



**INDIAN SCHOOL SOHAR**  
**TERM II EXAMINATION (2023 – 2024)**  
**ENGLISH**

**CLASS: VI**  
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**MAX. MARKS: 80**  
**TIME: 3 HOURS**

**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

- This paper consists of three sections.
- Section A Reading (18 marks)
- Section B Grammar & Creative Writing Skills (22 marks)
- Section C Literature (40 marks)
- All Sections are compulsory.
- Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

**SECTION A: READING (18 marks)**

**1. Read the passage given below. (10)**

Cardamom, known as the queen of all spices, boasts a history as ancient as the human race itself. It is the dried fruit of an herbaceous perennial plant. A warm, humid climate, loamy soil rich in organic matter, distributed rainfall, and specialized cultivation and processing methods all combine to render Indian cardamom truly unique in aroma, flavour, size, and its distinct parrot green colour. Two types of cardamom are produced in India. The first type, the larger variety, holds less significance as it is not traded in the market due to its less aromatic flavour. It is cultivated in the north-eastern regions of the country. The second type, produced in the southern states, is actively traded in the market. This variety is primarily cultivated in Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and Karnataka. As per the market rules, only the 7 mm quality was initially traded in exchanges. However, the norms were relaxed, and now the 6 mm quality is also traded.

Cardamom is an expensive spice, second only to saffron. Indian cardamom is known in two main varieties: Malabar and Mysore. The Mysore variety, containing high levels of cineol and limonene, is more aromatic. India has emerged as the world's largest producer and exporter of cardamom. Kerala is the principal producer of cardamom, contributing up to 60% of the total production. Karnataka accounts for around 25% of the production. In Tamil Nadu, Ooty is the major producer, contributing approximately 10-15% of the total output. Besides India, Guatemala also produces around 1,000-2,000 tons of cardamom annually. However, due to its lower quality, Guatemalan cardamom is available at cheaper rates.

**Based on your understanding of the passage, answer ANY TEN of the questions given below.**

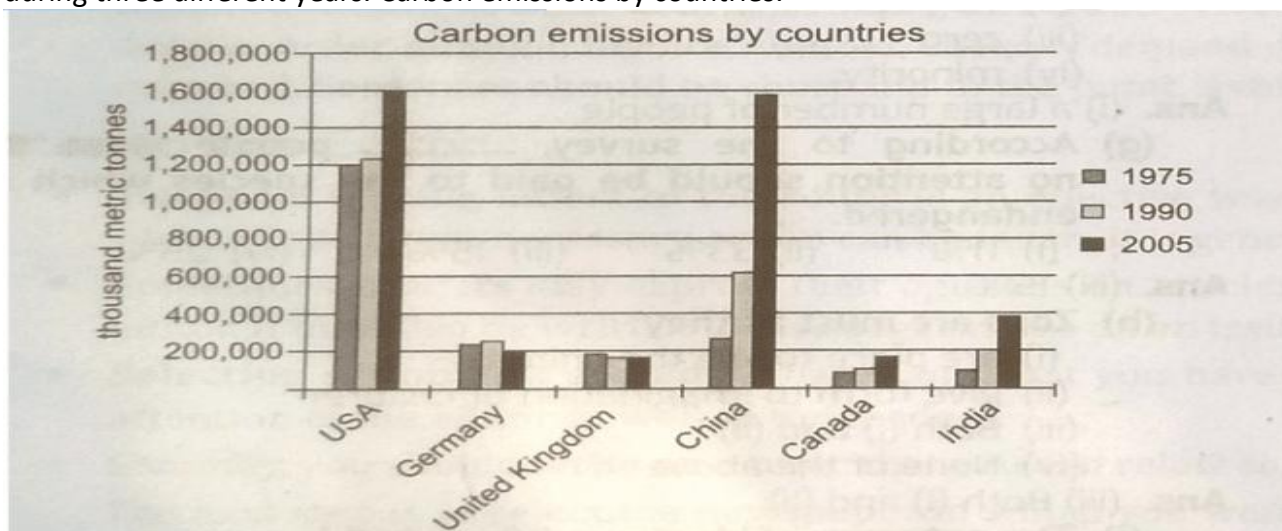
- i. Why does the passage describe cardamom as the "queen of all spices"?
  - A. Due to its ancient history.
  - B. Because of its versatile usage in cooking.
  - C. Owing to its unique aroma and flavour.
  - D. Because it is the most expensive spice.
- ii. Choose the role of climate and soil in the cultivation of Indian cardamom?
  - A. They are essential but not unique to India.
  - B. They uniquely contribute to the quality of Indian cardamom.
  - C. They have little impact on the cultivation process.
  - D. They are less important for cardamom than other spices.
- iii. Why is the larger variety of cardamom less significant in the market?
  - A. It has a weaker aroma and flavour.
  - B. It is not traded in the market.
  - C. It is only cultivated in limited areas.
  - D. It is more expensive than the smaller variety.

