

**901115 - A1**

**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.**

BPOs have often been faulted for the lack of women in their senior managerial positions. "Communication and self-expression are the key challenges that women working in the BPO sector face today. These problems arise from lack of confidence," says the CEO of a blog for women who work in BPOs.

Not all BPO women are considered to be confident and on par with their male colleagues. Women at the senior level may be very confident but lower rung employees have a long way to go. Another interesting angle to the debate on female self expression is the number of women from small towns and conservative backgrounds who are new to the BPO culture. What awaits them at the industry is a complete cross cultural dilemma - a new work culture pressure of deadline and never experienced before graveyard shifts. Such dilemmas tend to worsen when self expression is *curtailed* or not encouraged. Employers do not present the full picture of the industry to prospective candidates. All is not rosy at the hiring stage. No employer comes forward to tell the flip side of the story. "Life has taken a turn since I started blogging. I hardly get time to talk to friends or family members because of work pressure. But my blog helps me express my thoughts and feelings to so many people who are facing problems similar to mine," says a BPO employee.

The sector wants more women to join. The companies, especially, are looking at women for the stability factor. The current man - woman ratio in the BPO sector is 63 : 31 and the number of women is set to rise. So the blog is a platform that women can use to express their concerns.

**On the basis of your reading of the above passage, choose the correct option from the ones given. Write the correct option in your answer sheet.**

- (a) The BPO's are often criticized\_\_\_\_\_ .
- (i) for communication and self expression
  - (ii) for the lack of women in their senior managerial positions
  - (iii) for the poor financial status
  - (iv) for the lack of man power
- (b) According to the CEO of a blog, all women are not fit for BPO's because \_\_\_\_\_.
- (i) they are not confident and on par with their male colleagues
  - (ii) they find it very difficult to manage with the men folk
  - (iii) they come from conservative backgrounds
  - (iv) they don't have graveyard shifts
- (c) Two problems faced by small town women are\_\_\_\_\_ .
- (i) self expression and poor background
  - (ii) a new work culture and never experienced before graveyard shifts
  - (iii) poor communication and living standard
  - (iv) big towns and conservative backgrounds

- (d) The word '*curtailed*' means\_\_\_\_\_ .
- (i) increased
  - (ii) lessen
  - (iii) encouraged
  - (iv) enlarged
- (e) One of the advantages of '*blogging*' is that\_\_\_\_\_ .
- (i) it helps in the expression of better feelings for everyone
  - (ii) it gives time to talk to friends
  - (iii) it helps in the expression of thoughts and feelings to so many people
  - (iv) it gives an opportunity to become net friendly

2. Read the following poem carefully.

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### I DREAM A WORLD

I dream a world where man  
Will scorn no other :  
Where love will bless the earth  
And peace will adorn its path.  
I dream a world where all  
Will know sweet freedom's way  
Where greed no longer rules the soul  
Nor hatred and spite blurs our way.  
A world I dream where black or white  
Whatever race you may be,  
Will share whatever Earth has to give  
And every man is free.  
Where grief will hang its head  
And, joy – like a pearl  
Attends the need of all mankind

**On the basis of your reading of the above poem, choose the correct option from the ones given. Write the correct option in your answer sheet.**

- (a) In the poet's dream world, there is no place for\_\_\_\_\_ .
- (i) contempt and discrimination
  - (ii) love and tenderness
  - (iii) peace and harmony
  - (iv) freedom and joy
- (b) The expression "*Where greed no longer rules the soul*" means\_\_\_\_\_ .
- (i) in this world people are greedy
  - (ii) a place where people are not guided by personal greed but by love and compassion
  - (iii) the soul is guided by man's greed
  - (iv) the soul is set free

