

STANDARDISED ASSESSMENT FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (SAFES): 2026

SUBJECT: ENGLISH

CLASS VIII

ANSWER KEY

C 1.

- a) longest
- b) most beautiful flower
- c) goes
- d) were playing
- e) watched

C2.

- a) downpour – a heavy fall of rain
- b) floods – overflowing of water
- c) drip – to fall in small drops

C3.

- a) True
- b) True
- c) False

C4.

- a) These are my toys.
- b) I wish I could hop like you.
- c) I felt weak all over.
- d) The sky and hills are suffused with a beautiful golden light.
- e) The poetry of earth is never dead.

Choose the Correct Answer

D1. i) Something that is pleasant

D10. c) Imperative

D2. ii) Under the grasses

D11. c) could

D3. iv) fern

D12. c) fawn

D4. ii) happily

D13. b) veterinarian

D5. iii) He is considerate and willing to adjust

D14. b) bird

D15. a) chirps

D6. a) The Duck is surprised and impressed by the Kangaroo

D16. a) both

D17. c) easier

D7. b) Simple past

D18. a) personal writing

D8. c) Adjective

D19. c) rainy

D9. b) All day long

D20. d) was writing

ASSESSMENT RUBRICS**Long Answer****A1. Paragraph Writing**

In the lesson, "A Visit to Cambridge," you learned about the meeting between two great men: Stephen Hawking and Firdaus Kanga, a journalist. Express in about 100 words how the lesson made you feel about the two great men and their abilities. (10 marks)

Endik dan tur:

Criteria	Mark pek dan
An zirlai ' A Visit to Cambridge' lesson a hre chiang a, Stephen Hawking leh chanchinbu mi Firdaus Kanga chanchin a hre bel a. Stephen Hawking leh Firdaus Kanga te a ngaihdan, ropui leh entawntlak etc nia a hriat nachhan te English in, dik tak leh awmze mumal tak neiin thumal 100 vel hmangin paragraph an ziaik.	8 - 10
Naupang chuan paragraph chu an ziaik ve a, mahse an zirlaiah a chiang tawk lo a, English in awmze nei ve thawkhatin thumal 100 vel hmangin paragraph hriatthiam theih thawkhat a ziaik.	5 - 7
Naupangin a zirlai a hrethiam tawklo a, paragraph ziah erawh an theihtawpin a tum ve a, English in sentence dik tlem azawng, thumal 50-60 vel a ziaik ve .	3 -4
Naupangin an zirlai a hrethiam lo hle a, English in chhanna a pe a mahse awmze neia chhan a tlem hle, sentence hnih bawr vel chu awmze nei leh di kanga pawm theih a ni.	0 -2

A2. Notice Writing

You are the secretary of the Eco Club of Shining Star School. On the occasion of World Environment Day, your school is organizing an article writing competition to create awareness about protecting the environment. Write a notice to be displayed on the school notice board. Include details such as the date, topic, last date of submission, and other necessary details. (10 marks)

Endik dan tur:

Criteria	Mark pek dan
Naupangin zawhna hrethiam chiangin, notice board-a notice pek dan a thiam hle. English in notice ah chuan World Environment Day denchhanin article inziahsiaik buatsaih a nih tur thu te dik leh chiang takin a ziaik a. Chipchiar takin a hun tur te, topic tur te, submit hun tur te leh hemi chungchanga tul a tih dangte a tarlang bawk.	8 - 10
Naupangin zawhna a hrethiam chianglo a, notice board a notice pek dan a bel lo. An theih angin English in notice chu a ziaik ve a, a hun tur te, topic tur te, submit hun tur te chu a ziaik ve a, mahse a thil ziaik chu a a kim tawk lo a, a chiang tawk lo bawk.	5 - 7

Criteria	Mark pek dan
Naupangin zawhna a hrethiam chiang lo a, notice board a notice ziah dan an thiam tawk lo . English in notice chu a theih ang tawkin a ziaak a, sentence dik a ziah a nei tlem.	3 - 4
Naupangin zawhna a hrethiam lo hle a, notice board a notice ziah dan a thiamlo hle. English in notice a thiam ang tawka a ziah chu dik leh awmze mumal nei a tlem hle.	0 - 2

A3. Diary Entry

Your name is XYZ and you turned 15 years old on 1st February, 2026 (Sunday). Write a diary entry on how you celebrated your birthday. (10 marks)

