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Sample Paper
(2018-19)

Date : _____
Duration : 3 Hrs.
Max. Marks : 80

English (Set-1)
(Communicative)

Class
IX

Instructions:

1. All questions are compulsory.
2. This paper consists of three sections.
3. Answer the questions in each section before going on to the next section.
4. All the answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper and written in the answer sheet provided to you.
5. Strictly adhere to the word limit given with each question. Marks will be deducted for exceeding the word limit.
6. Read the questions carefully and follow the instructions.

Section A - Reading

1. Read the following passage carefully.

[8]

1. Today's woman is a highly self-directed person, alive to the sense of her dignity and the importance of her functions in the private domestic domain and the public domain of the world of work. Women are rational in approach, careful in handling situations and want to do things as best as possible. The Fourth World Conference of Women, held in Beijing in September 1995, had emphasized that no enduring solution of society's most threatening social, economic and political problems could be found without the participation and empowerment of the women. The 1995, World Summit for Social Development had also emphasized the pivotal role of women in eradicating poverty and mending the social fabric.
2. The Constitution of India had conferred on women equal rights and opportunities – political, social, educational and of employment – with men. Because of the oppressive traditions, superstitions, exploitation and corruption, a majority of women are not allowed to enjoy the rights and opportunities, bestowed on them. One of the major reasons for this state of affairs is the lack of literacy and awareness among women. Education is the main instrument through which we can narrow down, the prevailing inequality and accelerate the process of economic and political change in the status of women.'
3. The role of women in a society is very important. Women's education is the key to a better life in the future. A recent World Bank study says that educating girls is not a charity, it is good economics and if developing nations are to eradicate poverty, they must educate the girls. The report says that the economic and social returns on investments in education of the girls considerably affect the Human Development Index of the nation. Society would progress only if the status of women is respected and the presence of an educated woman in the family would ensure education of the family itself. Education and empowerment of women are closely related.
4. The prevailing cultural norms of gender behaviour and the perceived domestic and reproductive roles of women tend to affect the education of the girls. Negative attitude towards sending girls to schools, restrictions on their mobility, early marriage, poverty and illiteracy of parents affect the girls' participation in education.

1.1 Answer the following questions in brief:

- (a) Mention any two attributes of a modern woman.

OR

You saw the plastic bottles lying in your school compound. You were worried that in spite of so much awareness programmes, today's generation is still not taking the harmful effects of plastics seriously. After reaching home, you decide to write a page in your diary, highlighting the harmful effects of plastic. (Word limit: 100-120 words)

4. Write a short story beginning with the following in 200-250 words: [10]

While strolling in the park near my house, I spotted a snake. I panicked but stood there like a statue. Frightening thoughts came to my mind and then.

5. Complete the following paragraph by choosing the appropriate option from the ones given below. [4]

Siachen (a) _____ as a wedge (b) _____ Shaksgam valley (c) _____ China's control and Baluchistan (d) _____ is occupied by Pakistan.

- (a) (i) acted (ii) acts (iii) has acted (iv) had acted
 (b) (i) between (ii) in (iii) at (iv) to
 (c) (i) in (ii) on (iii) under (iv) with
 (d) (i) which (ii) whose (iii) and (iv) as

6. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Find the error and write the correct word against it. The first has been done for you as an example. [8 × ½ = 4]

	Incorrect	Correct
The issue of capital punishment involve detennining	(a) <u>involve</u>	<u>involves</u>
Whether the execution of criminals are ever	(b) _____	_____
justified, and if so, on what circumstances	(c) _____	_____
it is permissible and how to determining	(d) _____	_____
the limits of a crime demand execution.	(e) _____	_____
it also involves the issue where the society	(f) _____	_____
believes in corrective justice nor retributive	(g) _____	_____
justice. The basic assumption from retributive	(h) _____	_____
notion of punishment in generally is that a	(i) _____	_____
criminal deserves punishment.		

7. Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. [4 × 1 = 4]

- (a) are one/ Mudpuppies/ of/ that/ make noise/ the few salamanders.
 (b) Their/ sound like/ squeaky/ a dog's bark/ vocalisations
 (c) Flat heads/ feet with/ wide tails,/they/ stubby legs,/ and /four/distinct toes/ have
 (d) About/they/rare/only/heard/are/them/few/have/and/a/so

Section C - Literature

8. Read the given extract and answer the questions that follow. [4]

At my slightest movement, the snake would strike me! Death lurked four inches away. Suppose it struck, what was the medicine I had to take ? There was no medicine in the room. I was but a poor, foolish and stupid doctor. I forgot my danger and smiled feebly at myself. It seemed as if God appreciated that.

- (a) Who is 'I' in the above extract? What happened to him?
 (b) What does the author mean by saying that 'death lurked four inches away'?
 (c) Find the word from the extract that means 'linger'.
 (d) What trait of the doctor is revealed in the above lines?

OR

*No motion has she now, no force-
she neither hears nor sees,
rolled round in earth's diurnal course
with rocks and stones and tress.*

- (a) Why has she no motion now?
- (b) What is her status now?
- (c) Why is she rolled round, in earth's diurnal course with rocks and stones and trees?
- (d) Which word in the stanza mean 'occurring every day'?

9. Attempt any 4 questions out of the following in 30-40 words. [5×2=10]

- (a) Why does the child lose interest in the things that he had wanted earlier?
- (b) How does the world remember Einstein as a 'world citizen'?
- (c) How was the Buddhist shrine at Kathmandu different from the Pashupatinath Temple?
- (d) Who do you think reformed Lushkoff, Sergei or Olga?
- (e) How did Behrman's last leaf convey the message of hope, optimism and courage?

10. Attempt any one out of the two in about 80 words. [8]

Beauty lies in the eyes of the beholder. Discuss with reference to the poem, 'the snake trying'.

OR

Do you think Kezia's father and mother spent quality time with her? Was it right on their part to do so?

11. What made the leaden heart of the Prince and the dead bird the two most precious things in the city in the eyes of God? [8]

OR

Describe the scene after the cyclone hit the coast of Orissa in October 1999.

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- 1.1 (a) (i) Women are careful in handling situations.
(ii) They are rational in their approach.
- (b) Society's most threatening social, economic and political problem's solution could not be found without the participation and empowerment of women.
- (c) The prevailing cultural norms of gender biasness and the perceived domestic and reproductive roles of women tend to affect the education of the girls.
- (d) Today's woman is a highly self-directed person, alive to the sense of her dignity and the importance of her functions in the private and public domain of the world.
- (e) Because of oppressive traditions, superstitions, exploitation and corruption.
- 1.2 (a) oppressive (b) Eradicate (c) Perceived
- 2.1 (a) (i) Newspapers are the most popular form of reading.
(ii) It keeps us both entertained and informed.
(iii) It is full of political, sports and commercial news.
- (b) The newspaper is one of the significant signs of modern civilisation. The press controls public opinion, public opinion in turn controls government.
- (c) The advantages of having a strong, independent and honest press far outweighs the evils practised by a few cheap, irresponsible newspapers. As newspaper is one of the greatest blessings of civilisation and journalism, its freedom is essential.
- (d) The real freedom comes to existence when press is given freedom to express as they are capable of doing immense good to the society.
- 2.2 (a) trodden (b) immense (c) stimulate (d) freedom
5. (a) acts (b) between (c) under (d) which
6. **Incorrect Correct Incorrect Correct**
- (a) are is (b) on under
- (c) determining determine (d) demand demanding
- (e) where whether (f) nor or
- (g) form of (h) generally general
7. (a) Mudpuppies are one of the few salamanders that make noise.
(b) Their squeaky vocalisations sound like a dog's bark.
(c) They have flat heads, wide tails, and stubby legs, four feet with distinct toes.
(d) They are rare and so only a few have heard about them.
8. (a) 'I' is the doctor. A snake had descended upon his shoulder and his life was in danger
(b) it means the snake was just four inches away from him and if it bit him, he would die.
(c) lurked
(d) it reveals the doctor's presence of mind.

