

901107 - C1

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 given passage carefully :

The Great Wall of China is said to be one structure built by man on earth which would be visible to observers on the moon. It covers a distance of 1,500 miles as the crow flies. From the Liaotung Peninsula westward to the last fortress in Central Asia, it crosses the northern province of China.

In the eastern section, its height varies from 15-30 feet and its width from about 25 feet at the bottom to 15 feet at the top, where there is a pathway wide enough for six horsemen to ride side by side protected by parapets. When the wall was first built, it had about 25,000 towers each 40 feet square and 40 feet high projecting from it every few hundred yards, with holes from which the defenders could shoot at attackers. There are also many watch-towers on the enemy side, outside the wall on hilltops or passes. These and the towers of the wall were used for signalling with smoke or flags by day and with fire at night.

The great Emperor Shih Haung Ti joined three earlier frontier walls to form a great wall to act as a boundary between China and the north, and keep out the feared nomads of the Mongolian Steppes. The wall was designed to strengthen the nation's defences. Later it became in Ming times, a substitute for a strong army and state.

Read the passage and answer the questions by selecting the most appropriate option from the ones given below :

1. The Great wall of China is so great that :
 - (a) it is indeed great
 - (b) it can be seen from above
 - (c) one can not think of it
 - (d) it can be seen from the moon
2. The Great wall is so wide that :
 - (a) six horse-men could ride side by side
 - (b) eight horses can run side by side
 - (c) one can drive motors on it
 - (d) its height is equal to its width
3. The wall is like a fortress from which one can :
 - (a) kill the enemy.
 - (b) shoot those attacking it.
 - (c) see the enemy downside.
 - (d) see the enemy's position.

4. Emperor Shih Haung Ti got it constructed to :
(a) keep the country safe from attackers
(b) act as a boundary
(c) to protect the country from icy winds
(d) to keep the wandering tribes off
5. 'Visible' means :
(a) that can be protected
(b) that is visual
(c) that can be seen
(d) that can be observed

2. Read the poem carefully :

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ON HIS BLINDNESS

When I consider how my light is spent
Ere half my days, in this dark world and wide
And that one talent, which is death to hide
Lodged with me useless, though my soul more bent
To serve herewith my Maker and present
My true account, lest He, returning, chide;
Doth God exact day - labour, light denied ?
I fondly ask : but patience, to prevent
That murmur, soon replies, God doth not need
Either man's work or His own gifts; who best
Bear his mild yoke, they serve Him best; His state
Is kingly His thousand at His bidding speed,
And post o'er land and ocean without rest;
They also serve who only stand and wait.

Read the questions given below and write the option the most appropriate in your answer sheet :

1. 'Light is spent' means :
(a) the poet has lost his vision
(b) the poet has lost his patience
(c) the poet has lost his ability to think
(d) the poet has lost his creativity
2. God does not need :
(a) any offerings
(b) any flowers
(c) any answer
(d) either man's work or his own gifts

3. 'bear the suffering' is the meaning of :
- (a) soul more bent.
 - (b) returning chide
 - (c) light denied
 - (d) bear this mild yoke
4. They also serve who :
- (a) only stand and wait
 - (b) ask fondly
 - (c) serve therewith
 - (d) bear his mild yoke
5. The word 'chide' means :
- (a) to ask
 - (b) to murmur
 - (c) to scold
 - (d) to order

3. Read the passage carefully :

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Water is one of the most important natural resources. With the rising population there has been an increasing pressure on this earth's resource. Scarcity of water has been felt throughout the country. Efforts have been made to collect water by building dams. Wells have also been dug to create ground water structure. But that is not enough. Wise conservation of water is needed. One of the most popular ways of conservation is rain water harvesting. It means collecting rain water on the roofs of buildings and storing it underground for later use. This method can also raise the level of underground and increase water supply. Water from kitchens and bathrooms is collected and cleaned. It can then be used for purposes other than drinking.

Read the questions given below and then answer the questions selecting from the options which you consider the most appropriate :

1. What efforts have been made for the collection of water ?
- (a) dams have been built
 - (b) wells have been dug
 - (c) rain water is being harvested
 - (d) (a) and (b)
2. Increasing pressure on water resource is :
- (a) rise in population
 - (b) melting of glaciers
 - (c) wastage of water
 - (d) more wells have been dug

3. Two methods for conservation of water are :
 - (a) rain water harvesting and waste water harvesting
 - (b) improving the ground water level
 - (c) maintaining the public water supply
 - (d) digging more wells and building more dams
4. Advantage of rainwater harvesting is :
 - (a) it is easy
 - (b) it is simple
 - (c) it raises the level of ground water
 - (d) it saves money
5. The word 'gather' in the passage means :
 - (a) raise
 - (b) scarcity
 - (c) store
 - (d) collect

4. Read the passage carefully :

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SAVE THE GIRL CHILD

Female Foeticide is a blot on society welcome that Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's call to start a mass movement against female foeticide is, it is also an indicator how serious the problem has become. It must be extremely painful for the Prime Minister to know that his home state is almost at the top of those where this inhuman practice is still on. Some of the villages are very well identified and yet precious little is done about it. The Prime Minister is also right in admitting that legislation can just do so much in the matter. What is necessary is that such a murder of a girl child should evoke revulsion in society. Isn't it strange that community panchayats that issue irrational diktats on sundry issues tend to overlook this abominable practice ?

