

901114 - C1

Class - IX

ENGLISH
(Communicative)

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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. You may attempt any section at a time
3. All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order

SECTION - A
(Reading - 20 Marks)

1. Read the given passage carefully.

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El Nino

There was a time when people looked heavenward and prayed, "Ye Gods, give us rain, keep the drought away." Today, there are those who pray, "Give us rain, drive El Nino away." El Nino and its atmospheric equivalent, called the Southern Oscillation, are together referred to as ENSO (El Nino / Southern Oscillation), and are household words today. Meteorologists recognise it as often being responsible for natural disasters worldwide.

El Nino is a weather event restricted to certain tropical shores, especially the Peruvian coast. The event has diametrically opposite impacts on the land and the sea. The Peruvian shore is a desert. But every few years, an unusually warm ocean current, El Nino, warms up the normally cold surface waters off the Peruvian coast, causing heavy rains in the early half of the year.

And then, almost miraculously, the desert is matted green. Crops like cotton, coconuts and bananas grow on the otherwise stubbornly barren land. These are the Peruvian's "*anos de abundancia*", or years of abundance. This current has come to be termed as "El Nino" or the Christ Child, because it usually appears as an enhancement of a mildly warm current that normally occurs here around every Christmas. But this boon on land is accompanied by oceanic disasters. Normally, the waters off the South American coast are among the most productive in the world, because of constant upwelling of nutrient rich cold waters from the ocean depths. El Nino stirs up only the surface water without touching the depths of the ocean. This interferes with food production and disturbs the food chain. Many marine species, including anchovies temporarily disappear.

This is just one damning effect of El Nino. Over the years its full impact has been studied, and what the Peruvians once regarded as manna, is now seen as a major threat.

On the basis of your reading of the passage, above answer the following questions by ticking the correct options.

- (1) El Nino affects climate conditions _____ .
- (a) in Peru
 - (b) off the coast of Peru
 - (c) in South America
 - (d) world wide

- (2) El Nino is unwelcome as it _____ .
 (a) causes droughts (b) leads to heavy rain
 (c) causes natural disasters (d) creates deserts
- (3) El Nino is called Christ Child as it _____ .
 (a) occurs around Christmas (b) comes as a blessing
 (c) helps vegetation (d) quenches thirst
- (4) El Nino disturbs the food chain because _____ .
 (a) it causes rain (b) it leads to drought
 (c) vegetation flourishes (d) species of flora / fauna disappear
- (5) Antonym for 'abundance' is _____ .
 (a) plenty (b) luxury (c) wealthy (d) scarcity

2. Read the passage given below carefully.

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Upliftment of Women

In the last four decades, there has been a very significant rise in the number of lower middle and middle class women who seek employment to supplement their household income. While there is little doubt that women from the lower ranks of society have always had to work in the fields or in petty jobs to sustain themselves and their families, there were strong objections and a marked reluctance among the middle classes to allow women to step out of the house to earn a living. Their basic role continued to be gender-based, as daughters, wives and mothers. Much has changed since Independence.

Education, greater opportunities for acquiring diverse skills, growing urbanisation, rise in cost of living and growing aspiration for a better standard of living are among the many factors that have led to a continual rise in the number of women who seek a job, whether in the home or outside. In the process, erstwhile prejudices and barriers about women entering certain professions are breaking down.

On the basis of your reading of the passage, above answer the following questions by ticking the correct options.

- (1) Over the past few years the number of _____ women has increased.
 (a) educated (b) working
 (c) independent (d) modern
- (2) Not many middle-class women worked earlier because :
 (a) they did not like to work. (b) of aggresssion in society.
 (c) the families objected. (d) they had limited needs.

- (3) Women moved out to work :
- for financial reasons.
 - because of feminist movement.
 - because of growing awareness.
 - to prove themeless.
- (4) Because women have started working, the _____ against them is decreasing.
- discrimination
 - crime
 - disrespect
 - impudence
- (5) The antonym for 'reluctance' is :
- hesitation
 - desire
 - passion
 - keenness

