

**901115 -C2**

**Class - IX**

**ENGLISH  
(Communicative)**

Maximum Marks : **80**

Time : **3 hours**

Total No. of Pages : **12**

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 :**

**A PAGE FROM MY DIARY**

There are five people at our table, including myself. I've already learnt a great deal about them in the short time we have been at sea, although we rarely meet except at meal times.

First of all, there is Dr. Stone, my favourite, I must confess. He is a man of about sixty five, with grey hair and a humorous face. He gave up his practice a short while ago and is now travelling round the world before he retires to some quiet country village. During the day, he sits on the deck reading or else gazes out to sea through an old fashioned telescope.

Then there is "grandmother". I call her that because I cannot recall her name. In spite of being a grandmother, she looks *remarkably* young, not more than forty five. She is on her way to visit a daughter who emigrated to Australia some years ago. Naturally she is very excited at the thought of seeing her again and her three grand children whom she has never seen.

Then there is a man I do not care for very much, an engineer by the name of Barlo. He has been *on leave* in England and is now returning to his work in Singapore. He seems to be full of energy; he swims or plays tennis, the best part of the day. I have never in my life met a man with such a loud laugh.

The other person who sits at our table is Mrs. Hunt. I have found out hardly anything about her. She is extremely quiet and rarely talks, except to consult the doctor about her children's various ailments. She is on her way to join her husband in India.

**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) Dr. Stone is travelling round the world because \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (i) he likes meeting people
  - (ii) he is having a holiday before he retires
  - (iii) he wants to visit the places he knew in the past
  - (iv) he enjoys travelling abroad
- (b) The writer calls the second person at the table "grandmother" because \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (i) she looks old
  - (ii) she has three grand children
  - (iii) he has not been told her name
  - (iv) he has forgotten her name

- (c) The word '*remarkably*' in the above context means \_\_\_\_\_.  
(i) attractively  
(ii) quite  
(iii) noticeably  
(iv) extraordinarily
- (d) The phrase '*on leave*' means \_\_\_\_\_.  
(i) about to go  
(ii) away from work  
(iii) absent  
(iv) at home
- (e) Dr. Stone \_\_\_\_\_ after he has travelled round the world.  
(i) will start his practice  
(ii) will retire to some country village  
(iii) will serve abroad as a doctor  
(iv) will have grey hair

**2. Read the passage carefully.**

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India lost its first ever woman astronaut in Kalpana Chawla, when the space shuttle Columbia came apart immediately after its re-entry into the earth's atmosphere. Travelling at a speed of 20,000 km/hour. the shuttle exploded 200,000 feet over Texas just fifteen minutes before it was supposed to land. With a shuttle blown to smithereens, the seven astronauts on board met a tragic end. Speculations are being made that the cause of the tragedy was the possible damage to the heat resistant tiles on the left wing of the shuttle. Kalpana Chawla was aptly named - she had imagination in abundance. She dared to dream and dream big.

When she joined engineering, there were only seven girls in the entire engineering college and she was the first girl to go into Aerospace Engineering. She topped the aeronautical course and USA beckoned. In 1984, she did her MS in Aeronautical Engineering from the University of Texas. In 1988, she joined NASA's Research Centre in the area of powered life computational fluid dynamics.

Kalpana had always been a good teacher herself, sponsoring and hosting students on the visits to USA as part of NASA's exchange programme so that the next generation of astronauts would be ready to take over the baton when the time came. In an email message from the space shuttle Columbia, she told students of the Punjab Engineering College, "The path from dreams to success does exist. May you have the vision to find it, the courage to get onto it and the perseverance to follow it". One can only say amen to that ! She never had the premonition of the nightmare to come.

