

**GREENLAWNS HIGH SCHOOL**  
**TERMINAL EXAMINATION 2025-26**

**STD: X**

**SUB: ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**MARKS: 80**

- Answers to this paper must be written in the answer sheet which is provided separately.
- You are not allowed to write during the first **10 minutes**. This time is to be spent in reading the question paper.
- The time given at the head of the paper is the time allowed for writing the answers.
- Attempt all **five** questions.
- The intended marks for questions or parts of questions are given in brackets ( )
- You are advised to spend not more than **30 minutes** in answering **Question 1** and **20 minutes** in answering **Question 2**.

**Question 1**

*(Do not spend more than 30 minutes on this question.)*

**Write a composition (300-350 words) on any one of the following:**

**[20]**

- (i) Write an original story based on the proverb: Haste Makes Waste.
- (ii) "Industrialisation has deprived many people of their traditional occupations." Express your views for or against the topic.
- (iii) Describe a mall in your area.
- (iv) Narrate an incident when you were caught in a traffic jam for hours.  
What difficulties did you face? What were the consequences?
- (v) Study the picture given below. Write a story or a description or an account of what it suggests to you. Your composition may be about the subject of the picture or you may take suggestions from it; however, there must be a clear connection between the picture and your composition.



## Question 2

*(Do not spend more than 20 minutes on this question.)*

Select any one of the following:

(10)

- (i) Your mother is worried about your stay in a hostel of your school. Write a letter to her telling her that she need not worry as you have started feeling at home in new surroundings.
- (ii) Write a letter to the local Municipal Corporation complaining about the frequent and prolonged power cuts and problems faced by you and the other residents.

## Question 3

(10)

- (i) You are the secretary of the Cultural Club of your school. The school has organised an inter house dance competition. Draft a **notice** for the same.
- (ii) Write an **email** to a renowned dancer to judge the inter house dance competition held in your school.

## Question 4

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (20)

Sita went to her grandfather and sat down beside him.

‘When you are hungry, tell me’, she said, ‘and I will make the bread’.

‘Is your grandmother asleep’?

‘Yes, but she will wake soon. The pain is deep’.

The old man stared across the river, at the dark green of the forest, at the leaden sky, and said, “If she is not better by morning, I will take her to hospital in Shahganj. They will know how to make her well. You may be on your own for two or three days. You have been on your own before.”

Sita nodded gravely- she had been alone before; but not in the middle of the rains with the river so high. She knew that someone must stay behind. She wanted Grandmother to get well and she knew that only Grandfather could take the small boat across the river when the **current** was so strong.

Sita was not afraid of being left alone but she did not like the look of the river.

That evening it began to rain again. Big pellets of rain were scarring the surface of the river. It was warm rain and Sita could move about in it. She was not afraid of getting wet, she rather liked it. In the previous month, when the monsoon shower had arrived, washing the dusty leaves of the tree and bringing up the good smell of the earth, she had **exulted** in it, had run about shouting for joy. She was used to it now, even a little tired of the rain, but she did not mind getting wet. It was steamy indoors and her thin dress would soon dry in the heat from the kitchen fire.



She walked about barefooted, barelegged. She was very sure on her feet. Her toes had grown accustomed to gripping all kinds of rocks, slippery or sharp, and though thin, she was surprisingly strong.

Black hair streaming across her face. Black eyes. Slim brown arms. A scar on her thigh: when she was small, visiting her mother's village, a hyena had entered the house when she was sleeping, fastened on to her leg and tried to drag her away but her screams had roused the villagers and the hyena had run off.

She moved about in the pouring rain, chasing the hens into a shelter behind the hut. A harmless brown snake, flooded out of its hole, was moving across the open ground. Sita took a stick, picked the snake up with it, and dropped it behind a cluster of rocks. She had no quarrel with snakes. They kept down the rats and the frogs. She wondered how the rats had first come to the island- probably in someone's boat or in a sack of grain.

She disliked the huge black scorpion who left their waterlogged dwellings and tried to take shelter in the hut. It was so easy to step on one and the sting could be very painful. She had been bitten by a scorpion; she crushed it with a rock! When, finally, she went indoors, she was hungry. She ate some patched gram and warmed up some goat's milk.

Grandmother woke once and asked for water and Grandfather held the brass tumbler to her lips.

The roof was leaking and a small puddle formed on the floor. Grandfather kept the kerosene lamps alight. They did not need the light but somehow it made them feel safer.

It rained all night.

