

901103 - B2

Class - IX

**ENGLISH
(Communicative)**

Maximum Marks : **80**

Time : **3 hours**

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The question paper is divided into **four** sections :

Section A : Reading 20 Marks

Section B : Writing 20 Marks

Section C : Grammar 20 Marks

Section D : Literature 20 Marks

General Instructions :

1. All questions are **compulsory**.
2. Marks are indicated against each question.
3. An additional **15** minutes time has been allotted to read this question paper only.

SECTION - A
(Reading - 20 Marks)

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1. Read the passage carefully.

Alexander the Great stood with his army on the western shore of the Tigris River. He and his men had marched north from Tyre, crossing acres and acres of blackened land. Darius III had made his soldiers burn to the ground, the long wheat grass that had been growing there. He had hoped to slow the advance of Alexander and his mighty fighting force.

Darius's strategy had done little to delay the progress of the Greek forces. The Greeks prepared now to cross the Tigris, and to continue onward toward the village of Mosul. They knew that Darius III and the Persian warriors were camped nearby on the plain of Gaugamela. They remained unaware of Darius's newest tactic. When Alexander and his men reached the plain of Gaugamela, they found that the ground had been made level. The Persian chariots stood in formation, ready to attack across that flat surface. Darius expected his scythed chariots to propel themselves forcefully into the Greek forces, with their curved blades ripping at the flesh of both horses and men.

The chariots began their rapid drive toward the army of Alexander the Great. The Greek general, having made a quick assessment of the situation, ordered the ranks of the Greek fighters to split apart. This manoeuvre left the Persians moving forward, without having anyone to mow down. Because they travelled at great speed, the Persians could not turn around. Caught between enemy lines, many Persian chariot drivers fell victim to the spears and arrows of their Greek opponents.

Still, Darius was not ready to surrender. He spotted places where his men could outflank the Greeks, sneaking around behind the enemy ranks. However, Alexander the Great seemed to be unfazed. The Greek general ordered the cavalry, to form a wedge. The point of the wedge charged directly at Darius. The Persian King fled, leading to a collapse of whatever resistance he had managed to muster. Alexander the Great again emerged as the victor. Alexander's first impulse was to direct his men on a chase after the fleeing Darius. He chose, instead, to go south to Babylon, where he allowed his men to have one month of rest. From there Alexander headed his army east, toward the treasures that lay central Persia.

Write the correct option in your answer sheets.

- (a) Alexander the Great marched north from Tyre, taking his men to _____.
(i) the Euphrates River
(ii) the Tigris River
(iii) central Persia
(iv) the Tiber river
- (b) The tactic Darius III used to keep Alexander away was _____.
(i) ordering the cavalry to form a wedge
(ii) ensuring that his army split apart to confuse the enemy
(iii) burning wheat grass near Tyre
(iv) ensuring that his soldiers walked slowly

- (c) The following helped to ensure the victory of Alexander the Great _____.
 (i) having scythed chariots
 (ii) having the Greek warriors part ranks
 (iii) making the ground level
 (iv) having travelled at great speed
- (d) On finding his army caught between the enemy lines, Darius decided to _____.
 (i) surrender to the Greek army
 (ii) look for an opportunity to sneak around behind the enemy lines
 (iii) flee leading to the collapse of his army
 (iv) go to Greece
- (e) After Darius and his men fled, Alexander _____.
 (i) directed his men to chase the fleeing Darius
 (ii) went south to Babylon to give his army a well deserved rest
 (iii) went back to Greece to celebrate his victory
 (iv) took the position of Darius's kingdom

2. Read the following poem carefully.

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THE DREAMS OF CHILDREN

No one is not good enough,
 You are! And so am I!
 Every child needs a home,
 A plate of food, a prayer, a kiss at bedtime.
 Every child needs friends
 And a little space for thinking
 If to heaven we are all equal
 Why do we divide?
 Why do we race to beat each other?
 As we walk through life,
 People cannot see
 That the trouble is not someone else,
 The bubble of trouble is you and me.
 So if we all hold hands,
 As a family - you and me,
 Surely we can build a new world
 And make every dream come true.

Write the correct option in your answer sheet.

