

**GREENLAWNS HIGH SCHOOL
FINAL EXAMINATION YEAR 2025-2026**

**SUBJECT : ENGLISH I
TIME : 2 HOURS**

**CLASS : VIII
DATE:06/03/2026**

**SECTION I
COMPOSITION (10)**

Write an interesting composition (250 words) on **any one** of the following topics.

1. You went on a monsoon trek with your friends to a hilly area. Suddenly there was heavy downpour, floods and landslides. You were confined there for three days. Narrate your experience.
2. You went for a famous musical. Write a description of your experience of watching a live show. What were your feelings once you came out of the venue?
3. Write an argumentative essay on 'Do violent video games cause behavioural problems among children?' State your views either for or against the topic.

**SECTION II
LETTER WRITING (10)**

1. Your cousin is not keeping in good health because he avoids homemade food and is very fond of eating outside. Write a letter telling him/her about the harmful effects of junk food and advise him/her to maintain good health.

OR

2. You went to an ATM machine to withdraw some money but the machine did not dispense cash. However, the amount got debited from your account. Write a letter to the Manager of your bank, complaining about the deduction of money and requesting him to credit the amount to your account.

**SECTION III
COMPREHENSION (20)**

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

At school everybody seemed to be overwhelmed by the thought of the examinations. It was weeks since anybody had seen a smile on Shankar's face. Somu had become brisk and businesslike. Pea took time to grasp jokes and seldom made any either.

As for Rajam, he came to school at the stroke of the first bell, took down everything the teacher said and left at the stroke of the last bell; hardly uttering a dozen words to anybody. Mani was beginning to look worried and took every opportunity to take Shankar aside and have his doubts (that arose from time to time as he *plodded* through his texts) cleared.

He dogged the steps of the school clerk. There was a general belief in the school that the clerk was omniscient and knew all the question papers of all the classes. One day Mani went to the clerk's house and laid a neat bundle containing fresh brinjals at his feet. The clerk was pleased and took Mani in and seated him on a stool.

The clerk looked extremely *amiable* and Mani felt that he could ask anything at that moment and get it. The clerk was murmuring something about his cat, a lank ill fed thing, that was nestling close to him.

Most of what he was saying did not enter Mani's head. He was waiting *feverishly* to open the topic of question papers. The clerk had meanwhile passed from cats to eye-flies; but it made little difference to Mani, who was waiting for the other to pause for breath to launch his attack. 'You must never let these eye-flies buzz near your eyes. All cases of eyesore can be traced to it. When you get eyesore, the only thing you can do is to take a slice of raw onion.....' Mani realised that the other would not stop and butted in, 'There is only a week more for the examinations sir... The clerk was slightly puzzled: 'Yes. Indeed, a week more You must take care to choose only the juicy variety, the large juicy variety, not the small onion Sir, Mani interrupted, ignoring the juicy variety. 'I am much worried about my examination.' He tried to look pathetic.

"I am glad. If you read well, you will pass, said the Oracle. You see, sir, I am so worried, I don't sleep at nights, thinking of the examination.....

' If you could possibly tell me something important.... I have such a lot to study. I don't want to study unnecessary things that may not be necessary for the examination. He meandered thus. The clerk understood what he was driving at, but said, 'Just read all your portions and you will pass.' Mani realised that diplomacy was not his line. He asked bluntly,

"Please tell me, sir, what questions are we getting for our examination?"

The clerk denied having any knowledge of the question papers. Mani flattered him by asking if he did not know the questions, who else would. By just a little more of the same judicious flattery the clerk was moved to give what Mani believed to be valuable hints. In spite of the fact that he did not know what the first form texts

were, the clerk ventured to advise 'you must pay particular attention to Geography. Maybe you will have to practice map-drawing a lot. And in Arithmetic make it a point to solve at least five problems every day and you will be able to tackle Arithmetic as easily as you swallow plantains.'

"And what about English?"

'Oh, don't worry about that. Have you read all your lessons?'

'Yes, sir,' Mani replied without conviction. 'It is all right then. You must read all the important lessons again and if you have time, yet again and that will be ample? These answers satisfied Mani greatly. On his way home, he smiled to himself and said that the four annas he had invested on brinjals was not after all a waste.

1. From each word given below choose the correct meaning (as used in the passage) from the options provided: (3)

i. plodded

- a. tiptoed
- b. lumbered
- c. effortlessly
- d. none of the above.

ii. feverishly

- a. coolly
- b. eagerly
- c. peacefully
- d. calmly

ii. conviction

- a. uncertainty
- b. strong opinion or belief
- c. hesitation.
- d. indecisiveness.