- (c) The word '*adorn*' in the above passage can be replaced by \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (i) garnish
  - (ii) enhance
  - (iii) beautify
  - (iv) ornamental
- (d) ..... '*world where*' is an example of \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (i) metaphor
  - (ii) imagery
  - (iii) allusion
  - (iv) alliteration
- (e) The tone of the poet in the poem is of \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (i) optimism
  - (ii) regret
  - (iii) happiness
  - (iv) sorrow

**3. Read the passage carefully.**

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Popeye couldn't live without it, chefs never tire of thinking up new recipes with it, and generations grew up with parents exhorting them to eat it. Now the humble spinach is in the news for a different reason : to add muscle to batteries, U.S. researchers are said to have successfully harnessed the energy that plants use to convert sunlight into energy with the help of chlorophyll.

Since theoretically any green plant could have been used, scientists must have picked the ubiquitous spinach for its high chlorophyll content and ready availability. The idea of the linking biologically produced molecules with applied electronic circuitry is not new. Scientists have produced electricity from photosynthesis in earlier experiments. Even Photocatalysts (that produce hydrogen energy) have been developed by using the ability of green algae to photosynthesise water and sunlight. But the problem was sustaining the electrical current for more than a few hours. The latest effort seems to have produced a current that lasted for weeks. It wouldn't be surprising if the technology soon powers everything from cell phones to all kinds of portable electronic devices, much the same way vegetable oils may soon step in as alternative fuels.

Jojoba oil, a common ingredient in cosmetics, for instance, has been found to be a viable alternative for diesel fuel. Even the waste you flush down the toilets could one day power lights, as scientists showed recently by developing an electricity generator fuelled by sewage.

**On the basis of your reading of the above passage, choose the correct option from the ones given. Write the correct option in your answer sheet.**

- (a) Scientists have chosen spinach for research because\_\_\_\_\_.
- (i) it is not very expensive
  - (ii) it has high chlorophyll content and is readily available
  - (iii) it is green in colour
  - (iv) it helps in photosynthesis

- (b) Spinach is better than algae because \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (i) spinach can sustain electrical current for weeks
  - (ii) algae is too much in demand for other experiments
  - (iii) algae cannot convert sunlight into energy
  - (iv) algae can sustain current for few hours
- (c) A commonly used ingredient in cosmetics is \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (i) aloe vera oil
  - (ii) jojoba oil
  - (iii) basil oil
  - (iv) neem oil
- (d) Green algae has the ability to \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (i) multiply rapidly
  - (ii) stay green for a longer period of time
  - (iii) photosynthesise water and sunlight
  - (iv) turn chlorophyll into molecules
- (e) It is quite possible that a new derivative might be used as an alternative fuel, which is \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (i) sunlight
  - (ii) water
  - (iii) vegetable oil
  - (iv) diesel

**4. Read the passage carefully.**

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The British Public has been *quick to embrace Hamilton*. Sales of tickets to the British Grand Prix this year were up by 200 per cent. "I think I am a fairly normal guy," Hamilton says, shrugging off his fame. "I love very much being a family man, not just my immediate family but aunties and uncles and cousins. I spend a lot of time with my brother (Nicolas, who has cerebral palsy). He's my best friend. The qualities I admire in people are politeness, respect for others, loyalty, honesty. I will always put family first, racing second."

"I love making people laugh," he adds, "having fun". It's all about enjoying what you're doing. I love my job. "The biggest challenge is defeating your opponents mentally," he says. "You have to control your mind, even when you have bad days. If I get out of the car and I've had an incident, I go back to my brother and he recharges my batteries and then I can go back out."

Does Hamilton have a weakness ? "The biggest danger is yourself—letting yourself get into trouble, getting involved with the wrong people. I've won every championship I've competed in. I'm one of the youngest drivers. I've won a lot of races and I'm still going."