**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 shuttle carrying Kalpana Chawla exploded in mid-air because \_\_\_\_\_.  
(i) a bird had hit the shuttle  
(ii) the heat resistant tiles on the left wing of the shuttle were damaged  
(iii) there was too much of heat in the atmosphere  
(iv) the shuttle had got excessively heated up

- (b) Kalpana Chawla was aptly named because \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (i) she was very thoughtful
  - (ii) she was very helpful
  - (iii) she was very imaginative
  - (iv) she was very ambitious
- (c) She was called by USA because \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (i) she was the first girl to opt for Aerospace Engineering
  - (ii) she had topped the aeronautical course
  - (iii) she was one of the seven girls who had joined the engineering college
  - (iv) she had designed a beautiful science model
- (d) NASA carries out student exchange programme to \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (i) prepare the next generation of astronauts to take over the charge
  - (ii) make the future generations aware of the scientific research carried out by it
  - (iii) enable the foreign students learn something about USA's science programme
  - (iv) prepare them for future risks
- (e) According to Kalpana, the three pre-requisites for success are \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (i) hardwork, creativity and perseverance
  - (ii) vision, courage and perseverance
  - (iii) imagination, courage and vigilance
  - (iv) hardwork, imagination and perseverance

**3. Read the passage carefully.**

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Speech is a great blessing but it can also be a great curse, for while it helps us to make our intentions and desires known to our fellows, it can also, if we use it carelessly, make our attitude completely misunderstood. A *slip of the tongue*, the use of an unusual word, or of an ambiguous word, and so on, may create an enemy where we had hoped to win a friend. Again, different classes of people use different vocabularies, and the ordinary speech of an educated man may strike an uneducated listener as pompous. Unwittingly, we may use a word which bears a different meaning to our listener from what it does to men of our own class. Thus speech is not a gift to use lightly without thought, but one which demands careful handling. Only a fool will express himself alike to all kinds and conditions of men.

**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) Speech can be a curse, because it can \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (i) reveal our intentions
  - (ii) lead to carelessness
  - (iii) create misunderstanding
  - (iv) clear misunderstandings

- (b) The expression 'slip of the tongue' means saying something \_\_\_\_\_.  
(i) wrongly by chance  
(ii) without giving proper thought  
(iii) to hurt another person  
(iv) to cause harm knowingly
- (c) The best way to win a friend is to avoid \_\_\_\_\_.  
(i) ambiguity in speech  
(ii) using extraordinary vocabulary  
(iii) ironical remarks  
(iv) making witty speeches
- (d) While talking to an uneducated person, we should use \_\_\_\_\_.  
(i) polite language  
(ii) simple vocabulary  
(iii) extraordinary vocabulary  
(iv) ornamental language
- (e) If one used the same style of language with everyone, one would sound \_\_\_\_\_.  
(i) foolish  
(ii) boring  
(iii) confident  
(iv) depressing

**4. Read the passage carefully.**

**5**

Why is a square boxing area called a ring? The answer is that the term "ring" was first applied not to the boxing area but to the spectators who formed a ring around the combatants, according to *Brewer's Dictionary of Phrase and Fable*.

Although hand - to - hand combat was probably invented by the first two - year - old boy to discover he had a younger sibling, the first public boxing matches took place in early 18<sup>th</sup> century England. These were bare - knuckled affairs with no time limits, no ropes and no referees. The winner was the last man standing. The ring of *blood thirsty fans* formed an enclosure for the pugilists.

Eventually, as boxers made more money for their efforts, small arenas were built with rings demarcated by wooden barriers or heavy ropes. The current ring, with three or four ropes tied to turnbuckles on corner posts, is the descendant.

Although *sanctioning bodies* mandate the size of boxing rings, professional wrestling has no such requirement. In many venues, the same rings are used for boxing and wrestling. Amateur wrestling is done on mats laid across a floor.

Ironically, the action in amateur wrestling is demarcated by a circle, yet it isn't called a ring. None of this makes sense without the historical perspective. Probably that's why the most common slang term for the ring in professional wrestling is 'the squared circle'.