3. Read the passage given below carefully.

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- (1) For Urvashi Narain, shopping at her local Indian market in Rockville, Maryland offers a taste of home beyond the food. "It's very Indian. You feel like you're back in Delhi," she says. "It's badly organized, but it's chock full of stuff in a tiny space. The people working there are very sweet and friendly. And they try to make you feel like you're getting special Indian discounts," she says with a wink.
- (2) Narain shops for spices that are difficult to find at the typical American supermarket. "We also buy *parathas*, frozen foods, *bhelpuri* mix—lots of savory things from India that we love to get—things that I don't have time to make myself. Or knowledge," she laughs. She buys her *golgappas* to try and recreate the typical Delhi *chaat* house experience. "Of course, it's not the same," she admits. "But you have to settle."
- (3) Step into any of these shops and experience the familiar smell of ripening mangoes and asafetida, the soft sound of two aunties chatting in Hindi, rows and rows of rice, spices and chutneys, and a wall of Bollywood DVDs featuring posters of Shah Rukh Khan. It all comes together to create a pocket of India that feels like home for the South Asian community. Colourful signs adorn shop windows, advertising services and classes that appeal to the typical customer: an Asian beauty salon offering eyebrow threading, an upcoming classical Indian music performance, a lecture by an Indian guru and yoga classes.

Read the questions given below and write the option you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet.

- (1) By saying that shopping in the Indian store is 'a taste of home beyond food', Urvashi means that :
- the experience is like being away from India.
 - the experience is like eating Indian food.
 - the experience of shopping makes her miss India.
 - none of the above.

- (2) In the first paragraph Urvashi winks to show that :
 - (i) the discounts are not popular.
 - (ii) the shops give great discounts.
 - (iii) the shops say that they give discounts but one cannot be sure.
 - (iv) all the above.
- (3) When Urvashi says that she doesn't have knowledge, she means :
 - (i) she doesn't know how to cook Indian savouries.
 - (ii) she has not gone to school.
 - (iii) she doesn't understand English.
 - (iv) she doesn't know how to make golgappas.
- (4) When Urvashi says that "But you have to settle.", she means that
 - (i) they are not ready to adjust.
 - (ii) they have to adjust because they have little choice.
 - (iii) they don't miss India.
 - (iv) all the above.
- (5) Indian people feel at home in this shop because of :
 - (i) Hindi being spoken and the Bollywood posters.
 - (ii) sight of jars full of rice.
 - (iii) smell of the spices and ripening mangoes.
 - (iv) all the above.

4. Read the passage given below carefully.

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If you like hiking or motor biking, the quaint little town of Lachung (loosely translated as 'small mountain') nestled among the snow-capped peaks of the middle Himalayas might just be the perfect choices.

Located at the confluence of the rivers Lachung and Lachen (both tributaries of the Teesta), Lachung was described as the most picturesque village of Sikkim by British explorer Joseph Hooker. It lies about 125 km from Gangtok, Sikkim's capital, and shares a border with China.

"Lachung is so untouched that when my husband and I went there last year, it looked almost unreal," says Pragati Bhate, a Mumbai-based trekking enthusiast. A mere 25 km from the town is the Yumthang Valley home to the Shingba Rhododendron Sanctuary that has over 24 species of rhododendron, the state flower.

The best way to get to Lachung is to take a train or fly to Gangtok and then hire a cab to take you to the village. Keep in mind that accommodation facilities are basic – there are only three hotels, a few bed-and-breakfasts and a lone resort.

Read the questions given below and write the option you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet.

- (1) Lachung is a good place for people who love _____.

(i) driving and swimming	(ii) motor biking and diving
(iii) hiking and biking	(iv) hiking and swimming
- (2) Lachung is situated in _____.

(i) Gangtok	(ii) Nepal
(iii) China	(iv) Sikkim

- (3) Yumthang Valley is famous for its _____ .
 (i) wine (ii) scenery
 (iii) Rhododendron Sanctuary (iv) colourful flowers
- (4) We know that Lachung is not very well known because _____ .
 (i) there are very few tourists
 (ii) there are very few places to stay in
 (iii) the place is unspoiled by pollution
 (iv) all of the above
- (5) The word 'confluence' means _____ .
 (i) diverging (ii) coming together
 (iii) passing by (iv) pouring out from

SECTION - B

(Writing - 20 Marks)

