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**THE WEST BENGAL COUNCIL OF  
RABINDRA OPEN SCHOOLING  
MADHYAMIK PARIKSHA (SECONDARY EXAMINATION)  
JUNE, 2026  
ENGLISH (First Language)**

**Time : 3 Hours 15 Minutes****Full Marks : 90**

(First 15 Minutes for reading the question paper only,  
3 Hours for writing)

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*Answer the questions in the given space. Extra sheets will be given if required.*

**পরীক্ষার্থীদের প্রতি নির্দেশ/INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- ১। পরীক্ষা কক্ষে মোবাইল ফোন এবং অন্য ইলেকট্রনিক যন্ত্র (চালু অথবা বন্ধ) সম্পূর্ণভাবে নিষিদ্ধ। অন্যথায়, উক্ত উত্তরপত্রটি বাতিল বলে গণ্য হইবে। এক্ষেত্রে অসদুপায় অবলম্বনের নিয়ম অনুসারে শাস্তির ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করা হইবে।  
Mobile Phone and any electronic device (on or off) will not be allowed inside Examination Room. Otherwise, he/she will be treated as R.A. Candidate and his/her answer script will be cancelled.
- ২। লিখিত অথবা অলিখিত কোনো উত্তরপত্র কোনো ক্ষেত্রেই পরীক্ষা-কক্ষ হইতে বাহিরে লইয়া যাওয়া দণ্ডনীয় অপরাধ।  
In no circumstances you may remove Answer Books, used or unused, from the Examination Room. If so, it will be a punishable offence.
- ৩। উত্তর-পত্রের উভয় পৃষ্ঠাতেই উত্তর লিখিতে হইবে।  
Write on both side of each page of Answer Book.
- ৪। যে প্রশ্নের উত্তর দেওয়া হইতেছে তাহার ক্রমিক সংখ্যা প্রতি উত্তরের শীর্ষে উল্লিখিত থাকা আবশ্যিক।  
Write the question number at the top of each answer.
- ৫। সকল খসড়া উত্তর-পত্রেই করিতে হইবে এবং প্রয়োজন শেষে তাহা কাটিয়া দিতে হইবে। খসড়া করিবার জন্য পরীক্ষার্থীকে কোনো পৃথক কাগজ দেওয়া হইবে না, অথবা বাহির হইতে আনিতে দেওয়া হইবে না; আনিতে এবং অসদুপায় অবলম্বন করিলে নিয়ম অনুসারে শাস্তির ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করা হইবে।  
Do all rough works in the Answer Book and cross it through. No loose paper will be provided for scribbling and no paper is to be brought in for this purpose, any candidate possessing loose paper or found copying will subject to Disciplinary Action under the relevant rules of the Council.
- ৬। অতিরিক্ত উত্তর-পত্র অথবা পৃষ্ঠার ব্যবহারের প্রয়োজন হইলে তাহা মূল উত্তরপত্রের শেষে গ্রথিত করিতে হইবে। মূল উত্তর-পত্রের সকল পৃষ্ঠা ব্যবহৃত হইবার পূর্বে অতিরিক্ত কোনো পৃষ্ঠা ব্যবহার করা চলিবে না।  
If you use any additional sheet or sheets, tie them with end of this book. Do not write Answer on them until you have used all the pages in this book.
- ৭। পেনসিল/লাল কালি দিয়ে প্রশ্নের উত্তর লেখা যাবে না।  
Pencil/Red ink should not be used for answering questions.
- ৮। As per regulation no. (38)-2006, council shall preserve all answer scripts, marks foils in respect of the examination of a year for a period of six months from the date of publication of the results of the examination of that year and on the expiry of the said period all such documents connected with the examination, other than the tabulation record, shall be disposed of and no demand for production of the same shall thereafter be entertained.