Over the years, laws have been made stricter and the punishment too is more stringent now. But since many people manage to evade punishment, others too feel inclined to take the risk. Just look at the way sex determination tests go on despite a stiff ban on them. Only if the message goes out loud and clear that nobody who dares to snuff out the life of a female foetus would escape gallows would the practice end. Not all parents kill their daughters because they hate them. Many are forced to take the extreme step only because they know it from experience that if she survives her life will be worse than death. To that extent, all family members and relatives who give second grade treatment to a girl and everyone who demands dowry are encouraging foeticide. Once the parents are certain that their girl child would not have to undergo untold miseries all her life, most of them if not all would refrain from killing the flesh and blood of their own. After all, this must be an impossible thing to do for a majority of them.

Answer the following questions by selecting the most appropriate option from the ones given below :

1. People indulge in this abominable practice because :
 - (a) the punishment is not rigorous
 - (b) many people evade punishment
 - (c) there is no mass movement
 - (d) both (a) and (b)
2. Any - one who dares to snuff life out of female foetus :
 - (a) should be sent to gallows
 - (b) should be punished
 - (c) should be tried
 - (d) should be handled by the Panchayat
3. The female foeticide is being encouraged by :
 - (a) the sex determination clinics
 - (b) the panchayats
 - (c) the doctors
 - (d) those who demand dowry
4. The parents of the girl child want to be certain :
 - (a) the panchayats will not interfere
 - (b) the culprits will be punished
 - (c) the sex determination clinics will be closed
 - (d) that their girl child will not have to undergo untold miseries.
5. The word 'revulsion' in the passage means :
 - (a) sundry
 - (b) killing
 - (c) attack
 - (d) diversion to another part esp. by counter irritation

SECTION B
(Writing - 20 Marks)

5. **Given below is a profile of Mr. Deepak Gupta. Write a short bio-sketch of Mr. Deepak Gupta with the help of given hints in 80 words.** 4

Age : 40 years
Height /weight : 165 cms, 75 kg, pleasing personality
Family : Two daughters, studying in college, wife - teacher.
Hobbies : Singing, listening old film songs
Profession : Teaches English in College
Likes/dislikes : Reading good books, discharges his duties sincerely specialises in extra curricular activities
- hates - mean natured persons liars, cheats.
Prominence : Co-operative, sociable, benevolent, large-hearted.

6. You are the member of the Environment club of your school. You visited a few places of historical interest. You realized that it is the need of the hour to protect our environment. Write a letter to the Editor of a leading newspaper to create awareness among the people in about 120 words. 8

7. Ramesh, a student of ABC Public School, went on trekking during his NCC camp in Himachal Pradesh. He made the following notes in his diary. Using these notes, together with your own in the unit 'Adventure'. Write a brief description for Ramesh about his trekking experience in about 150 words. 8

Base camp at Raison in Manikaran Hot water springs - trekking from Raison to Jana-
virgin greenery, Beas river bank- walk thrilling - reached Pinni via Bringta bridge -
water tumultous and horrifying - crossed dense forests and hills - a ghost like place -
required a rare courage to cross - saw rare birds - nature in full glory - fascinating -
reached Manikaran Hot Springs - rare scenes still fresh.

SECTION C
(Grammar - 20 Marks)

8. **Read the dialogue given below and complete the blanks by choosing the most appropriate option.** 1x4=4

Mother : Rahul, where did you go around noon

Rahul : Mom, I was with Sanjay at his house

Mother : You should have told of it. I was greatly worried

Rahul : I am sorry, mom. I shall do so in future.

1. Mother asked her son Rahul _____ noon.
 - (a) where he had gone around
 - (b) where had he gone around
 - (c) where did he go around
 - (d) where he had been gone
2. Rahul replied that _____.
 - (a) he was with Sanjay
 - (b) he had been with Sanjay
 - (c) he have been with Sanjay
 - (d) he has been with Sanjay
3. Mother asked him that _____ as she was greatly worried :
 - (a) you should have told of that
 - (b) he should not have told of it
 - (c) he should have told of that
 - (d) he should not have told of that
4. Rahul regretted it and said _____ future :
 - (a) he could do so
 - (b) he must do so
 - (c) he shall do so
 - (d) he would do so

9. The following passage has not been edited. The incorrect word is underlined. Choose the most appropriate option. Inactivity is the greatest cause of overweight

