elephant cared for his blind mother. c) Clouds shaped into different forms. d) The moon smiled at the clouds.

IV. Reported Speech (4 × 1 = 4)

1. (B) had completed
2. (C) had been
3. (C) should
4. (A) would not

Literature (25 Marks)

Q1. Extract-based MCQs (2 × 4 = 8)

1. (b) Kindness 2. (c) Impressive 3. (b) Willingness to help others 4. (c) Compassion

Q2.

1. (b) Dreams 2. (b) Castles and ships 3. (a) Playful and imaginative 4. (b) Wondrous place

Q2. Short Answer (Any 4 × 2 = 8)

(Accept 2–3 sentences with clear idea; ½ mark each for two reasons/examples)

1. Special → White, noble, kind-hearted.
2. Showed kindness → helping travellers, caring for mother.
3. Tenali Ramakrishna gained a special place in the king's court because of his quick wit and humour. Clouds' dance
4. The King believed the four young men because they clearly and truthfully explained how they knew the camel's characteristics without ever seeing it.
5. Major Somnath's leadership was critical during the Battle of Badgam because he remained calm under pressure, inspired his men to fight bravely despite overwhelming odds, and made strategic decisions such as requesting air strikes. His presence and courage motivated his troops to hold their ground, buying valuable time for reinforcements to arrive and save Srinagar.

Q3. Poetry Short Answers (Any 2 × 2 = 4)

1. Clouds spark imagination → children see castles, ships, dragons.
2. Imagery creates wonder, excitement, curiosity.
3. We find that Mrs. Jones is obsessed with her stony garden and she has a fascination for unusual things. Her garden is full of stones, paths, rockeries and concrete with very little space for real plants. This shows that she is proud, possibly an eccentric person who values decorative control over natural beauty. She is content and even pleased with her unique taste regardless of other's quiet amusement.

4. While the other boys ignored the old woman, he noticed her difficulty and chose to help, showing empathy.

→ joyful, playful movement across sky.

4. "Rain" too plain → does not capture the beauty/variety of clouds.

Q4. Long Answer (Any 1 × 5 = 5) Points to include:

The White Elephant* → teaches compassion, selfless service, care for parents.

Somebody's Mother ---The poet suggests that empathy and humanity, like helping others, make society kinder and show that everyone deserves care and respect