2. Which word in the passage means the opposite of the word amiable? (1)

- a. friendly
- b. rude
- c. accommodating
- d. cheery

3. What effect did the coming examination have on Shankar, Somu and Pea? (3)

4. Why did Mani frequently take Shankar aside? (1)

5. What was the general belief in the school? (2)

6. How did Mani try to bribe the clerk? (2)
7. What topics did the clerk speak about before Mani raised his worry about the examination? (2)
7. What shows that Mani was not skilled in diplomacy? (2)
6. What valuable hints according to Mani did the clerk give Mani? (4)

SECTION V
MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS (10)

Choose the correct answers to the questions from the given options.
[Do not copy the questions, write the correct answers only.]

1. He had only just reached the station when there was a terrible explosion. (Begin: Hardly...)
a. Hardly had he arrived at the station when there was a terrible explosion.
b. Hardly did he arrive at the station when there was a terrible explosion.
c. Hardly does he arrive at the station when there was a terrible explosion.
d. Hardly has he arrived at the station when there was a terrible explosion.
2. The burglar ran away the moment he saw the guard. (Begin with: No sooner...)
(a) No sooner has the burglar seen the guard, he ran away.
(b) No sooner than the burglar saw the guard, he ran away.
(c) No sooner did the burglar see the guard when he ran away.
(d) No sooner had the burglar seen the guard than he ran away.
3. One should be kind to the poor. (Use noun form of 'kind')
(a) Be kindness to the poor.
(b) One should show kindness to the poor.
(c) One should show kindness to being poor.
(d) Be kind to the poor.
4. We are too short to climb it. (Remove 'too')
(a) We are so short that we cannot climb it.
(b) We are so short that we can climb it.
(c) We are so short that we will climb it.
(d) We are short enough to climb it.

5. It rained so heavily that they could not go for the movie.

(Rewrite: using 'too...to')

- (a) It rained too heavily for them to go for the movie.
- (b) It rained too badly to go for their movie.
- (c) It was raining too heavily so that they were not going for the movie.
- (d) Too much rain stopped them from going for the movie.

6. That is all I can tell you about him. (Begin: Beyond....)

- a. Beyond that I can't tell you anything about him.
- b. Beyond this I can't tell you about him.
- c. Beyond this I can't tell you anything about him.
- d. Beyond all that I can't tell you anything about him.

7. Your form will be accepted if it is submitted on time.

(Use: 'unless')

- (a) Your form will be accepted unless it is submitted on time.
- (b) Unless your form is submitted on time, it will not be accepted.
- (c) Unless the form is accepted, it should be submitted on time.
- (d) Your form will be accepted unless it is not submitted on time.

8. He has applied many times. He has never been selected.

(Begin with: In spite...)

- (a) In spite of applying many times, he has never been selected.
- (b) In spite of applying many times, he had never been selected.
- (c) In spite of never being selected, he has applied many times.
- (d) In spite applying many times, he has never been selected.

9. Leave the job. Better yourself. (Use: either..or)

- (a) Leave the job either or better yourself.
- (b) If you either better yourself or you leave the job.
- (c) Leave either the job or better yourself.
- (d) Either better yourself or leave the job.

10. She said to him, "Do not forget me." (Change to Indirect Speech)

- (a) She request him to not forget her.
- (b) She requested him do not forget her.
- (c) She requested him not to forget her.
- (d) She requested him not to forget me

SECTION VI
GRAMMAR

(30)

I. Add a question tag to the following sentences. (5)

1. I'm never on time.
2. People will catch the thief.
3. Alison likes to play tennis.
4. You won't repeat this behaviour.
5. Somebody revealed the secret.

II. Change the following sentences into negative sentences. (3)

1. She always remembers to wish me on my birthday.
2. She admitted to stealing the ring.
3. Only students who are above 16 years of age can participate.

III. Change the following sentences into affirmative sentences. (3)

1. She isn't going to behave rationally.
2. I cannot agree with your views on this matter.
3. He did not ask for the transfer.

IV. Change the following sentences into interrogative sentences. (3)

1. Rahat is an honest man.
2. There is no doubt about her intentions.
3. It was such an exciting match.

V. Change the following interrogative sentences into assertive sentences. (3)

1. Isn't there a way out of this maze?
2. Didn't Sachin play amazing cricket in his time?
3. Isn't prevention better than cure?

VI. Change the following sentences into exclamatory sentences. (3)

1. The opening ceremony was spectacular.
2. Delhi is too hot in summer.
3. The food at this restaurant is delicious.

VII. Change the following exclamatory sentences into assertive sentences. (3)

1. How tall is that man!
2. What an incredible discovery!
3. How pretty you look in that outfit!

VIII. Identify the main clauses and the subordinate clause in the following sentences. (4)

1. Although Sia was ill, she appeared for her examination.
2. I failed to understand the chapter though I read it thrice.
3. Until you learn how to swim, we cannot let you go near the sea alone.
4. Whenever you come for a music lesson, bring your theory books with you.

IX. Identify the underlined phrases as noun, adjective or adverb phrases. (3)

1. The hard-bound book on the desk is mine.
2. A lady with a plump face and almond eyes came forward to greet us.
3. She was pacing up and down the room in anxiety.