**On the basis of your reading of the above passage, choose the correct option from the ones given. Write the correct option in your answer sheet.**

- (a) The phrase '*quick to embrace Hamilton*' means \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (i) Hamilton has received lots of fame
  - (ii) people want to hug him
  - (iii) he has been accepted as a public figure in Britain because of his special feat of winning Grand Prix
  - (iv) he is ready to take risks
- (b) When Hamilton says that the biggest challenge is defeating the opponents mentally, he means that \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (i) one should give mental torture to the opponent
  - (ii) one has to be focussed and goal oriented
  - (iii) by understanding the shortcomings of the opponents and then giving a good fight without losing one's cool
  - (iv) give a tough fight
- (c) The line which highlights the optimistic spirit of Hamilton is \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (i) 'I love very much being a family man not just my immediate family but aunties, uncles and cousins.'
  - (ii) 'I'm one of the youngest drivers.'
  - (iii) 'I love making people laugh.'
  - (iv) 'I've won a lot of races and I'm still going.'
- (d) Hamilton's best friend is his brother because \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (i) he has cerebral palsy
  - (ii) when Hamilton has had some incident, his brother motivates him to go ahead in life
  - (iii) he spends lots of time with him
  - (iv) he is younger to him
- (e) Quality/ Qualities that Hamilton possesses in himself are \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (i) normalcy
  - (ii) amicable and professional
  - (iii) a good family man
  - (iv) gentle

**SECTION - B**  
**(Writing - 20 Marks)**

5. Given below is some information about Gary Sobers, the great West Indies cricketer, who is considered to be the greatest all rounder of all times. Use the information to write his biographical sketch in not more than 80 words. 4

<b>Birth</b>	Barbados, West Indies, 1936
<b>Schooling</b>	Bay Street School, Barbados
<b>Cricket career</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ 1952 - played for Barbados</li><li>➤ 1953 - first test appearance</li><li>➤ 1957 - hit 365; not out against Pakistan</li><li>➤ played 93 test matches, 39 times as captain</li><li>➤ test cricket score 8000 runs including 26 centuries, wickets taken 235</li><li>➤ part of West Indies from 1953 - 1974</li></ul>
<b>Honours</b>	Knighted in 1975, considered the greatest cricketing hero in West Indies
<b>Other achievements</b>	published several books on cricket

6. You are Lalit. You happened to visit the National Handicrafts Design Gallery. It was a rare opportunity to experience the sheer variety of Indian craft. Using the information given below and your own ideas, write a letter to the editor of a newspaper about the popularity of Indian handicrafts and the difficulties the artisans have to face. Also suggest the measures to solve their problem. 8
- Indian handicrafts in great demand in the US, Europe and the Gulf countries.
  - Cheap and exquisite work.
  - Rare work - reflects rich culture and heritage of India.
  - Products not given proper publicity.
  - Exploitation by middlemen (buy products at low prices and sell at higher rates).
  - Imparting education.
  - Creating awareness about their rights.
  - Government to intervene

7. Leather goods are still in great demand though the government has banned the killing of wild animals. Taking help from the Unit - Environment and clues given below, write an article for the school magazine on the 'Impact of this Continuing Destructions of Wild Life'. 8

- Great demand of leather goods.
- Government banned the killing of animals.
- Killing animals illegal.
- National parks, wildlife sanctuaries, biosphere reserves to be maintained.
- Animals on the verge of extinction.
- Organizations to protect and conserve wildlife.

**SECTION - C**  
**(Grammar - 20 Marks)**

8. Edit the following passage by choosing the correct option from the options given below. 4

It has long been known to mankind (a) and music has invisible power - the power to calm, to heal, to rouse (b) but to evoke emotions. Good music (c) touch the soul. It (d) is say that music casts a spell on animals like snakes and deer and is also known to bring about a change in human behaviour.