1. For each word given below choose the correct meaning (as used in the passage) from the options provided: (2)

- i. Current
  - a. customary
  - b. trend
  - c. contemporary
  - d. tide
- ii. Exulted
  - a. rejoiced
  - b. regretted
  - c. lamented
  - d. grieved

2. Which word in the passage is the opposite of 'cool'? (1)
- a. leaking.
  - b. patched
  - c. steamy
  - d. gravely.

3. Why was Sita going to be alone for two or three days? When had she never been alone before? (2)
4. How had Sita got a scar on her thigh? (2)
5. How was Sita strong even when barefoot? (2)
6. Give any one sentence from the passage which shows that Grandfather cared about the Grandmother. (1)
7. Give one quality of Sita from the passage which you liked. Give reason for the same. (2)
8. Describe Sita's interaction with animals in not more than 50 words. (8)

### Question 5

- i. Fill in each of the numbered blanks with the correct form of the word given in brackets. Do not copy the passage but write in correct serial order the word or phrase appropriate to the blank space. [4]

Example: Patol Babu (0) \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) provisions in the market.

Ans: bought

He (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (mix) up his wife's orders and (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) red chillies instead of onion seeds. He quite (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (forget) about the aubergines. This (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (is) not surprising. At one time Patol Babu (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (has) a real passion for the stage; in fact, it (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (verge) on obsession. In Jatras, in amateur theatricals, in plays put up by the club in his neighbourhood, Patol Babu (7) \_\_\_\_\_ (is) always in demand. His name had (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (appear) in handbills on countless occasions.

- ii. Fill in the blanks with appropriate words: [4]

- a. They are \_\_\_\_\_ a holiday.
- b. Sarah got married \_\_\_\_\_ the age of twenty-five.
- c. Rishi congratulated us \_\_\_\_\_ our success.
- d. These people are always quarrelling \_\_\_\_\_ themselves.
- e. My daughter believes \_\_\_\_\_ fairies.
- f. A sword is hanging \_\_\_\_\_ his head.
- g. Our path was strewn \_\_\_\_\_ difficulties.
- h. Do not lean that ladder \_\_\_\_\_ the wall.

- iii. Join the following sentences to make one complete sentence without using and, but or so. Choose the correct option. [4]

1. It rained heavily. We could not leave the house.
  - a. It rained heavily and we could not leave the house.
  - b. Since it rained heavily, we could not leave the house.
  - c. We could not leave the house and it started raining.
  - d. We may leave the house if it rained heavily.



2. He is not a liar. He is not a thief.
  - a. He is not a liar but a thief.
  - b. He is not a thief but a liar.
  - c. He is neither a liar nor a thief.
  - d. None of the above.
3. The sun rose. The fog disappeared.
  - a. The sun rose and the fog disappeared.
  - b. The fog disappeared but the sun rose.
  - c. The sun either rose or the fog disappeared.
  - d. When the sun rose, the fog disappeared.
4. He is innocent. It was the verdict of the jury.
  - a. He is innocent as per the jury.
  - b. The jury says he is innocent.
  - c. It was the verdict of the jury that he is innocent.
  - d. He is innocent, the jury said.

iv. **Choose the correct option to rewrite the following according to the instructions given after each sentence. Choose the correct option.**

[8]

1. The tiger was killed by the hunter. (Begin: The hunter...)
  - a. The hunter killed the tiger.
  - b. The hunter will kill the tiger.
  - c. The hunter cannot but kill the tiger.
  - d. The hunter was killing the tiger.
2. He is intelligent enough to solve all the questions by himself. (Use: 'so')
  - a. He is intelligent so he will solve all the questions.
  - b. He is so intelligent that he can solve all the questions by himself.
  - c. He is so intelligent to solve all the questions.
  - d. He is intelligent and so he can solve questions.
3. As soon as he went to bed, he slept. (Begin: No...)
  - a. No sooner he went to bed to sleep.
  - b. No sooner he slept.
  - c. No sooner did he go to bed than he slept.
  - d. No soon did he go to bed and he slept.
4. If he is rich, he will help you. (Begin: Unless...)
  - a. Unless he helps, he is rich.
  - b. Unless he is rich, he helps.
  - c. Unless he is rich and he helps.
  - d. Unless he is rich, he cannot help you.

5. Greenland is the largest island in the world. (Use 'larger')
- Greenland is larger than any other island in the world.
  - Greenland is a larger island.
  - Greenland is a larger island in the world.
  - Greenland is the larger islands of the world.
6. The school captain was elected by students of class X. (Begin: The students...)
- The students of class X elected the school captain.
  - The students elected the school captain.
  - The students will elect the school captain.
  - The students of class X are going to elect the school captain.
7. The girl was so smart that he could not deceive her. (Begin: The girl was too...)
- The girl was too smart and could not be deceived.
  - The girl was too smart to be deceived by him.
  - The girl was too smart and he could not deceive her.
  - The girl was too smart and deceived by him.
8. The flyover is being built in a hurry. (Begin: They are...)
- They are building the flyover.
  - They are building in a hurry.
  - They are building the flyover in a hurry.
  - They are in a hurry and building flyover.