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1. Complete the following sentences by choosing the correct answer from the alternatives provided: 1×4=4

- (i) A carload of young people set off from the front of ('Mick the Dreamer')
- (a) the Darrowby marketplace. (b) Skeldale House.  
(c) the Drovers' Arms. (d) a car.
- (ii) The water at the harbour in 'My Sad Face' was
- (a) clean. (b) slightly green.  
(c) clear. (d) black.
- (iii) Martin Luther King found that Negroes were
- (a) not allowed to have dinner in a public place.  
(b) not allowed to go to good schools.  
(c) made to sit in the back of a bus.  
(d) free to travel with the whites.
- (iv) A few years back, Calcutta experienced a crisis on ('Nobel Lecture')
- (a) rice (b) sugar  
(c) salt (d) bread

2. Answer *any two* of the following questions in not more than 30 words: 3×2=6

- (i) How many interrogators and examiners were there in 'My Sad Face'? Besides questioning, what did each of them also do to the narrator? 1+2

**Ans:**

- (ii) Who is Gopal in 'The Last Stone Mason'? Where has Gopal gone? Why has he gone there? 1+1+1

**Ans:**

- (iii) 'I was surprised in the West to see' ('Nobel Lecture')— Why was Mother Teresa surprised to see the West? 3

**Ans:**

3. Answer *any one* of the following questions in not more than 100 words: 5×1=5

- (i) “ ... seeing them here made me feel a little ashamed”. Describe the scene the author saw in ‘Mick the Dreamer’. Why did he feel ashamed? 3+2

**Ans:**

- (ii) “Look what it has brought us — nothing, — nothing!” Who is the speaker of the above quote from the text ‘The Last Stone Mason’? Why is he angry? What did the old man do for his living? How did the old man learn this? What was he making/doing when his son left him?

1+1+1+1+1

**Ans:**

- (iii) When and where was Martin Luther King born? When did he begin his fight to change unjust laws? What did he and his followers decide to do? What was the result of it? 1+1+1+2

**Ans:**

4. Complete the following sentences by choosing the correct answer from the alternatives given:

1×4=4

- (i) In 'Ozymandias' the traveller came from  
(a) the past. (b) a modern city.  
(c) an ancient country. (d) the land of sands.
- (ii) The mirrors are panelled with ('In The Bazaars of Hyderabad')  
(a) wood. (b) stone.  
(c) amber. (d) glass.
- (iii) Young Lochinvar is come out of the ('Lochinvar')  
(a) East. (b) South.  
(c) West. (d) North.
- (iv) Thomas Gray wrote 'Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard' in  
(a) 1642. (b) 1542.  
(c) 1742. (d) 1842.

5. Answer *any two* of the following questions in not more than 30 words:

3×2=6

- (i) "Dull would he be of soul ..." — Whom does the poet think 'dull of soul'?

**Ans:**

- (ii) What does the inscription on the pedestal say about Ozymandias?

**Ans:**

- (iii) “Sheets of white blossoms new-garnered”—Explain the phrase ‘white blossoms new-garnered’. What are the sheets used for? 2+1

**Ans:**

- 6.** Answer *any one* of the following questions in not more than 100 words: 5×1=5

- (i) Show how Hardy reflects upon death through images from nature in the poem ‘Afterwards’.

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**Ans:**

- (ii) 'As I gain the cove with pushing prow' — Who is the speaker? What happens when the speaker 'gain the cove'? How is the speaker's journey continued after gaining 'the cove'? 1+2+2

**Ans:**

- (iii) What is an elegy? Who is the Father of elegy? What makes the poem 'Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard' an elegy? 1+1+3

**Ans:**

7. Write short notes on the following topics in not more than 20 words:

2×5=10

(i) Anglo-Saxon Period

**Ans:**

(ii) Anglo-Norman Period

**Ans:**

(iii) The Age of Elizabeth

**Ans:**

(iv) Age of Johnson

**Ans:**

(v) Age of Modernism

**Ans:**

**8.** (a) Answer the following questions in a sentence or two:

1×3=3

(i) When did Lomov and Natalya's second argument take place?

**Ans:**

(ii) Why does Sherlock hate Antonio?

**Ans:**

(iii) Why did Jessica run away from the house?

**Ans:**

(b) Answer the following question within 20 words:

3

How did Bassanio and Portia acknowledge their love?

**Ans:**

(c) Answer the following question within 50 words:

4

What picture of the 19th (Nineteenth) century Russian society has been reflected in Anton Chekov's play 'The Proposal'?