**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) Boxing in the past took place without \_\_\_\_\_.  
(i) ropes, referees, gloves and time limit  
(ii) referees, ring, ropes and time limit  
(iii) ropes, knuckles, referees and time limit  
(iv) knuckles, ring, gloves and time limit
- (b) The phrase '*blood thirsty fans*' means \_\_\_\_\_.  
(i) diehard fans  
(ii) fans who want the boxers to die  
(iii) fans who are thirsty for the blood of the boxers  
(iv) many fans
- (c) The hidden irony in the action of amateur wrestling is that \_\_\_\_\_.  
(i) amateur wrestling is done on mats  
(ii) the action is defined by a circle, still it isn't called a ring  
(iii) the action is defined by a square still it is called a square circle  
(iv) it doesn't have a historical perspective
- (d) The antonym for *winner* can be \_\_\_\_\_.  
(i) friend  
(ii) opponent  
(iii) loser  
(iv) champion
- (e) The term '*sanctioning bodies*' refers to \_\_\_\_\_.  
(i) the boxers  
(ii) profit making organizations  
(iii) people who are incharge of making rings  
(iv) bodies deciding the rules of the game

(SECTION - B)

Writing - 20 Marks

5. Given below are some details about the physical appearance of a 20 year old Englishman named Frank. Use these to write a short description of Frank in not more than 80 words. 4

Height	middle stature
Built	strong, well - proportioned
Hair	blonde
Forehead	high
Eyes	dark and sunken
Nose	long
Teeth	white and even
Department	neat and tidy

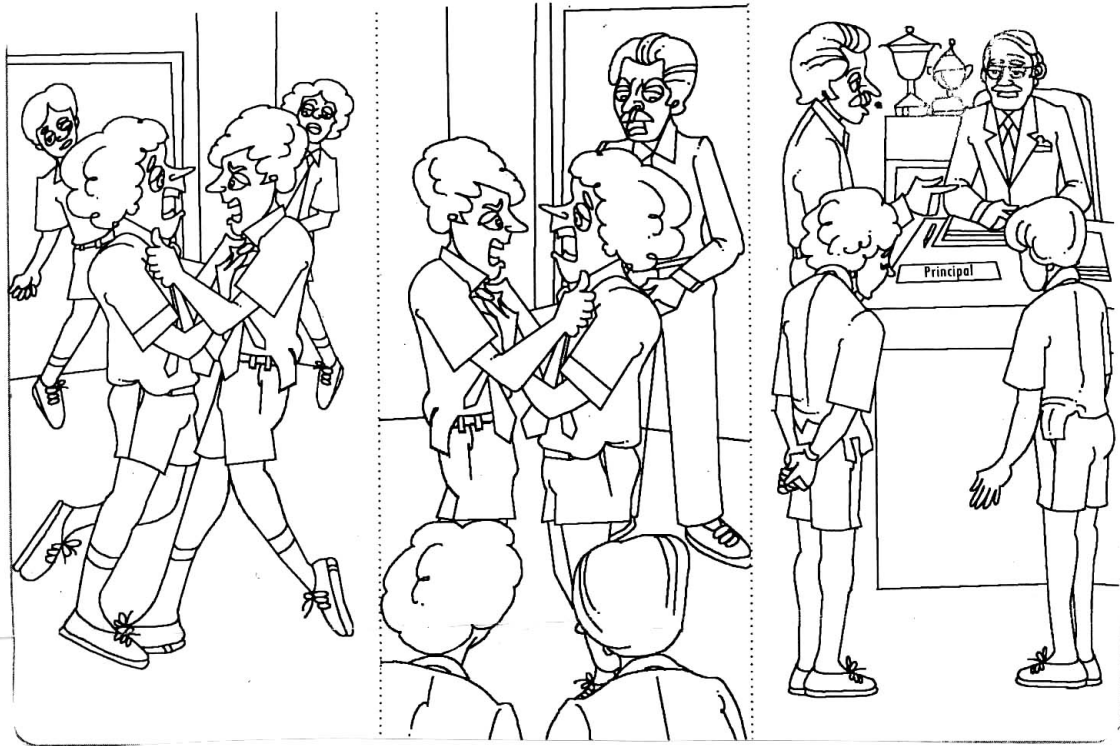
6. Write an email to your friend describing the farewell party given to your favourite teacher who retired from the school recently. You may take help of the clues given. The format of the e-mail is given. 8

Ms Annie - English teacher - served for 30 years - highly qualified - taught using innovative methods - understanding and caring - treated everyone equally - the occasion both sad and nostalgic - touching farewell speech by the principal - everybody got emotional - Ms Anne could barely speak - will be remembered forever

Date :
From :
Subject :
To :
Dear _____
Regards
Name

7. Given below is a picture showing a quarrel between two boys in your school. Narrate the incident describing how the quarrel began, what happened and how it was brought to an end in not more than 150 words.