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- A. These days. People physical activity
 - B. Had decreased these days. The main reason
 - C. Is there are many labour saving devices.
 - D. They doesn't want to walk on foot.
 - E. They spend enough time sitting and
 - F. Watch television. Their excess weight
 - G. Make them sick and they have to spend
 - H. Money in medicines.
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| (A) (i) people's | (ii) peopled | (iii) pupil | (iv) pupil's |
| (B) (i) have | (ii) is | (iii) has | (iv) was |
| (C) (i) being | (ii) was | (iii) were | (iv) had |
| (D) (i) didn't | (ii) weren't | (iii) don't | (iv) hadn't |
| (E) (i) many | (ii) more | (iii) most | (iv) little |
| (F) (i) watched | (ii) watching | (iii) have watched | (iv) had watched |
| (G) (i) maked | (ii) making | (iii) makes | (iv) made |
| (H) (i) into | (ii) with | (iii) from | (iv) on |

10. Rearrange and rewrite these words/ phrases in the correct order to form meaningful sentences : 1x4=4

- (1) no parallel/ discipline/ of any kind / has
- (2) go together/ duties/ should/ discipline/and rights
- (3) equally important/ should be/ treated/ for a/ they/satisfying life.
- (4) the other/ or ignored/ very bad/ it will/ if one/ prove/ overlaps

11. Complete the headlines by choosing the most appropriate option : 1x4=4

1. Rain diseases kill over two dozen.
About two dozen people _____ in the remote villages of north-western Kalikot district due to rain diseases.
(a) had died (b) died (c) were dead (d) have died
2. Violence in Orissa - one killed in firing :
According to reports, a person _____ in firing during the violence in Orissa last week.
(a) killed (b) is killed (c) was killed (d) has been killed
3. Tatas order enquiry into the DTC bus fires.
The Tata Motor Company which supplied low-floor buses to the capital _____ enquiry into the DTC bus fires :
(a) had ordered (b) is to order (c) will order (d) has ordered
4. Man dies in Jail.
A man who was arrested yesterday for kidnapping ____ in jail allegedly due to beating.
(a) died (b) was dead (c) had died (d) is dead

12. Complete the given dialogue by choosing the most appropriate option from the ones given : 1x4=4

- Raman : (i) _____ ?
Mohan : No friend, it is neither cricket nor hockey. Now I am fond of tennis.
Raman : What a surprise ! (ii) _____ ?
Mohan : Yes, I have joined a Tennis Academy
Raman : I play cricket and (iii) _____.
Mohan : That is a great achievement
Raman : I have been selected (iv) _____.
Mohan : Great !
- (i) (a) Which game do you play hockey or cricket
(b) Which game did you play hockey or cricket
(c) Which game you play hockey or cricket
(d) Which game you played hockey or cricket

- (ii) (a) did you get any coaching
- (b) do you get some coaching
- (c) do you got some coaching
- (d) do you getting some coaching
- (iii) (a) had been selected at state level
- (b) will be selected at state level
- (c) will have been selected at state level
- (d) have been selected at state level
- (iv) (a) but am getting training
- (b) but was getting training
- (c) but had been getting training
- (d) but will get training

SECTION D

(Literature - 20 Marks)

13. Read the extracts and answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate option. Attempt any two. 2x3=6

- (a) Alone she cuts and binds the grain,
And sings a melancholy strain,
O Listen! for the vale profound
Is overflowing with the sound.
- (1) What is she doing ?
 - (a) singing and dancing
 - (b) reaping and dancing
 - (c) cutting, binding, singing
 - (d) walking and singing
- (2) 'vale profound' the phrase expresses :
 - (a) overflowing
 - (b) to listen
 - (c) deep valley
 - (d) strain
- (3) 'A melancholy strain' means :
 - (a) vibrant song
 - (b) a sad song
 - (c) a sweet song
 - (d) way of reaping

- (b) Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveller, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth.
- (1) The poet is standing :
- at a crossing
 - at a crossing in autumn season
 - where two roads cross
 - in a forest
- (2) He sees before him :
- a yellow forest and roads
 - two roads crossing
 - a dense forest
 - two roads diverging in a forest
- (3) His desire at this moment is to :
- cross the road
 - travel further
 - travel on both the roads
 - see the forest
- (c) In 1953, Hooper was a favoured young man. A big genuine grin civilized his highly competitive nature.
- (1) By stating 'Hooper was a favoured young man', the author means that :
- Hooper was a successful person
 - he was the favourite of all
 - he was the answer to all problems
 - he could rise higher
- (2) By the word civilized, the author wants :
- to say that before that Hooper was uncivilized
 - to say that he had no sense
 - to create humour by suggesting his earlier roughness
 - to laugh at Hooper
- (3) Hooper had been working as a/an :
- sales manager
 - area sales manager
 - zone sales manager
 - assistant sales manager

14. Answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each. 2x4=8

- (a) Duke was an extraordinary dog. What special qualities does he exhibit to justify this. Discuss.
- (b) What did the grandmother do to express her gratitude ?
- (c) The brook appears to be a Symbol of Life. Compare it with the life.
- (d) Why was the chieftain of Ulva in a hurry ? Who tried to help him ?
- (e) Who is better in business Juliette or Gaston ? why ?

15. Imagine that you are Lord Ullin. You bemoan and lament the tragic loss of your lovely daughter and curse yourself for having opposed her alliance with the chieftain. Express your feelings in a letter to your friend. 6

OR

You are Sudha Murthy. Write a letter to your friend telling her how and why you taught your grandmother to read.

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