- (a) By saying "No one is not good enough" the poet means that _____.
 (i) we all are fond of food
 (ii) each one of us is unique
 (iii) we all are bad
 (iv) no one is good enough

- (b) The poet wants the people of the world to _____.
- (i) be like a family
 - (ii) be like two friends
 - (iii) be like you and him
 - (iv) help people who cannot see
- (c) Every child needs _____.
- (i) a home
 - (ii) lots of food to eat
 - (iii) a home, food, blessings, love and friends
 - (iv) only good friends
- (d) Children are sure of making _____.
- (i) a family
 - (ii) a home
 - (iii) their every dream come true
 - (iv) making their friends beat each other
- (e) The poem ends with _____.
- (i) a request to bring a change in our attitude
 - (ii) a feeling of indifference towards the world
 - (iii) a feeling of happiness that all people are good
 - (iv) a suggestion that walking in life is necessary

3. Read the passage carefully.

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THIMMAKKA AND HER CHILDREN

Thimmakka and her husband Bikkalu Chikkaiah, a childless couple of Hulikal village in Karnataka, decided to adopt children. But the children they chose to rear were 284 banyan trees along a 3 km stretch of what is now National Highway 48 in Karnataka. The trees filled up a void in their lives. And just recently, Thimmakka received the National Citizens Award (for social forestry).

Thimmakka tired of her neighbours's jibes directed at her childlessness hit upon the plan. "Why not plant banyan trees and rear them like our children?" she thought. So the lonely couple decided to plant trees. Thimmakka's husband was a disabled person, hence she had to work as a labourer every day and did not have the time for much else. But firm in their resolve, they took great pains to dig pits on either side of the road. Their next task was to choose suitable banyan saplings. They finally planted 300 saplings and put up thorny bushes around, to ensure that the cattle did not eat up the tender trees.

Thimmakka brought water in pots from a long distance and poured it at the foot of the saplings every day. During the rainy season, she poked at the roots of the trees to make them go deep and, as the area was not fenced, she kept a constant vigil and nursed the plant for ten years. It was time spent well, as it gave her fulfilment and pride. Even as the couple nursed the saplings, she was working in a quarry for their hand – to – mouth existence. If she could not go to the quarry they would have nothing to eat that day. True, her work backbreaking, but she could not neglect the trees either. She would go to the Kundur road and attend to the saplings before the break of dawn. And the trees, like children who live in an atmosphere of love and care, responded to her call and grew up. Now in the prime of their lives, the 284 that took root provide a green canopy for 3 km, nestling place for birds and also prevent soil erosion. They are also worth an estimated Rs. 85 crore.

Write the correct option in your answer sheets.

- (a) Thimmakka received the National Citizens Award for _____.
 - (i) being childless
 - (ii) adopting children
 - (iii) rearing banyan tress in Karnataka
 - (iv) planting a banyan tree
- (b) They took care of the banyan tress like _____.
 - (i) their children
 - (ii) their labourers
 - (iii) their neighbours
 - (iv) their friends
- (c) Thimmakka's banyan trees have benefitted the environment as _____.
 - (i) they're worth an estimated Rs. 85 crores
 - (ii) they provide a green canopy, nestling place for birds and cause soil erosion
 - (iii) National Highway 48 is filled with tress
 - (iv) they provide a green canopy, nestling place for birds and prevent soil erosion
- (d) Thimmakka attended to the saplings before dawn as _____.
 - (i) all day she had to work in the quarry
 - (ii) all day she had to work to keep the area fenced
 - (iii) she had to keep a constant vigil on the plants
 - (iv) the rainy season had ended
- (e) To ensure the safety of the young plants, Thimmakka _____.
 - (i) had to look after her disabled husband
 - (ii) put up thorny bushes around them
 - (iii) dug pits on either side of the road
 - (iv) loved and cared for them

4. Read the passage carefully.

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DID POOR HEATING KILL ZOO'S KING COBRA?

New Delhi: The king is dead, but he has not left without controversy. One of Delhi zoo's star attraction, a 14-foot king cobra died recently leaving in its wake questions over the exact cause of its death. Although zoo officials claim that the snake died due to old age, wildlife activists feel that if zookeepers took enough care, the slithering beauty could have been saved. A wildlife activist involved in rescue and relocation of animals in zoos said, "It was one of the finest specimens in captivity in India. The king cobra is primarily a cold-blooded animal; it needs to be provided proper heating arrangement during winters. The Delhi zoo has got electric heaters for the reptile house. These dehydrate the animal, exposing it to various health hazards".

The king cobra was reported to be from the jungles of Arunachal Pradesh but was seized from snake charmers near Haryana and handed over to the National Zoological Park (NZP) by an NGO. The snake was quarantined for a month, before being released into a public display enclosure. Apart from using heaters for every animal house, the zoo had for the first time, fitted infrared lights in the reptiles' enclosures.

What has put zoo officials in a tizzy is the fact that this is not the first time that the zoo has lost a king cobra. "It is sheer negligence and lack of knowledge on the part of officials. The animal should have been provided with ceramic heaters rather than electric ones," said an expert.

When contacted, NZP director BS Bonal said: "These are false reports doing the rounds. The post-mortem has clearly said that it died due to pneumonia owing to old age. We had provided it with the best of facilities and I don't see any reason other than this for its death".

