

English (16 E) Board Examination - February-March 2026

Answer Key

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SECTION - A: Reading Comprehension (Main Text)

1. Kach went out to gather firewood.
2. Devayani feared that Kach was either lost or dead.
3. Hollis Meynell lived in New York.
4. They could not meet because Blandford's army group had moved overseas.
5. We find everything from a diaper to worn-out slippers in lakes.
6. Water is the basis of life.
7. Long, loose clothes or nylon clothes must not be worn when lighting crackers.
8. No, the powder in crackers is poisonous and should never be carried loose or consumed.
9. Shubhangi is worried because she has not seen any vultures soaring in the sky for the last many months.
10. The vulture population is on the verge of extinction as nearly 97% of the population is lost due to Diclofenac.
11. Short Note: MGP's drive for Solar Power in Sitapur District MGP (Mera Gao Power) is a social enterprise providing solar microgrids in Sitapur. They provide two LED bulbs and a mobile charging point to households at a cost of 25 rupees per week. This initiative provides smoke-free light, which benefits health and allows children to study more. It has also helped business growth, enabling people to engage in activities like tailoring or weaving saris at night.
12. False
13. True
14. True
15. False

SECTION - B: Poetry & Supplementary Reading

16. The song will transport the child's heart to the verge of the unknown.
17. The song will sit by the child's side and whisper in their ear.

18. The song will fence the child about with **aloofness**.
19. **Phatik Chakravarti** is the elder brother.
20. Phatik planned to **roll away** a heavy log lying on the bank of the river with the help of his friends.
21. Makhan became an obstacle by **sitting on the log** and refusing to get up.
22. The heavy log lay on the **bank of the river**.
23. **"I'll thrash you!"**

[PAN Card Data Analysis]

- 24-A. This data is a **Permanent Account Number (PAN) Card**.
- 25-A. The data is concerned with the **Income-tax Department**.
- 26-A. The owner of the card is the son of **Vasudev bhai Dave**.
- 27-A. The owner of the card is **52 years old** (Born: 04/12/1973).
- 28-A. You will inform the **Commissioner of Income Tax, Ahmedabad**.

[Dialogue Interpretation]

29. Mr. Limbachiya praises Abhishek because he suggested a **brilliant idea** that will surely solve the problem.
30. Abhishek hesitates because he is scared that people will **call him crazy and laugh at him**.
31. One can make new innovations by **bringing ideas out and trying them practically**.
32. The Govt. is helpful as schools have **innovation councils** where original ideas can be registered to get project help and prizes.

SECTION - C: Language Functions & Vocabulary

33. (c) Giving reason
34. (d) Asking for information
35. (a) Expressing niceties
36. (C) Take water, add sugar, stir well, add lemon.
37. (B) It's the village where Sardar Patel was born.
38. (A) You get the prize if you speak eloquently.
39. (C) Either Mehul or Mayur
40. (B) on the top of the pole is astonishing.
41. (D) therefore he was given the first prize.

42. **spree, adhere, assigned**
43. **straight (Erect)**
44. **stop (Resist)**
45. **backside (Hind)**

SECTION - D: Applied Grammar

46. **then, had been, he, asked**
47. Mantra met his astrologer friend **so that** he can get some advice about his problem.
48. Dr. Joshi made a phone call **and** discussed about the critical condition of his patient.
49. **Though** he ran very fast, he could not win the race.
50. **to, there, could**
51. **A letter was written by Nidhip to Ashokbhai.** He was informed by Nidhip about his new business. **He was advised by Ashokbhai in that matter.**
52. **We carried out 'Operation Sindoor'** against our enemy. **We showed** what we could do in our brief war. Our enemy was crushed and brought to our knees.
53. (A) **Where** is the Akhand Jyoti temple situated?
54. (D) **Who** often sends books from Jamnagar?
55. (C) **Why** did Bhavnaben consult many doctors?

SECTION - E: Creative Writing

56. **Essay: The Problems faced by Homemakers** Homemakers, popularly known as **housewives**, play the most important role in a family, yet their work is often overlooked. They manage the **expectations of every family member**, from children to the elderly. Their day begins **very early and ends late at night**, involving **endless chores** without any holidays or fixed working hours. Despite this dedicated and **selfless work**, they often receive little appreciation compared to working women. Homemakers deserve **respect and support** from their families, as their contribution is the foundation of a happy home. A little **gratitude** and a helping hand can go a long way in making their lives easier.
57. **Email: Preparation for Exams** To: dida7701@gmail.com Subject: My Exam Preparation
Dear Kavya, I hope you are doing well. I am writing to tell you that my exam preparations are going great. I have **finished the entire syllabus** and am currently **revising the difficult chapters**. I follow a **strict timetable** and take regular breaks to stay fresh. Wish me luck!
Love, Mittal

58-A. Picture Description

1. This is a picture of a beautiful **morning in a village**.
2. The **sun is rising** behind the mountains.
3. There are **two small huts** and a tree near the riverbank.
4. A **peacock** is sitting on the roof of one of the huts.
5. An **elephant** is standing in the river water.
6. A **cow and a small calf** are standing near the grass.
7. **Two fish** are swimming in the river.
8. Some **birds are flying** in the sky.
9. It is a very **peaceful and natural** scene.
10. The picture depicts the **harmony between animals and nature**.