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| (a) (i) that    | (ii) for           |
| (iii) of        | (iv) but           |
| (b) (i) too     | (ii) also          |
| (iii) for       | (iv) and           |
| (c) (i) touched | (ii) has touched   |
| (iii) touches   | (iv) will touch    |
| (d) (i) is said | (ii) had been said |
| (iii) had said  | (iv) was said      |

9. Complete the following passage by choosing the most appropriate option from the ones given below. Write the answer in your answer sheet. 4

According to the mythology recorded (a) \_\_\_\_\_ Rajatarangini, the history of Kashmir (b) \_\_\_\_\_ by Kalhana in the 12<sup>th</sup> century, the Kashmir valley (c) \_\_\_\_\_ when sage Kashaypa drained a lake. It became a centre of Sanskrit scholarship and later (d) \_\_\_\_\_ Buddhist seat of learning.

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| (a) (i) when    | (ii) in     |
| (iii) by        | (iv) of     |
| (b) (i) written | (ii) wrote  |
| (iii) write     | (iv) writes |



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| (c) | (i)   | has been formed | (ii) | had formed |
|     | (iii) | was formed      | (iv) | is formed  |
| (d) | (i)   | a               | (ii) | and        |
|     | (iii) | the             | (iv) | an         |

10. Read the given conversation between two friends who are meeting after a long time. Then complete the following passage in reported speech by choosing the most appropriate option :

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- Mohit : Hello, Shubham. I haven't seen you for ages. Where have you been all these years ?
- Shubham : I was in New Zealand for three years, I had gone there to do Masters in Hotel Management. I just returned a week ago.
- Mohit : Did you have a good time there ?
- Subham : Yes, I did. I finished my masters in two years and then I worked there for a year.
- Mohit : Are you back for good ?
- Shubham : No, I'm here for my sister's wedding. I'll be going back next week.

Mohit met Shubham after three years. After exchanging pleasantries, Mohit asked Shubham (a) \_\_\_\_\_. Shubham replied that he had been in New Zealand pursuing his masters in Hotel Management and said that (b) \_\_\_\_\_. Mohit asked him (c) \_\_\_\_\_. Shubham replied in the affirmative and added that he had finished his Msters in two years and then he had worked there for a year. Mohit was curious to know if (d) \_\_\_\_\_ for good. Shubham negated that and said that he was there for his sister's wedding and would be going back the following week.

- (a) (i) where he had been all those years  
(ii) where had he been all those years  
(iii) that where he had been all those years  
(iv) if he had been there all those years
- (b) (i) that he had just returned a week before  
(ii) he had just returned a week before  
(iii) he had retuned a week before  
(iv) that he had returned just a week ago
- (c) (i) whether he had a good time there  
(ii) that he had a good time there  
(iii) if he has had a good time there  
(iv) if he had a good time there
- (d) (i) he was back  
(ii) he had been back  
(iii) he were back  
(iv) he has been

11. Read the news headlines given below and expand them by choosing the most appropriate option from the ones given below. 4

(a) **SAHAL BECOMES IIT JEE DELHI TOPPER 2010**

14 years old Sahal Kaushik \_\_\_\_\_ Delhi topper 2010.

- (i) has become the IIT JEE
- (ii) will become the IIT JEE
- (iii) had become a IIT JEE
- (iv) became a IIT JEE

(b) **SALIM–SULAIMAN COMPOSE WORLD CUP ANTHEM**

FIFA World Cup 2010 anthem \_\_\_\_\_ by Bollywood composers Salim–Sulaiman in collaboration with South African singers.

- (i) will have been composed
- (ii) have been composed
- (iii) had been composed
- (iv) has been composed

(c) **DTU FORMS TO BE AVAILABLE FROM TODAY**

Delhi Technological University \_\_\_\_\_ to the engineering aspirants from today.

- (i) would make the forms available
- (ii) will make the forms available
- (iii) has made the forms available
- (iv) are making the forms available

(d) **BOMB EXPLOSION - 17 KILLED**

Seventeen people were killed when \_\_\_\_\_ in a supermarket at around 5:30 pm yesterday.