- iv. What does the passage suggest about the global production of cardamom?
  - A. India is the only producer of cardamom.
  - B. Guatemala rivals India in the quality of cardamom.
  - C. India leads in quality, while Guatemala competes in price.
  - D. Indian cardamom is less expensive than its global counterparts.
- v. How much cardamom does Guatemala produce annually?
  - A. 1,300-2,300 tons
  - B. 1,000-2,000 tons
  - C. 1,600-2,400 tons
  - D. 1,800-2,900 tons
- vi. Choose the pair of antonyms from the passage given above:
  - A. Ancient and Modern
  - B. Unique and Common
  - C. Expensive and Cheap
  - D. Limited and Extensive
- vii. Find the synonym of the word 'biological' from the passage. (para 1)
- viii. How is the Indian cardamom distinct from the other countries' cardamom?
- ix. Which Indian state is the largest producer of cardamom? How much does it contribute to the total production?
- x. Why is the Mysore variety of cardamom more aromatic?
- xi. The main reason for the lower market significance of the larger variety of cardamom is its limited cultivation area. State if the above statement is True or False.

**2. Read the passage given below.**

**(8)**

The chart below gives information about the amount of carbon emissions in different countries during three different years. Carbon emissions by countries.



The bar chart compares the emission of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere of six countries, including two of them coming from emerging nations, for three decades starting from 1975 until 2005. As an overall assessment, it can clearly be seen that only Germany and United Kingdom managed to reduce the carbon emissions compared to the other countries.

USA, being the number one polluter of all, emitted 1,200,000 thousand metric tonnes in 1975 and this count increased to 1,300,000 and 1,600,000 thousand metric tonnes in 1990 and 2005 respectively. In contrast, the carbon emissions of China was nearly 300,000 thousand metric tonnes in 1975 and it rose by nearly 100% in 1990 and surged dramatically to just below 1,600,000 thousand metric tonnes in 2005. In terms of the percentage increase, China was the largest contributor in carbon emissions of all.

Based on the understanding of your passage and bar diagram, answer **ANY EIGHT** of the questions given below.

i. Complete the sentence by choosing the correct option:

The given data compares the amount of emission of \_\_\_\_\_ .

- A. carbon dioxide
- B. oxygen
- C. nitrogen
- D. methane

ii. In terms of the percentage increase, which country was the largest contributor in carbon emissions of all in year 2005?

- A. China
- B. USA
- C. India
- D. Canada

iii. Which two countries have polluted the most in the last three decades?

- A. China & USA
- B. USA & Canada
- C. India & United Kingdom
- D. Germany & India

iv. What do you think can be the reason for surging of CO<sub>2</sub> emission in million tons?

- A. Fast paced industrialization
- B. Lack of sustainable development
- C. Reducing and recycling resources
- D. To share their profit with all

v. Which country has the lowest emission of CO<sub>2</sub> in the graph?

- A. Germany
- B. United Kingdom
- C. Canada
- D. India

vi. The country in the graph has observed a dramatic rise over the years in CO<sub>2</sub> emission?

vii. Name the country who was the largest polluter in 1975?

viii. Identify the country that had the minimum CO<sub>2</sub> emission during 1975?

ix. Pick out the countries that have managed to reduce the carbon emissions compared to the other countries?

**SECTION B: GRAMMAR & CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS (22 MARKS)**

**3. Do as directed. Attempt ANY FOURTEEN of the following questions.**

**(14)**

i. Complete the following sentence using the correct order of adjectives.

I am drinking from a \_\_\_\_\_ cup.

- A) small English tea
- B) tea small English
- C) English small tea
- D) tea English small

ii. Choose the correct option to change the given sentence to reported speech.

Mother said to me, "Don't run in the sun."

- A. Mother advised me not to run in the sun.
- B. Mother advised me to run in the sun.
- C. Mother said me not to run in the sun.
- D. Mother advised me not to run into the sun.

iii. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate prefix.

I saw Allison just a moment ago, but now I can't find her! It seems that she \_\_\_\_\_!

- A. disappeared
- B. reappeared
- C. appeared
- D. misappeared

iv. Choose the correct option and complete the sentence using present continuous tense:

My son \_\_\_\_\_ on his science project.

- A. was working
- B. will be working
- C. is working
- D. not working

v. Complete the given sentence by choosing the correct phrase given below.

I asked her a few questions to \_\_\_\_\_ before the meeting started.

- A. cut to the chase
- B. cry over spilt milk
- C. give someone the benefit of the doubt
- D. break the ice

vi. Change the sentence into simple present tense.

He wanted to know more about the job.

vii. Fill in the blank with the past perfect continuous tense.

They \_\_\_\_\_ in Beijing for three years when he lost his job. (live)

viii. Identify whether the underlined word is a direct or indirect object.