5. Rajat often buys food from vendors outside the school. As the school nurse you have often stopped him from doing so. Today Rajat has reported sick with stomach pain and vomiting. Write a dialogue between you and Rajat asking him for his symptoms, whether he has eaten anything from outside and advising him about precautions he must take. Do not exceed 100 words. 4
6. On a visit to the United States of America on a students' exchange programme, you are staying with an American family. Write an e-mail to your mother telling her how life in the US is different from life in India. (You could refer to differences in culture, eating habits, school, and lifestyle.) Do not exceed 150 words. 8
7. Recently you read in the newspaper an incident in which the children tried to imitate the stunts shown on television and embraced death. You have decided to write an article on the hazards of television watching for kids. Using ideas from the Unit **Childhood** of your Main Course Book, the visual given below and your own ideas, write an article for a national daily in not more than 200 words. 8



SECTION - C
(Grammar - 20 Marks)

8. In the passage given below, some words are missing. Choose the correct word from the given option to complete the passage meaningfully. $\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$

Muhammad Ali (a) _____ in 1942 in Louisville, Kentucky. His parents named him Cassius Marcellus Clay, Jr. (b) _____ a Kentucky statesman who (c) _____ against slavery in (d) _____ the 1800s.

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|-------------------|-----------------|
| (a) (i) born | (ii) was born |
| (iii) is born | (iv) were born |
| (b) (i) behind | (ii) on |
| (iii) after | (iv) with |
| (c) (i) fought | (ii) has fought |
| (iii) is fighting | (iv) had fought |
| (d) (i) the | (ii) some |
| (iii) an | (iv) a |

9. Edit the following news item by choosing the appropriate word from the given options. $\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$

When high tidal waves (a) hits the Indian coastline (b) a last time before December 26th 2004, they (c) were not calling 'tsunami' waves as they are now (d) said.

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| (a) (i) hit | (ii) are hitting |
| (iii) is hitting | (iv) were hitting |
| (b) (i) one | (ii) this |
| (iii) the | (iv) once |
| (c) (i) are not called | (ii) were not called |
| (iii) was not called | (iv) not being called |
| (d) (i) told | (ii) telling |
| (iii) called | (iv) known |

10. Complete the news reports by choosing the correct answer from the options below. $1 \times 4 = 4$
- (A) **Cop Crushed to Death.**

_____ by an unidentified vehicle on Mahatma Gandhi Road on Sunday evening.

- (i) A Delhi police sub inspector is crushed
- (ii) A Delhi police sub inspector crushed
- (iii) A Delhi police sub inspecror was crushed
- (iv) A Delhi police sub inspector had been crushed

(B) **'Ravan' bags many prizes.**

Mani Ratnam directed film 'Ravan' _____ .

- (i) has bagged many prizes
- (ii) was going to bag many prizes
- (iii) could bag many prizes
- (iv) had bagged many prizes

(C) **Emergency Landing.**

An Air India flight carrying 350 passengers _____ at the Indira Gandhi International Airport yesterday.

- (i) have made an emergency
- (ii) made an emergency landing
- (iii) will made an emergency landing
- (iv) did made an emergency landing

(D) **Nepal to consider reinstating royals.**

Nepal _____ who were ousted earlier.

- (i) could consider of reinstaling
- (ii) will consider of reinstaling royals
- (iii) has considered of reinstaling
- (iv) had considered of reinstaling

11. **Read the conversation below. Complete the report that follows with suitable expressions on the basis of the conversation.**

1x4=4

Amrita : We are going on a trip to Shimla next week. Why don't you come with us ?

Raveena : It is not possible for me to join you on this trip.

Amrita : Why ?

Raveena : My aunt is coming from the U.S.A.

Amrita informed her friend Raveena (a) _____ and invited her to come along.

Raveena replied that (b) _____. When Amrita asked (c) _____ Raveena replied that (d) _____

- (a)
 - (i) we are going on a trip to Shimla next week
 - (ii) they were going on a trip to Shimla the following week
 - (iii) they would be going on a trip to Shimla the next week
 - (iv) she was going on a trip to Shimla the following week
- (b)
 - (i) it was not possible for me to join you on that trip.
 - (ii) it is not possible for her to join them on this trip.
 - (iii) it was not possible for her to join her on this trip.
 - (iv) it was not possible for her to join them on that trip

- (c) (i) her the reason for not joining them
- (ii) her why she is not joining them
- (iii) her that why she is not coming
- (iv) her the reason why is she not coming.
- (d) (i) my aunt is coming from the U.S.A.
- (ii) her aunt is coming from the U.S.A.
- (iii) her aunt was coming from the U.S.A.
- (iv) my aunt will be coming from the U.S.A.

