



RADLEY

2026 Scholarship Examination Paper

LANGUAGE APTITUDE TEST

25th – 26th February 2026

Time allowed: 45 minutes

Instructions

Do your work on this paper. There are three questions.

Leave at least five minutes at the end to check your work.

Dictionaries are not permitted.

Total marks: 30

If you have already learnt any modern or classical languages, please state which and the length of time (e.g. "Japanese, 1 year" or "Spanish, 1 term"):

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Question 1

Underline **nine** errors involving spelling, punctuation and grammar in this extract from *Animal Farm*.

Correct each error in the table and explain the error in each case.

All the animals was now present except Moses, the taim raven, who slepted on a perch behind the back door. When Major seen that they had all made themselves comfortable and were waiting attentive, he cleared his throat and began:

"Comrades you have heard already about the strange dream that I had last night. But I will come to the dream later. I have some thing else to say first. I do not think, comrades, that I shall be with you for many months longer, and before I die, I feel it my duty to pass on to you such wisdom as I have aquired. I have had a long life, I have had much time for thought as I lied alone in my stall, and I think I may say that I understand the nature of life on this earth as good as any animal now living. It is about this that I wish speak to you."

	Correction	Description of error
e.g.	were	Verb does not agree with plural subject
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Total for Question 1: 9 marks

Question 2

Cricket is probably the most popular sport in India, and many people follow the Indian Premier League, the main cricket league. Here are the 10 teams' names written in the Devanagari script used to write Hindi, one of the official languages of India. It may be helpful to know that there are no capital letters in Devanagari.

1. गुजरात तैतन्स्
2. लखनऊ सुपेर् गअिन्त्स्
3. सुन्रैसेर्स् हैदराबाद
4. मुंबई इन्दयिन्स्
5. राजस्थान रोयल्स्
6. दल्लिी चपतिल्स्
7. चेन्नई सुपेर् कनिग्स्
8. पंजाब कनिग्स्
9. कोलकाता क्नैत् रैदेर्स्
10. रोयल् छल्लेन्गेर्स् बैंगलोर

Total for Question 2: 10 marks

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Match the Hindi team name to the correct English version. In the square brackets, you can see the actual Hindi pronunciations of several words and cities; the Devanagari spelling of words reflects the Hindi pronunciation, not the English spelling!

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| a. Lucknow [Lakhanoo] Super Giants | f. Rajastan [Raaasthaan] Royals |
| b. Chennai [Chenni] Super Kings | g. Gujarat Titans [Taitans] |
| c. Punjab [Panjaab] Kings | h. Mumbai [Mumbi] Indians [Indiyans] |
| d. Kolkata [Kolakaataa] Knight [Knait] Riders [Raiders] | i. Sunrisers Hyderabad [Haidaraabaad] |
| e. Delhi [Dilli] Capitals | j. Royal Challengers Bangalore [Baingalor] |

Question 3

Study the sentences and their translations.

Fur is the language of the Fur people of Darfur, in western Sudan, and has nearly 800,000 native speakers.

Below are some sentences in Fur, along with their English translations. Note that the diacritics ´ and ` mark high and low tone respectively; ñ marks the same sound as in Spanish, similar to the *n* in *onion*. You always indicates the singular pronoun.

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| 1. Kòrò jabèl. | <i>You drink the water.</i> |
| 2. Yáà tòn tuumèl. | <i>The woman builds the house.</i> |
| 3. Bàin kòrò lemèl. | <i>The elder licks the water.</i> |
| 4. Tònà jutumèl. | <i>You build the houses.</i> |
| 5. Kàrabà kòrò kelmèlà. | <i>The animals lick the water.</i> |
| 6. Tòn yáà bauèl. | <i>The house holds the woman.</i> |
| 7. Bàinà tòn kutumèlà. | <i>The elders build the house.</i> |
| 8. Yáà dèl baèl. | <i>The woman drinks the oil.</i> |
| 9. Jirgèl. | <i>You tie.</i> |

You are also told that the verb **ruñèl** means *to lift*.

Part 1 – Translate into English

Yàà bàin ruñel. (1)

Kòrò jelmèl. (1)

Yàà rigèl. (1)

Part 2 – Translate into Fur

The animal ties. (2)

The elders lift the house. (2)

You hold the woman. (2)

The animal licks the oil. (2)

Total for Question 3: 11 marks