He offered her a flower.

ix. Fill in the blank using the present participle form of the word in the bracket to complete the sentence.

They are likely \_\_\_\_\_ up on time. (show)

x. Find out the underlined word is transitive or intransitive verb.

Beethoven composed many great pieces of music.

xi. Identify the finite and non –finite verbs from the given sentence.

The government banned fishing at the lake.

xii. Identify if the following sentence is active or passive voice.

Bucky is helped by Steve.

xiii. Complete the following sentence using the correct order of adjectives.

Please recycle those \_\_\_\_\_ bottles.

- A. three water empty
- B. three empty water
- C. water empty three
- D. empty water three

xiv. Complete the following sentence with the correct word to form adjective + noun collocation.

Raju does not like going outside. He prefers \_\_\_\_\_ games.

- A. gentle
- B. heavy
- C. outdoor
- D. indoor

xv. Fill in the blank with the appropriate phrasal verb.

They couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ with the naughty kid.

- A. put in
- B. put off
- C. put up
- D. put out

xvi. Identify the kind of sentence given below.

Turn off all the lights and fans when you leave the room.

**4. Answer ANY ONE of the following questions in 50 words.**

**(3)**

Write a email to congratulate a friend for her/his success in an inter-school competition.

**OR**

As a cultural secretary of your school, you have planned to organise a summer camp for students of classes VI - VIII to develop their creative skills in art, craft, clay-modeling, music, etc. in your school during the month of May. Draft a notice for your school noticeboard inviting the participants. Mention the last date of registration of the students.

5. Answer **ANY ONE** of the following questions in 100 to 120 words.

(5)

Complete the picture story using the hints given below:-



rainy day – bullock cart – market – mud – stuck – beat bullocks – no use – helpless – prayed – young man – came – helped – push – move on

OR

You are Ruchi/Arpit a student at Government High School, Gurgaon. Write a letter to your Librarian, requesting them to issue some reference books for your exam preparation.

**SECTION C: LITERATURE (40 MARKS)**

6. Attempt **ANY FOUR** of the following questions:

(4)

No time to turn at Beauty's glance,  
And watch her feet, how they can dance:  
No time to wait till her mouth can  
Enrich that smile her eyes began?

i. Identify the poetic device given in the first line of the extract. Choose from the given options.

A. metaphor      B. exaggeration      C. simile      D. personification

ii. Why don't we have time to admire the beauty of nature?

iii. Who is 'her' in these lines?

A little girl      B. The squirrels      C. Beauty of nature      D. The sheep

iv. What is the rhyming scheme of this extract?

A. ABAB      B. ABBC      C. AAAB      D. AABB

v. Where does the 'smile' appear first and where does it reach?

7. Attempt **ANY FOUR** of the following questions:

(4)

"I went to bed at two in the morning. How can it be one right now? Did I sleep through the whole day?" (Then he sits bolt upright and is clearly frightened as he remembers his meeting with Marley.) One o'clock! That's what Marley said.

i. Who is the speaker of the above lines?

ii. Why was the speaker so shocked after getting up?

iii. Why did the apparition visit him?

iv. Marley was \_\_\_\_\_?

A. friend      B. neighbour      C. uncle      D. cousin

v. The speaker wanted to be kind to?

A. Fezziwig      B. Fred  
C. Marley      D. Fan

8. Attempt **ANY SIX** of the following questions in about 30-40 words.

(12)

i. How did the giant appear to the speaker?

(The Giant)

ii. What does the narrator wish to be? Why?

(I Wish)

iii. Give two reasons for the Tiger being an endangered animal.

(Tiger)

- iv. List any two things that the poet says busy people don't have the time to stop and see. (Leisure)
- v. Describe Ju's character. (Ju's Story)
- vi. What problems did the piano cause for the movers? (William the Helper)
- vii. How did the Ladderless cleaning company clean the top windows of the Duke's house? (The Giraffe and the Pelly and Me)

**9. Attempt ANY TWO of the following questions in about 50- 60 words. (6)**

- i. How was the giant truly powerful? How do we know? (The Giant)
- ii. What role do you think did Madhu play in bringing up Ju? (Ju's Story)
- iii. What is the message that we get from story William the Helper. Support your viewpoint with references from the lesson. (William the Helper)

**10. Attempt ANY TWO of the following questions in 80-100 words each. (8)**

- i. How does the unique trio of animals help to create a business?
- ii. Helping out parents when least expected is always a blessing. Explain with reference to the chapter, 'William the Helper'.
- iii. What were the different scenes shown by the ghost of the Christmas Past? What message did Scrooge take away from it?

**11. Give the meanings of ANY THREE of the following words and use them to frame meaningful sentences. (6)**

- i. glance
- ii. baffle
- iii. mutter
- iv. deprive

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