Write the correct option in your answer sheets.

- (a) The death of king cobra became controversial because _____.
(i) the exact cause of its death was unknown
(ii) it was not very old
(iii) it was the only finest specimen in captivity
(iv) zoo authorities are not providing valid reasons
- (b) Originally the king cobra belonged to _____.
(i) an NGO
(ii) the jungles of Arunachal Pradesh
(iii) snake charmers near Haryana
(iv) the Arunachal Pradesh zoo
- (c) The reptile needs proper heating arrangement during winters as _____.
(i) it is a cold blooded animal
(ii) it is a warm blooded animal
(iii) it is extremely sensitive
(iv) its outer covering is scaled

- (d) The use of _____ resulted in dehydration of king cobra.
- (i) electric heaters
 - (ii) ceramic heaters
 - (iii) infrared heaters
 - (iv) non—electric heaters
- (e) Experts feel that the officials at the zoo are _____.
- (i) illiterate
 - (ii) responsible
 - (iii) negligent
 - (iv) callous

SECTION - B

(Writing - 20 Marks)

5. You have to make a presentation on Delhi in your class. You have collected the following information from the Internet. Write a paragraph describing Delhi in not more than 80 words. 4

Features	-	Historical and modern city.
Importance	-	Capital - all government offices.
People	-	Blend of cross cultural people.
Location	-	north - central India, extreme climate.
Highlights	-	Historical monuments, huge gardens and stadiums, malls.

6. Write a letter to your grandfather informing him about the award you won in the Science Quiz at the Science Centre. Also mention how hard you had worked for this competition and how delighted you are on receiving this award from the Chairman of the Science Centre. 8
7. You are Raghav/Reshma and you have been asked to deliver a speech on 'Shifting Values Among Young Teenagers'. Write a speech with the help of the inputs given below. 8
- * Self esteem—Identity crisis.
 - * Rebellion—Breaking the rules.
 - * Impact of popular culture.
 - * Inappropriate behaviour.
 - * Experimentation.
 - * Peer pressure.

SECTION - C
(Grammar - 20 Marks)

8. Complete the following passage by choosing the most appropriate option from the ones given below. 4

There is (a) _____ special about the Delhi University special buses that transport students (b) _____ the corners of the capital to their colleges. One of the 'special' factors is the very charm of college students travelling daily in the same bus (c) _____ long distances, giving them an opportunity to know each other better. For some commuters, DU Specials (d) _____ them their best friends for life.

- (a) (i) anything (ii) nothing (iii) all things (iv) something
(b) (i) from (ii) to (iii) along (iv) before
(c) (i) along (ii) over (iii) for (iv) by
(d) (i) had given (ii) have given (iii) are given (iv) give

9. Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. The first one has been done as an example. 4

teacher/exciting/novel/my/written/an/has

Example: My teacher has written an exciting novel.

- (a) on/design/beautiful/the/is/the/cover
(b) letters/novel/the/has been/printed/bold/in
(c) gifted/paperback/me/teacher/my/edition/the
(d) possible/reading/as/it/fast as/finish/will/I

10. Read the news headlines given below and expand them by choosing from the right options given below. 4

- (a) POWER CUTDOWN LEADS TO ANGRY STREET DEMONSTRATIONS

Due to long power cuts over the last two weeks, angry demonstrations _____ on the streets yesterday.

- (i) were witnessed
(ii) was witnessed
(iii) were taken
(iv) will take place

- (b) HEAVY RAINS STOP RESCUE OPERATIONS

The rescue operations _____ as heavy rains lashed the crash site.

- (i) will be stop
(ii) were stopped
(iii) are stopped
(iv) will be stopped

- (c) INAUGURATION OF NEW SHOPPING MALL ON G.T. ROAD
Targeting the shopping season ahead, a new shopping mall _____ by the Chief Commissioner on Sunday.
- (i) will be inaugurated
 - (ii) will be started
 - (iii) had being inaugurated
 - (iv) be inaugurated
- (d) DHONI RETAINED AS SKIPPER
Cricket Board announced that Dhoni _____ as skipper for the forthcoming Test series.
- (i) has retained
 - (ii) was been retained
 - (iii) has been retained
 - (iv) will be the new