12. Study the given notes and complete the paragraph that follows by filling up the spaces. 1x4=4

Mount Abu/popular hill retreat/legend says/named -- Abu, son of Himalayas / picturesque summer resort / popular centre for pilgrimage / Dilwara temples / dedicated to Jain saints / attract the whole world / famous

Mount Abu is one of the (a) _____ India. Legend has it that it (b) _____. It is (c) _____ but also a popular centre for pilgrimage. The Dilwara temples, (d) _____, are a world - famous attraction.

- (a) (i) popular hill retreats of
- (ii) popular as a hill retreat of
- (iii) popular as a hill retreat in
- (iv) popular with the hill retreats of
- (b) (i) is named on Abu, the son of the Himalayas
- (ii) was named after Abu, son of Himalayas
- (iii) is named after Abu, the son of the Himalayas
- (iv) is named on Abu, son of Himalayas
- (c) (i) a picturesque summer resort
- (ii) not only a picturesque summer resort
- (iii) called as a picturesque summer resort
- (iv) known as a picturesque summer resort
- (d) (i) are dedicated to the Jain saints
- (ii) which are being dedicated to the Jain saints
- (iii) who are dedicated to the Jain saints
- (iv) which are dedicated to the Jain saints

SECTION - D

(Literature - 20 Marks)

13. Read the extracts and answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate option.

3x2=6

(A) *With many a curve my banks I fret*

By many a field and fallow,

And many a fairy foreland set

With willow - weed and mallow.

(a) 'With many a curve my banks I fret'. The poet means :

- (i) the brook follows a curving course.
- (ii) the brook makes an angry sound as it overflows its banks.
- (iii) the brook erodes the banks by constantly striking against them.
- (iv) the brook flows fast near the banks.

(b) The land referred to here is the _____ .

- (i) land that is fertile and cultivated
- (ii) land that has been left uncultivated to regain its fertility.
- (iii) land that is fertile and also land that has become infertile.
- (iv) land that is fertile and can be cultivated

(c) The movement of the brook at this stage is _____ .

- (i) gentle and winding
- (ii) fast and powerful
- (iii) meandering and slow
- (iv) stealthy and slippery

(B) *Oh, if I could become a Greta Garbo!*

(a) Greta Garbo is a _____ .

- (i) Hollywood actress from Sweden
- (ii) very rich business woman
- (iii) French actress who is at Joinville
- (iv) Swedish actress who belongs to Hollywood.

(b) The maid mentions her name since _____ .

- (i) she tries to copy Greta Garbo
- (ii) she feels she is as talented as her.
- (iii) she wants to become as famous as her.
- (iv) she feels she is better-looking than her.

- (c) Her tone when she says this is _____ .
- (i) sarcastic
 - (ii) admiring
 - (iii) envious
 - (iv) flattering
- (C) *'My grandmother never went to school, so she could not read'*
- (a) The grandmother wanted to learn how to read because :
- (i) she wanted to read the story again and again.
 - (ii) her granddaughter was going away.
 - (iii) she did not want to depend upon anyone to read to her.
 - (iv) her granddaughter did not want to read to her.
- (b) The grandmother knew the details of the story published in her favourite magazine because :
- (i) she had been taught to read by her granddaughter.
 - (ii) her granddaughter used to read it out to her.
 - (iii) the village women used to read it out to her.
 - (iv) her children would read it out to her.
- (c) The grandmother ultimately learnt to read and write. She was helped by :
- (i) her daughter-in-law.
 - (ii) her friends.
 - (iii) her grand-daughter.
 - (iv) her neighbours.

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

- (a) How does the narrator bring out the beauty of the song of the solitary reaper ?
- (b) Why does the narrator decide to choose the path that was less travelled upon ?
- (c) Why had the grandmother never been sent to school ?
- (d) Mention two outstanding qualities of Chuck Hooper with examples from the lesson.
- (e) What sort of relationship could exist between Juliette and the maid ? Justify your answer.

15. Answer any one of the following.

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You are Marcy. Based on your experience with Duke, write an article for a local magazine on dogs being man's best friend.

OR

You are Lord Ullin. Write a letter to your friend telling him how you lost your daughter.

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