**Ans:**

9. (a) Answer the following questions in a sentence or two:

1×5=5

- (i) What was the girl that entered Strickland's room wearing?

**Ans:**

- (ii) Why did Lopaka want to buy the bottle?

**Ans:**

- (iii) 'What is your name?' Who is the speaker? What did the person spoken to say in reply?

**Ans:**

- (iv) When was Benson to follow Strickland?

**Ans:**

- (v) When was the train scheduled for Chicago to leave?

**Ans:**

- (b) Answer *any one* of the following questions within 50 words:

1×5=5

- (i) "We mustn't be seen leaving town together". Who is the speaker? Who is the person spoken to? When does speaker say so? What present and future plans does the speaker convey to the person spoken to?

1+1+1+2

**Ans:**

- (ii) How does 'The Bottle Imp' by Robert Louis Stevenson differ from 'Faust' (1808) and 'Doctor Faustus' (1592)? 5

**Ans:**

10. Do as directed:

1×7=7

- (i) "I'm very tired", she said. (Change the narration)

**Ans:**

- (ii) Miss Moore: "They'll make a lovely couple". (Change into indirect speech)

**Ans:**

- (iii) We sell tickets for all shows at the Box Office. (Change the voice)

**Ans:**

- (iv) Thomas Edison invented the electric light bulb. (Change the voice)

**Ans:**

- (v) Sudipta is wearing a dress. She received it for Durgapuja. (Join with a noun clause)

**Ans:**

- (vi) The New Year's Eve party was a definite success. Sally had carefully planned it. (Join with an adjective clause)

**Ans:**

- (vii) Rimpa missed the first two acts of the play. She had an automobile accident. (Join with an adverbial clause)

**Ans:**

- 11.** Choose the correct idiom from the list given below and place it in the proper blank to make the sentences meaningful: 1×3=3

- (i) All great men and thinkers had always been \_\_\_\_\_.
- (ii) Seema got \_\_\_\_\_ as she was having high fever.
- (iii) Ramen in our class is a \_\_\_\_\_.

List: [teacher's pet, blackout, ahead of time]

- 12.** Write a story (in about 100 words) with the help of the following hints and add a suitable title and a moral: 5

[Hints: The hare laughed at the slow-moving tortoise — the tortoise not at all ashamed of his slow pace — retorted that he could beat the hare in race — agreed — the hare went away in lightning leaps — the tortoise went slowly after him — the hare confident — had a nap — the tortoise went on and on — reached the winning-post first — the hare beaten in the race]

**Ans:**

13. Write a letter (in about 100 words) to your younger sister advising her to read a newspaper daily.  
You may use the following points: 5

[Points: A regular source of information — news and sports on current affairs — spread of knowledge — awareness — developing reading habits]

*Or,*

Write a report (within 100 words) on the recently held seminar in your school on unleashing the power of Artificial Intelligence using the following points: 5

[Points: Date and place — time — keynote speaker — topics covered — interactions — group activity — conclusion]

**Ans:**

14. Write a summary of the passage given below: 10

Speech is a great blessing, but it can also be a great curse, for, while it helps to make our intentions and desires known to our fellows, it can also, if we use it carelessly, make our attitude completely misunderstood. A slip of the tongue, the use of an unusual or an ambiguous word, and so on, may create an enemy where we had hoped to win a friend. Again, different classes of people use different vocabularies, and the ordinary speech of an educated man may strike an uneducated listener as showing pride; unwittingly we may use a word which bears a different meaning for our listener from what it does to men of our own class. Thus speech is not a gift to use lightly without thought but one which demands careful handling; only a fool will express himself alike to all kinds and conditions of men.

*Or,*

Write a paragraph (within 100 words) on 'Discipline'. 10

[Points: Introduction — necessity — leading a well organized life — impact on health — conclusion]

*Or,*

Write a paragraph (within 100 words) on the topic 'The National Hero who Motivates You'. 10

[Points: Name of your hero — his/her introduction — contribution — works or speeches that inspire you — conclusion]

**Ans:**





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