OR

- (a) Because she is dead.
(b) She is now a part of nature.
(c) She is now lifeless and lies buried with rocks and stones. She has become now a part of the day-to-day world of nature.
(d) Diurnal
9. (a) Because he could not find his parents in the fair and thus lost the sense of security. At that point, he understood that real happiness lies with your parents and not in the materialistic things.
(b) Einstein used his intelligence, power and popularity to campaign for peace and democracy all over the world. He fought for ending the arms build-up. He wrote to the United Nations proposing the 'world government'. Hence, he was truly a 'world citizen'.
(c) Vikram Seth found Pashupatinath Temple crowded, noisy and chaotic, surrounded by bazaars with stray animals roaming here and there. People were elbowing each other to attract the attention of the priest. In contrast, the Buddhist shrine was peaceful and still, a haven of quietness with the busy streets around it.

- (d) Both Sergei and Olga were responsible in reforming Lushkoff but Olga was his true inspiration. Sergei provided him with an opportunity to work but Olga showed him genuine sympathy and kindness. Her kind words and deeds inspired Lushkoff to change.
- (e) Johnsy had been nursing the illusion that she would die when the last leaf fell from the creeper but when she saw that it did not fall in spite of the storm, she got back her lost will to live. It made her optimistic and gave her the courage to fight her illness and making her respond to the treatment.

10. "Beauty truly lies in the eyes of the beholder." The poet, Ross, finds the snake beautiful. He refers to it as "how beautiful and graceful are his shapes!" The same snake 'small and green' is considered as fearsome and dangerous by others but not by Ross. They do not find anything graceful about it rather it is held in contempt and as soon as it is seen, their spontaneous reaction is to kill it. Only if they could appreciate the beauty of the snake they would not think of harming it. Man's sensitivity for enjoying beauty has been overpowered by his fear for the small and harmless snakes. The beautiful snake becomes the victim of the man, who in his ignorance, thinks it is poisonous and dangerous and needs to be killed. The poet highlights the fact that they are not symbols of death but beautiful creations of god.

OR

No, Kezia's parents did not spend quality time with her. Her father used to come back tired after his work, had his cup of tea and relaxed. Kezia saw him in the morning when he would come to her room and gave her a casual kiss while leaving for office. Her mother too, was too busy for her. On Sundays too, her father would be sleeping on a couch while her mother would be reading a paper. They hardly spent any time with her. She had to spend her whole time with her grandmother and grew very close to her. As a result, she grew distant from her parents and got scared of her father. It was not right on their part to do so because children, who do not spend quality time with their parents, feel neglected and insecure. It affects their confidence and overall development.

11. The prince had lived and died happy untouched by any suffering. But, the virtues of selflessness, kindness and empathy shown by him, after death, had made his leaden heart into gold. The dead bird too, was endowed with the same virtues so he was equally precious. The prince's statue could not move, but could see the ugliness and all the misery of the city. To help the poor come out of their misery, the Happy Prince insisted the swallow to pluck the ruby, the sapphires eyes, and the gold leaves on his body and to give them to the poor and the needy. The kind bird not only did what the prince asked her but she, too, was touched by the sufferings and the misery of the poor people. She did not leave the Happy Prince alone even in the cold weather and died at his statue. The heart of the Prince also broke into two after seeing the sweet bird dead. Both of them were the most precious things as they were selfless and kind.

OR

The cyclone that had hit the coast of Orissa left behind a trail of extreme destruction and devastation. Heavy and incessant rain filled the darkness. The wind blew at the speed of 350 km/hour, uprooting ancient trees, which crashed to the ground and fell on houses, killing and injuring many. Screams rent the air as people and houses were swiftly washed away by the swirling water of the ocean. From the rooftop, where Prashant and his friend's family had taken refuge, he could see a brown sheet of water covering everything, as far as the eyes could see. Only fractured cement houses still stood in some places. Bloated animal carcasses and human corpses could be seen floating away in every direction. People became homeless and children were hungry without food. Red Cross shelter was established at some heightened place outside Prashant's village. But their too the situation was worse and unhygienic and a danger of an epidemic loomed in front of them.