- (i) a bomb exploded
- (ii) a bomb had exploded
- (iii) a bomb has exploded
- (iv) a bomb explosion takes place

12. Rearrange the given words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. 4

**Example:** many Indians/ sandalwood/ to be/ is considered/ sacred by

Sandalwood is considered to be sacred by many Indians.

- (a) medicinal properties/ its fragrance/ for its/ and/ highly/ valued/ is
- (b) in ancient times/ sandal and turmeric/ blemish free skin/ for a/ was used/ a paste of/ by women
- (c) the sandalwood trees/ the purest/ comes from/ renowned sandal oil/ and the/ of Mysore
- (d) the then ruler/ of sandalwood/ in 1792/ of Mysore/ the commercial significance/ Tipu Sultan/ recognized.

**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**

- (1) 'Even today, I cannot forget the worried expression on her face.'
- (a) 'I' in the above line refers to \_\_\_\_\_.  
(i) Triveni  
(ii) the narrator  
(iii) the narrator's grandmother  
(iv) the old lady in the temple
- (b) The speaker is remembering \_\_\_\_\_.  
(i) her childhood days  
(ii) her grandmother's childhood days  
(iii) her grandmother's inability to study in her childhood and her anxiety at not being able to read the latest episode of *Kashi Yatre*  
(iv) her grandmother's inability to discuss the latest episode of *Kashi Yatre* with her friends.
- (c) The speaker consoled 'her' by \_\_\_\_\_.  
(i) understanding and offering help  
(ii) reading the latest episode of *Kashi Yatre*  
(iii) buying the novel *Kashi Yatre* for her  
(iv) promising that she wouldn't leave her alone
- (2) 'O listen ! For the vale profound  
Is overflowing with the sound.'
- (a) Name the poem and poet.  
(i) The Solitary Reaper, William Blake  
(ii) The Solitary Reaper, William Somerset Maugham  
(iii) The Solitary Reaper, William Wordsworth  
(iv) The Solitary Reaper, William Shakespeare
- (b) The phrase '... *'vale profound'* in the above context means \_\_\_\_\_.  
(i) deep valley  
(ii) deep effect  
(iii) whale in the deep waters  
(iv) dense forest
- (c) Whom is the poet addressing to in the above lines ?  
(i) The nightingale.  
(ii) The cuckoo.  
(iii) The travellers.  
(iv) The passers by.

(3) *'Yes but times are hard and business is as bad as it can be.'*

- (a) This line is being addressed to \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (i) Juliette
  - (ii) Gaston
  - (iii) Jeanne
  - (iv) Maid
- (b) What does the speaker mean when she says ... *'but times are hard'* ?
- (i) the time is not appropriate
  - (ii) she is facing a difficult period of her life
  - (iii) she is unable to sell her villa
  - (iv) she is unable to find a maid for her domestic work
- (c) The speaker plans to overcome her hard times by \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (i) hiring a maid
  - (ii) selling off her villa
  - (iii) acting for the cinema
  - (iv) peeling potatoes

14. Answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each.

2x4=8

- (a) What efforts were made by Duke to bring his master Charles back to feet once again ? Give atleast two instances.
- (b) In the poem 'Lord Ullin's Daughter' what change came upon Lord Ullin and why ?
- (c) 'Robert Frost did not feel dejected and disappointed on choosing the second road'. Justify the statement with suitable examples from the poem 'The Road not Taken'.
- (d) What made the grandmother touch the feet of her granddaughter in the lesson 'How I Taught my Grndmother to Read' ?
- (e) What impression do you form of the maiden after having read the poem 'The Solitary Reaper' ?

15. Answer any one of the following.

1x6=6

Like human beings, brook also has different stages of life. Describe its various stages with suitable examples from the poem, *'The Brook'*.

OR

Juliette discovered the treachery played by Gaston only after a week. She decides to share her anguish and sorrow for having been cheated with her friend in the form of a letter. As Juliette, write the letter.

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