8



I can clearly recount the day, when the school had to close for summer vacations. During the recess .....

### SECTION - C

(Grammar - 20 Mark)

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

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Wildlife adoption programmes \_\_\_(a)\_\_\_ common in the West but a relatively new trend in India. Here, the conservation movement has fanned out from national parks and sanctuaries and zoos have \_\_\_(b)\_\_\_ conservation centres where endangered species are \_\_\_(c)\_\_\_ in safety. Vijayranjan Singh, executive director of Mysore zoo, \_\_\_(d)\_\_\_ runs the country's most successful endangered species adoption programme, says, "People can choose to sponsor an animal for a period of time. But we have found that 90% of those who adopt an animal keep up their sponsorship."



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|----------------|---------------------|
| (a) (i) are    | (ii) is             |
| (iii) has been | (iv) had been       |
| (b) (i) became | (ii) becomes        |
| (iii) become   | (iv) being becoming |
| (c) (i) breed  | (ii) bred           |
| (iii) bread    | (iv) bleed          |
| (d) (i) who    | (ii) where          |
| (iii) which    | (iv) when           |

**9. Rearrange the given words and phrases to form meaningful sentences.**

**4**

*Example - important / it / to / is / rules / observe / traffic*

It is important to observe traffic rules.

- (a) not / children / below / of / age / the / must / drive / eighteen / years
- (b) protection / our / we / must / helmets / own / wear / for
- (c) must / used / phones / not / mobile / driving / while / be
- (d) efforts / to / making / increase / is / safety / traffic police / roads / on the

**10. Edit the following passage by choosing the correct option from the options given below.**

**4**

Australia is home (a) of some of the world's most breath taking landscapes, fantastic wildlife, rare flora and fauna, both (b) in land and under the sea. The Coast of Victoria (c) is crown with the twelve Apostles. Rising dramatically 45 meters out of the ocean these limestone monoliths were formed (d) in millions of years ago by the erosion of coastal cliffs.

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|--------------------------|------------------|
| (a) (i) to               | (ii) too         |
| (iii) for                | (iv) from        |
| (b) (i) at               | (ii) by          |
| (iii) on                 | (iv) across      |
| (c) (i) are been crowned | (ii) are crowned |
| (iii) have been crowned  | (iv) is crowned  |
| (d) (i) over             | (ii) below       |
| (iii) above              | (iv) after       |

**11. Read the instructions given below for preparing *Rava Dosa*.**

**4**

- Mix two cups of semolina, half cup of rice flour and half cup of curd to make a thin batter
- Add a pinch of asafoetida and salt to it
- Keep the batter aside for at least two hours
- Heat and grease a non - stick flat pan
- Pour a ladle full of the batter evenly on the pan
- Cook till it is crisp and golden
- Roll up and serve hot with *sambhar* and *chutney*

**Complete the paragraph given by choosing the most appropriate option from the ones given below. Write the correct option in your answer sheet.**

Two cups of semolina, half cup of rice flour and half cup of curd were mixed to make a thin batter. To the batter, a pinch of asafoetida and salt (a). The batter (b) for at least two hours. Then, a non-stick pan (c). A ladle full of the batter was poured evenly on the pan. Then the *dosa* (d) and golden. Finally it was rolled up and served hot with *sambhar* and *chutney*

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|-----|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| (a) | (i) were added                   | (ii) was added                          |
|     | (iii) have been added            | (iv) are added                          |
| (b) | (i) were kept aside              | (ii) was kept aside                     |
|     | (iii) are kept aside             | (iv) should be kept aside               |
| (c) | (i) is heated and greased        | (ii) should be heated and greased       |
|     | (iii) was heated and greased     | (iv) has been heated and greased        |
| (d) | (i) was cooked till it was crisp | (ii) is cooked till it was crisp        |
|     | (iii) is cooked till it is crisp | (iv) should be cooked till it was crisp |

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

**(a) RAVI VERMA'S WORK FOR AUCTION**

Two major works of Ravi Verma \_\_\_\_\_ on November 7<sup>th</sup> this year.