Endik dan tur:

Criteria	Mark pek dan
Naupangin diary entry ziah dan a thiam. Zawhna a hrethiam chiang a, zawhna in ti tura a tih ang takin 1 st February, 2026 (Sunday)-a kum 15 a tlin an lawmdan chu English in dik leh chipchiar takin, hun an hman indawt dan mumal nei takin a ziaak.	8 -10
Naupangin diary entry chu English in a ziaak a, a birthday an lawm dan te chu a ziaak a mahse chipchiar tak leh indawt dan mumal nei takin a ziaak lo.	5 -7
Naupangin diary entry ziah dan a bel lo, English in an thiam ang tawkin a ziaak a. Sentence 4 atanga 5 bawr vel dik a awm.	3-4
Naupangin diary entry ziah a thiam lo. English in diary entry chu a thiam ang tawkin a ziaak a mahse awmze nei sentence 1 -2 vel chauh a awm.	0 -2

A4. Picture Description.

Read the sentences below these pictures and rewrite the story in proper sequence in one paragraph giving a suitable title. (10 marks)

Endik dan tur:

Criteria	Mark pek dan
Naupangin milem leh a hnuaia thuziak tarlan te atanga enin sentence dik leh awmze mumal tak neiin thawnthu chu a ziaak a, thil thleng indawtdan pawh dik takin a ziaak bawk. A thawnthu ziah chu paragraph pakhat – thumal 100 bawr vel neiin a ziaak. Tin, a thawnthu ziah atan chuan a thupui (thawnthu hming), a thawnthu nena inmil tak a phuahin a chungah fiah takin a ziaak bawk.	8 -10
Naupangin English in a lem leh thuziak tarlan te atangin thawnthu chu a ziaak a, a thupui pawh phuahin a ziaak a, amaherawhchu a paragraph ziahah chuan thumal leh sentence structure diklo hmuh tur a awm nual.	5 - 7

Criteria	Mark pek dan
Naupangin zawhnaa milem leh thuziak tarlan te en mila thawnthu phuah chu a thiam tha lo. English in a theih ang tawkin a ziak a mahse sentence 4 atanga 6 vel chauh dik leh awmze mumal nei a awm.	3 - 4
Naupang chuan milem leh thuziak tarlante hmanga thu phuah (Picture description) a thiam lo hle. English in an ziak a, sentence 1 -3 vel chauh dik a awm.	0 - 2

Short Answer**B1**

Read the following poem and answer the questions given below. (2×2=4 marks)

- How does the grasshopper spend summer?
- What does the line, "When all the birds are faint with the hot sun," mean?

Criteria	Mark pek dan
Naupangin zawhnaa chhiar tur poem tarlan chu a awmzia a hrethiam a, uluk taka chhiarin a poem chhiar tlawhchhana zawhna chhan tur te chu chhan a thiam. English in a chhanna chu sentence 1 emaw 2 in a chhang.	2
Naupangin a poem awmzia a bel lo, English in zawhna zawh te a theih ang tawkin a chhang, thenkhat dik taw lo lai te a awm nual.	1
Naupangin a poem awmzia a hrelo, English in chhanna a ziak a mahse dik a awmlo.	0

B2

In the story, "A visit to Cambridge" why did the writer find the first glimpse of Stephen Hawking shocking? (2 marks)

Criteria	Mark pek dan
Naupangin a zirlai a thiam. English in "A visit to Cambridge" thawnthu a ziaktu Firdaus Kanga in Stephen Hawking a hmuh tirha a thawn(mak a tih) thu leh a chhan leh vang sentence 2 velin chhanna dik takin a ziak.	2
Naupangin a zirlai a bel lo. English in a theih tawkin zawhna chu a chhang a, mahse zawhna in a zawh tak chu a chhang fuh/chiang taw lo a, diklo lai a awm nual.	1
Naupangin a zirlai a thiamlo. English in chhanna a ziak, a zawhna awmzia hriat loh avangin chhanna dik a pe lo.	0

B3 (a)

Write in two sentences some unfortunate things that can happen due to endless rain for many days? (2 marks)

