

**BCM School, Basant Avenue, Dugri Road, Ludhiana**  
**Paper Pattern Assignment 2026**  
**Class – VIII Answer Key**  
**Subject – English**

**SECTION A: READING**

**I. Choose the correct option.**

i. What is empathy?

Correct Answer: b) Understanding and sharing others' feelings

ii. How does empathy help students in school?

Correct Answer: b) By building trust and cooperation

**2. Answer the following questions (25–30 words each)**

a) What does an empathetic person do when others face problems?

An empathetic person does not remain indifferent to others' problems. They try to understand their feelings and offer support, comfort, and encouragement to help them.

b) Why is empathy important in today's world?

Empathy is important in today's world because it helps people understand different perspectives, accept diversity, reduce conflicts, and promote cooperation in an interconnected global society.

**3. Value-Based Question**

"Empathy can change society for the better." Do you agree? Give two reasons and one real-life example.

Sample Answer:

Yes, I agree that empathy can change society for the better. Firstly, it reduces conflicts and misunderstandings by helping people understand each other's feelings. Secondly, it encourages cooperation and kindness among people. For example, during natural disasters, empathetic people donate money, food, and clothes to help victims, making society more united and compassionate.

**SECTION C : GRAMMAR**

**V. Do as directed:**

**i. Error Editing**

**Incorrect**

**Correct**

(a) do

does

(b) is

are

(c) have

had

(d) more

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(e) me

I

**ii. Fill in the Blanks (Correct Options)**

Last year, our school organised a science exhibition in the month of July. Many students participated in the event with great enthusiasm. The judges were impressed by the creativity of the models. One student made a working model of a volcano, which was very attractive. The principal appreciated the students and gave them certificates. Everyone felt proud of their hard work.

**iii. Change the Voice**

- a. You must answer all the questions.  
→ All the questions must be answered by you.
- b. Do not open the window.  
→ You are ordered not to open the window.

**iv. Fill in the Blanks (Tense)**

She always goes for a walk, but today she is not going as she is unwell.

**v. Change into Reported Speech**

- a. She said to her friend, "Will you help me to complete my work?"  
→ She asked her friend if she would help her to complete her work.
- b. He said to the police, "Please forgive me."  
→ He requested the police to forgive him.

**vi. One Word Answer**

A written work the author of which is not known is called anonymous.

**vii. Join the Sentences**

Everyone loves the Principal because she is very affectionate.

**SECTION – D LITERATURE**

**VI. Extract from The Last Bargain**

- i. Who is the speaker in the poem?  
→ The speaker is the man looking for work.
- ii. Who comes to hire the speaker in the morning?  
→ The King comes to hire him.
- iii. Why does the speaker reject the King's offer?  
→ Because the King's power cannot give him real happiness or freedom.
- iv. What does "his power counted for naught" mean?  
→ It means the King's power was useless and worthless to the speaker.
- v. Name the poet of the poem.  
→ Rabindranath Tagore

**VII. Extract from Disabled (Stephen Hawking Biography)**

i. The word 'I' refers to:

**Correct Answer: d) The narrator's friend**

ii. Why did the other person tap at the little switch?

**Correct Answer: b) Because he was unable to speak normally**

iii. What does "the only bit of movement left to him" suggest?

**Correct Answer: b) He had very limited physical movement.**

**VIII. Short Answer Questions (40–50 words)**

i. What makes the monsoon season special for the writer?

**The monsoon season is special for the writer because it brings cool weather, fresh greenery, blooming flowers, and beautiful natural scenes. The rains make the hills lively and fill the writer with joy and inspiration.**

ii. Why was the letter important for Connie?

**The letter was important for Connie because it gave her hope and happiness. It reminded her of her husband, Jim, and his love. The letter helped her overcome loneliness and continue waiting for him.**

iii. Why did Munna feel tempted to buy jalebis?

**Munna felt tempted to buy jalebis because he was hungry and loved sweets. He had saved money for school, but the delicious smell of jalebis made him forget his responsibility and he spent the money.**

**IX. Long Answer (60–80 words)**

i. How did Jody save the fawn? Describe his feelings and actions.

**Jody found the fawn alone after its mother was killed by his father. He felt pity and decided to save it. He carried the weak fawn in his arms and brought it home. He fed it milk and took care of it lovingly. Jody felt happy and responsible, treating the fawn like a pet and protecting it from danger.**

**X. G.K.**

**Which novel by Charles Dickens is written about the French Revolution?**

**Correct Answer: A Tale of Two Cities**

**XI. Replace the Underlined Words**

a) The old man walked with a strange gait.

b) She found solace in her friend's kind words.

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