

Harindanga High School (H.S.)

1st Unit Test - 2026

Subject - English

Time : 1 h. 30 m.

Class - IX

F.M. : 40

Name Sec Roll No.

Reading Comprehension (Seven)

I. Read the poem carefully and answer the following questions :-

The young Seagull was alone on his ledge. His two brothers and his sister had already flown away the day before. He had been afraid to fly with them. When he had run forward to the brink of the ledge he became afraid. The great expanse of the sea stretched down beneath, and it was miles down. He felt certain that his wings would never support him. So he bent his head and ran away back to the little hole where he slept at night. His father and mother had come around calling to him shrilly. But for the life of him he could not move.

That was twenty-four hours ago. Since then nobody had come near him. The day before, he had watched his parents flying about with his brothers and sister. They were teaching them the art of flight and how to dive for fish. He had seen his elder brother catch his first herring, while his parents circled around proudly.

A. Tick (✓) the correct answer from the given alternatives :-

1x4=4

(i) At night the seagull slept in a little -

(a) nest ☐ (b) hole ☐ (c) ledged ☐ (d) land ☐

(ii) Twenty four hours ago the parents of the seagull were -

(a) teaching flying ☐ (b) feeding brothers ☐

(c) caring the sister ☐ (d) catching herring ☐

(iii) The seagull had -

(a) a parent ☐ (b) a brother ☐

(c) a brother and a sister ☐ (d) parents, brothers and sister ☐

(iv) The seagull saw that the herring was caught -

(a) by his father ☐ (b) by his mother ☐

(c) by his younger sister ☐ (d) by his elder brother ☐

2. Answer the following questions:-

2 x 5 = 10

(i) Why did not the young sea-gull accompany his brothers and sister the day before?

Ans: _____

(ii) What was the seagull certain of?

Ans: _____

(iii) What were the things his parents teaching his brothers and sister the day before?

Ans: _____

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Reading Comprehension (Unseen)

Read the following passage and answer the questions :-

Tropical Storm Rita strengthened into a hurricane today and lashed the low lying islands of the Florida Keys with gusty squalls and heavy rain.

All 80,000 residents had been ordered out of the Keys yesterday but many stayed behind to board up homes to await Rita's arrival. The hurricane was expected to strengthen further as it moved into the Gulf of Mexico where deadly Hurricane Katrina wreaked havoc three weeks ago.

Miami-Dade mayor Carlos Alvarez Cautioned southern Florida not to dismiss the power of the coming storm, which sent intermittent squalls over the Miami area as the main cone neared the keys.

1. Say if the following statements are true or false :-

1x2=2

- (i) Rita is the name of an American girl.
(ii) Carlos Alvarez is the Mayor of the city.

2. Complete the following statements :-

2x2=4

- (i) Three weeks ago _____

(ii) Many residents of the Florida keys _____

3. Find out the words/phrases from the text that would match the meanings given below :-

2x2=4

- (i) blustery : _____
(ii) with occasional pause : _____

Grammar

C. Change the speech :-

1x2=2

- (i) My father said, "I am proud of you, my son".

Ans :- _____

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(c) The girl said, "I saw the movie long ago".

Ans :-

4. Do as directed :-

1x6=6

(i) When can their glory fade? (Turn into a negative sentence)

Ans :-

(ii) He could not buy all his books for his poverty. (Turn into a complex sentence)

Ans :-

(iii) I am sure that he will succeed. (Turn into a simple sentence)

Ans :-

(iv) Ravi sings the sweetest of all. (Change into comparative degree)

Ans :-

(v) Radium is one of the most valuable metals. (change into Positive degree)

Ans :-

(vi) There is nothing nobler than forgiveness. (Change into interrogative sentence)

Ans :-

E. Join the sentences to make single :-

1x2=2

(i) I went there. My object was to meet her.

Ans :-

(ii) He restrains his anger, He is wise.

Ans :-

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Writing

Write a report for your School magazine on the celebration of International Yoga Day in your school. 10

[Date, time, place - respected guests - the programme in brief - Your views about the importance of the Programme.]

Ans. :-