Criteria	Mark pek dan
Naupangin a zawhna awmzia a hrethiam. English dik tak, sentence 2 in ni rei tak ruahsur avanga khuarel chhiatna thleng thei te a ziak.	2
Naupangin a zawhna awmzia a hrechiang lo. English in a hriatthiam ang tawkin a chhang a, zawhna in a zawh tak a chhang fuh chiahlo a, thumal diklo a awm nual bawk.	1
Naupangin a zawhna awmzia a hrelo. English in a theih ang tawkin chhanna a pe a mahse a diklo.	0

B3 (b)

When does winter season begin in Mizoram? Write two sentences on why you like or dislike the winter season. (2 marks)

Criteria	Mark pek dan
Naupangin a zawhna awmzia a hrethiam. English dik, sentence 2 in Mizoram a thlasik intan hun leh thlasik hun chu nuam a tih emaw tih loh chhan a ziak.	2
Naupangin a zawhna awmzia a bel lo. English in a thiam ang tawkin a chhang a diklo lai a awm.	1
Naupangin a zawhna awmzia a hrelo. English in chhanna a pe a mahse a diklo.	0

B4 (a)

The duck says that its life is "A bore in this nasty pond". What does this tell you about the Duck's feelings? (2 marks)

Criteria	Mark pek dan
Naupangin zawhna a hrethiam. Zawhnaa poem chhiar tur tarlan a chhiar atangin zawhna - Varak in a nun dan a sawina tawngkam 'A bore in this nasty pond' atangin varak rilru put hmang chu dik tak a hrethiam a, English dik takin sentence 1-2 in a ziak. (Varak rilru puthmang chu a nitin khawsak dan/nundan chu a ninawm a ti hle)	2
Naupangin a zirlai a bel lo, a zawhna awmzia pawh a hrethiam tha lo. English in a thiam ang tawkin a chhang a thumal diklo a awm nual a, sentence construction a diklo chiahlo bawk.	1
Naupangin a zawhna awmzia a hrelo. English in a chhang a mahse a chhanna a diklo.	0

B4 (b)

How does the Duck plan to go out in the world beyond? (2 marks)

Criteria	Mark pek dan
Naupangin a zawhna awmzia a hrethiam. English in sentence 2 in zawhna a chhiar tur poem pek a Varakin a chenna hmun piah/pawn lama vahchhuah/zinchhuah a tum dan a ziaik dik.	2
Naupangin a zawhna awmzia a bel lo. English in a thiam ang tawkin chhanna a pe a, thumal diklo thenkhat hmuh tur a awm a, sentence construction a dik tawklo bawk.	1
Naupangin a zawhna awmzia a hrelo. English in chhanna a pe a mahse a diklo.	0

B4 (c)

Why do you think the Duck chooses the Kangaroo to fulfill its wish to travel? (2 marks)

Criteria	Mark pek dan
Naupangin a zawhna awmzia a hrethiam. English dik takin Varakin a duhthusam zin vei vah chu tihpuitlin nana Kangaroo chu a thlan nachhan a ziaik.	2
Naupangin a zawhna awmzia a hrechiang lo. English in chhanna a pe a thumal diklo thenkhat hmuh tur a awm a, sentence construction pawh a dik tawklo bawk.	1
Naupangin a zawhna awmzia a hrelo. English in chhanna diklo a pe.	0

B5 (a)

In the story :This is Jody's fawn," why was Jody worried about the little fawn? Give your answer in one or two sentences. (2 marks)

Criteria	Mark pek dan
Naupangin a zirlai a bel. English in sentence 1 – 2 bawr velin "This is Jody's Fawn" thawnthu a Jody-in 'fawn' kha a ngaihtuah em em nachhan a ziaik dik.	2
Naupangin a zirlai a bel lo. English in a theihtawkin chhanna a pe a mahse thumal diklo a awm a sentence construction diklo a awm.	1
Naupangin a zawhna awmzia a hrelo. English a chhanna a ziah chuan awmzia a neilo.	0

B5 (b)

Complete the sentences using the right form of adjectives or verbs given in the bracket.
(1×5=5 marks)

Criteria	Mark pek dan
Naupangin English in zawhnaa Direct speech tarlan te chu Reported speech (indirect speech) dik takin a thlak/ziak dik vek.	2
English in zawhnaa Direct speech pathum zingah pahnih chu Reported speech-ah a thlak diklo a, pakhat a tihdik chhunah pawh diklo deuh lai tlem a awm.	1
Naupangin Direct speech chu Reported speech a thlak dan a thiamlo a, a chhang diklo.	0