11. Complete the dialogues given below by choosing the correct options.

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- Pravesh : Hello mother! Thank heavens, I (a) _____.
- Mother : What happened? Why are you limping?
- Pravesh : Our van had an accident. I (b) _____.
- Mother : Oh God! How did it happen?
- Pravesh : Our van hit against a tree.
- Mother : (c) _____?
- Pravesh : Thankfully no. No one was killed but (d) _____.
- Mother : Thank God! Medical help was provided to you on time.
- (a)
 - (i) am coming back home safe
 - (ii) am back home safe
 - (iii) had come back home safe
 - (iv) come home safe
 - (b)
 - (i) got bruised my left leg
 - (ii) am getting pain on leg
 - (iii) have injured my left leg
 - (iv) am hit on my left leg
 - (c)
 - (i) Was any passenger killed
 - (ii) Did any passenger got hurt
 - (iii) Did any passenger got killed
 - (iv) Did the driver killed
 - (d)
 - (i) six passengers were killed
 - (ii) six passengers were badly injured
 - (iii) six passengers were got hurt
 - (iv) six passengers were legs fractured

12. Read the following conversation and complete the paragraph reporting what happened in the conversation, by choosing from the options given below. 4

Mother : Where have you been?

Daughter : I had gone to the market.

Mother : Was it very crowded?

Daughter : The market is always crowded with people and good things!

The mother asked her daughter (a) _____. The daughter replied (b) _____. The mother further enquired if (c) _____. The daughter laughingly replied (d) _____ with people and good things.

- (a) (i) where she had been
(ii) where had she been
(iii) where had she gone
(iv) that where she had been
- (b) (i) she had gone to the market
(ii) that she had gone to the market
(iii) she had been to the market
(iv) I had gone to the market
- (c) (i) it was very crowded
(ii) it had been very crowded
(iii) whether it had been very crowded
(iv) that was it very crowded
- (d) (i) that the market was always crowded
(ii) the market was always crowded
(iii) the market had been crowded
(iv) that the market would always be crowded

SECTION - D

(Literature - 20 Marks)

13. Read the extracts and answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate option. Attempt any two. 6

(1). *And fast before her father's men*

Three days we've fled together

For should he find us in the glen

My blood would stain the heather

- (a) The 'father's men' were _____.
(i) the father's sons
(ii) men and women from the kingdom
(iii) the bodyguards
(iv) Lord Ullin's soldiers chasing them

- (b) They were fleeing because _____.
 (i) they were in a hurry to go
 (ii) the storm was approaching
 (iii) they had to cross Lochgyle
 (iv) Lord Ullin and his armed men were behind them
- (c) 'heather' refers to _____.
 (i) low, spreading plant with woody stems
 (ii) a type of rock
 (iii) area near the loch
 (iv) lush green grass
- (2). *I murmur under moon and stars*
In brambly wildernesses
I linger by my shingly bars
I loiter by my cresses
- (a) The word 'linger' depicts the _____.
 (i) noisy movement of the water
 (ii) the slow movement of the water
 (iii) fast movement of the water
 (iv) rough movement on the rapids
- (b) 'I' in the above lines refers to _____.
 (i) the swallow bird
 (ii) the lusty trout
 (iii) the poet
 (iv) the brook
- (c) The wilderness is brambly because _____.
 (i) there are lots of stones and pebbles
 (ii) there are thorny plants
 (iii) there is no vegetation
 (iv) a pungent leaved plant like a cabbage grows there
- (3) *Chuck said he wanted to be standing when Duke came in, so they stood him up.*
Duke's nails were long from three months confinement, and when he spied
Chuck he stood quivering like 5000 volts.
- (a) 'they stood him up' because _____.
 (i) he could not stand by himself
 (ii) he was having fever
 (iii) he was tired
 (iv) he had just returned from the hospital

- (b) Duke had been confined _____.
 - (i) in a neighbour's house
 - (ii) in a hospital
 - (iii) because he had met with an accident
 - (iv) in a kennel
- (c) 'he stood quivering like 5000 volts' because _____.
 - (i) he had had an electric shock
 - (ii) he could not stand upright
 - (iii) he was absolutely surprised and very glad to see Chuck
 - (iv) his nails had grown long and were hurting him

14. Answer any Four of the following questions. (30-40 words each)

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- (a) Gaston was indeed a clever businessman. Explain.
- (b) What is the message given by the brook?
- (c) In the poem, Lord Ullin's Daughter, how does the poet build the atmosphere of doom ?
- (d) Why were Triveni's novels very popular in north Karnataka ?
- (e) What happened when Hooper with his guests on October 12th 1957 ?

- 15.** You are Jeanne. You are very keen to buy the villa but Gaston is determined not to give you money to buy it. But, surprisingly only after a short duration of time, Gaston changes his mind and agrees to buy the villa immediately. As Jeanne, write a diary entry on your husband's sudden change in decision.

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OR

You are Lord Ullin. You are greatly grieved by the loss your daughter and wonder what it would have been if you had not been rigid about following the traditions of your clan. Write a letter to your friend on how you were the cause of this tragedy.

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