



**ST. MARGARET SR. SEC. SCHOOL
MID TERM EXAMINATION 2024-25**

SUBJECT: ENGLISH

CLASS: VII

SAMPLE PAPER

Time: 2.5 Hrs

M.M: 60

This paper is divided into 3 sections:

Section A: Reading – 10 marks

Section B: Writing & Grammar – 25 marks

Section C: Literature – 25 marks

General Instructions:

- Answer all questions.
- All questions must be correctly numbered as in the question paper.
- Attempt all questions in each section before going on to the next section.
- Internal choice has been given in a few questions, answer accordingly.

Section A: Reading

Q1. Read the passage carefully.

1. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle introduced the world to the brilliant detective Sherlock Holmes in the late 19th century. The character quickly became one of the most iconic figures in literature, blending keen deductive reasoning with a masterful understanding of forensic science. Dr. John Watson, Holmes's loyal friend and chronicler, narrates many of the detective's adventures.

2. Holmes resides at 221B Baker Street, London, where he consults with clients from various walks of life. His methods are often unconventional, relying on careful observation, logical analysis, and an exceptional ability to connect seemingly unrelated details. Holmes's smart observations and razor-sharp intellect enable him to solve even the most perplexing mysteries.

3. One of Holmes's most famous cases is "The Hound of the Baskervilles," where he investigates a supernatural legend surrounding the Baskerville family on the desolate moors of Dartmoor. The detective's logical approach ultimately reveals a more earthly explanation for the family's misfortunes.

4. Holmes's deductive prowess often leads him to solve cases that baffle Scotland Yard and other law enforcement agencies. His collaboration with Inspector Lestrade, a recurring character in the stories, showcases the tension between Holmes's unconventional methods and the more traditional approaches of the police. Despite occasional clashes, Holmes's brilliance ultimately earns the respect of many in the law enforcement community.

5. Holmes is often depicted with his trademark magnifying glass, a tool he employs during investigations to scrutinize evidence and uncover hidden clues. Holmes's adventures cover a wide range of cases, from mysterious disappearances and intricate thefts to more sinister crimes like murder. The enduring appeal of Sherlock Holmes lies not only in the clever solutions to mysteries but also in the charismatic and enigmatic personality of the detective himself.

On the basis of your reading of the passage, choose the correct answers for the following questions. (1x10=10)

A. Who created the character Sherlock Holmes?

- a) Agatha Christie b) Arthur C. Clarke c) Sir Arthur Conan Doyle d) Edgar Allan Poe

B. In which century did Sherlock Holmes make his first appearance?

- a) 18th century b) 19th century c) 20th century d) 21st century

C. Who is Holmes's loyal friend and chronicler?

- a) Inspector Lestrade b) Mrs. Hudson c) Dr. John Watson d) Mycroft Holmes

e. By the end of this week, I _____ here for five years.(work)

(Future Perfect tense)

f. It _____ a pleasant day yesterday. (be)

Q5. Fill in the blanks using appropriate modals as directed. (1/2 x 6=3)

a. He _____ look after his parents (must/ought to / could) (moral duty)

b. You _____ finish your work. (must / could/ might) (compulsion)

c. Rohan _____ join yoga classes.(should/ must/ can)(suggestion).

d. She _____ drive the car.(may/ might/ can) (ability).

e. When I was young, I _____ climb trees. (can/ could/ may) (ability in past)

f. _____ I pay the bill?(may/ can/ ought to)(informal)

Q6. Choose the appropriate verb that agrees with the subject. (1/2 x 6=3)

a. Anu, along with her parents _____ met the Principal.(has/ have)

b. One thousand rupees _____ a big amount. (is/ are)

c. Each student _____ in the uniform. (was / were)

d. The committee _____ the chairman every year.(meet/ meets)

e. Neither of them _____ signed the form.(has / have)

f. Neither Tarun nor his friends _____ to be interested in playing chess. (seem/ seems)

Q7. Replace each underlined word as directed (1/2 x 6=3)

a. Let's **confess** our mistake. (synonym)

b. This room is **spacious**. (antonym)

c. We must follow the **instructions** given by our teacher. (synonym)

d. Why did you **collect** the clothes? (antonym)

e. We have **enough** food for the guests. (synonym)

f. He feels **secure** when you are around. (antonym)

Q8. Underline the verbs and state whether they are transitive or intransitive.

a. She was sitting happily in the park.

(1x3=3)

b. The animals ran very fast.

c. A doctor treats patients.

Section C: Literature

Q9. Answer these questions with reference to context. (1x4=4)

He liked the yard labour, an amiable bunch.

a. Who liked the yard labour?

b. Whom does the poet call 'an amiable bunch' ?

c. The poet says that Gum was not much of a guard dog. Why?

d. Why did Gum get fat?

Q10. Answer any six of the following questions.

(2x 6=12)

- a. Whom did Mrs Spencer adopt? What was the colour of her hair?
- b. What does it mean to be "in the depths of despair," according to Anne?
- c. How did the woman lose her husband? Name the poet of this poem.
- d. What did the merchant's wife say to dissuade him?
- e. What finally made the woman weep?
- f. What did the merchant find in the jar of olives? What punishment was given to the merchant in the mock trial?
- g. Who is compared to champion athlete? Why?

Q11. Answer any three of the following questions.

(3x3=9)

- a. '*Stole a maiden from her place*'
 - (i) What does the verb 'stole' imply here?
 - (ii) What did the maiden do?
 - (iii) Who put the child on the woman's knee?
- b. What was Anne's reaction when she realised that she had been brought to home by mistake? What did Anne wish to be called?
- c. What do you know about Gum? How did the burglar describe Gum in his confession? What was the irony in this confession?
- d. Bring out the difference in the character of the merchant and his wife.