- (i) will be put up for auction
- (ii) is to be auctioned
- (iii) was auctioned
- (iv) has been auctioned

**(b) ST STEPHEN'S TO TAKE MORE STUDENTS IN GENERAL CATEGORY**

There \_\_\_\_\_ more general category seats at Delhi University's most sought after college, St. Stephen's this year.

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| (i) may be   | (ii) would be |
| (iii) can be | (iv) will be  |

**(c) STREET VENDORS PROTEST AT TOWN HALL**

An association of street vendors \_\_\_\_\_ at MCD headquarters yesterday.

- (i) were staging a protest
- (ii) have staged a protest
- (iii) staged a protest
- (iv) had been staging a protest

**(d) 25 KILLED IN LTTE ATTACKS**

About twenty five people \_\_\_\_\_ when LTTE attacked a Sri Lankan ship carrying arms yesterday night.

- (i) have being killed
- (ii) were killed
- (iii) are killed
- (iv) killed

**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) *I have decided I want to learn the Kannada alphabet from tomorrow onwards.*

- (a) In the above line 'I' refers to \_\_\_\_\_.  
(i) the narrator  
(ii) the narrator's teacher  
(iii) the narrator's grandmother  
(iv) the narrator's student
- (b) The speaker wanted to learn the Kannada alphabet because \_\_\_\_\_.  
(i) she did not know how to read and write and now she wanted to be independent  
(ii) she knew the language  
(iii) the narrator had requested her to study that  
(iv) the old lady in the temple had insisted that she learnt it
- (c) The above line reflects the speaker's strong \_\_\_\_\_.  
(i) patience  
(ii) determination  
(iii) faith  
(iv) trust

(2) *I slip, I slide, I gloom, I glance  
Among my skimming swallows  
I make the netted sunbeam dance  
Against my sandy shallows*

- (a) \_\_\_\_\_ is the narrator.  
(i) The poet  
(ii) The skimming swallow  
(iii) The brook  
(iv) The hazel cover
- (b) \_\_\_\_\_ is the literary device used in the first line.  
(i) Metaphor  
(ii) Personification  
(iii) Simile  
(iv) Allusion
- (c) The 'netted sunbeam' refers to \_\_\_\_\_.  
(i) a ray of light  
(ii) reflection of the leaves  
(iii) the dancing brook  
(iv) criss - cross pattern formed by sunrays being reflected through the trees

(3) *I ? Made a hundred thousand francs and a carot.*

- (a) \_\_\_\_\_ had made a hundred thousand francs.
- (i) Juliette
  - (ii) Jeanne
  - (iii) Mrs. Al Smith
  - (iv) Gaston
- (b) The speaker had made a hundred thousand francs by \_\_\_\_\_.
- (i) duping and selling off Juliette's villa
  - (ii) selling his villa
  - (iii) giving a cheque to Juliette rather than cash
  - (iv) obliging Juliette
- (c) The prominent character trait of the speaker highlighted through this line is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (i) benevolence
  - (ii) humility
  - (iii) magnanimity
  - (iv) boastfulness

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

2x4=8

- (a) In the poem, '*The Solitary Reaper*', What did the maiden sing of ?
- (b) Why did the lovers elope in the poem '*Lord Ullin's Daughter*' ?
- (c) Which road did Robert Frost choose ? Why ?
- (d) In the lesson, '*How I Taught My Grandmother to Read*' more than anybody else grandmother was interested in knowing about the latest episode of *Kashi Yatre* ? Why was she so much interested in it ?
- (e) What was considered as a befitting tribute to Duke by Chuck ? Why ?

15. Answer any one of the following.

1x6=6

You are Marcy, Chuck Hooper's wife. You have seen your husband working as an active sales manager who has now just been confined to bed after his accident. You are really depressed and worried to see his broad grin fading away. Write your experiences and feelings in the form of a diary entry.

OR

Imagine you are Gaston. After duping Juliette, you become repentant of your action; your conscience pricks you and realization dawns upon you that whatever you did was ethically not right. Expressing your unhappiness and regret, write a diary entry.

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