

901117 - B1

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 Comprehension 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)

1. Read the passage carefully :

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So begins my conversation with my childhood hero-Ruskin Bond. It's Saturday evening at the Cambridge Bookstore in Mussoorie and it's meet Ruskin hour. Word on the street travels afar, and a queue of impatient readers winds its way around Mall Road. Meeting Ruskin is a must in Mussoorie. He's a bit like Santa this evening, sitting on a chair, posing with readers and signing books. He smiles every time, always has something to say—a thank you, an anecdote and that delightful laughter that rumbles in his belly before escaping from his mouth in soft chuckles.

It comes easily and one realizes that he truly enjoys being amongst his readers—young and old, pushy and shy, teenage boys who keep throwing glances his way and finally hunker over. He notices their discomfort and with the confidence of a pro puts them at ease. And then the unanticipated; a hulking man sides up to Ruskin for a photo op. There must be a child coming along and we wait to capture the image. But no, it is only him, he read Ruskin in school he says and holds a book out shyly. There is indeed one more Bond who reduces men to boys, and he isn't fictional!

At the age of 20, he won the John Llewellyn Rhys Prize. The award with its handsome 50 pound payout meant he could buy a one-way ticket to India. Before leaving he recalls a visit to the BBC studio, where a distinguished man passed by him with a short greeting. I was Graham Greene! This helped him decide what kind of writer he wanted to be. He returned to the anonymity of India, where there was "no one to tell" of the prize.

Complete the statement by choosing the correct option given :

- (a) 'Meeting Ruskin is a must in Mussoorie' means
 - (i) It is compulsory to meet Ruskin when in Mussoorie
 - (ii) One would be fined if one didn't meet Ruskin
 - (iii) Your trip to Mussoorie is incomplete without meeting Ruskin
 - (iv) People go to Mussoorie only to meet Ruskin
- (b) Ruskin was like 'Santa' as
 - (i) It was Christmas time
 - (ii) He was distributing gifts
 - (iii) He was bringing cheer to all
 - (iv) He was laughing like Santa
- (c) Ruskin puts young boys at ease like a 'pro' means
 - (i) He is a professional comforter
 - (ii) He knew how to deal with young shy boys
 - (iii) He has the confidence of a professional
 - (iv) His profession is to make boys comfortable

- (d) Graham Green's _____ lifestyle shaped Ruskin's life.
- (i) Unknown
 - (ii) Distinguished
 - (iii) Mysterious
 - (iv) Isolated
- (e) The word 'anonymity' in the passage means :
- (i) Secretive
 - (ii) Secluded
 - (iii) Solitary
 - (iv) Obscure

2. Read the passage/poem carefully :

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Razia, the Tigress

The tigress Razia lives alone,
Her two cubs haven't yet been named
Sheru barely played with them
And now he's gone, o what a shame !

Sheru was an expert on winds,
Knew how they traversed dale and hill
And where they put up for the night
When no leaf stirred and all was still.

(Deer hadn't sniffed that thick and musty
Smell of his which people dubbed
As tiger scent) He got the stag,
His claws fell like against club

On neck and antler both were crushed.
Now Sheru's gone. Not any more
Do people fear his dreaded spoor,
Pug marked on the forest floor.

Grief and fear start competing
In Razia's heart. With Sheru gone,
Will the hyenas hound her cubs ?
Can she leave the little ones alone,

When she goes hunting flesh and bone ?
The tigress Razia lives in fear.
A greater dread, when will again
The poachers with their guns appear ?

Keki N Daruwalla

Complete the statement by choosing the correct option given :

- (a) Sheru hardly played with his cubs as
 - (i) He hated children
 - (ii) Cubs didn't have a name
 - (iii) He went some where
 - (iv) He had became a victim of hunters
- (b) Razia misses Sheru as
 - (i) He knew the jungle
 - (ii) He knew about the winds
 - (iii) He took care of them
 - (iv) He was good at hunting
- (c) People are no longer scared of him as he
 - (i) Has become old
 - (ii) Given up hunting
 - (iii) Was crushed
 - (iv) Is no more
- (d) Identify Razia's feelings in the 5th stanza
 - (i) Regret
 - (ii) Apprehension
 - (iii) Competitive
 - (iv) Grief
- (f) The fear that grips Razia's out on hunt
 - (i) Her cubs would be chased
 - (ii) Her cubs would run away
 - (iii) Hyenas would eat them
 - (iv) The hunters might get her

3. Read the passage/poem carefully :

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Once perceived as a badge of honour, the term "hacker" and the practice of hacking have over the years acquired a taint. It was technologically proficient computer geeks, having excellent problem solving skills, who were called hackers. But today hackers are identified with crimes like financial fraud and identify theft. To counter rampant cyber crimes and put hacking back in its rightful place, computer enthusiasts have taken up the cudgel against malicious attackers and are training themselves in the art of ethical hacking.

Hacking has become a career option for many. Though an unconventional field, professional hacking is now seen as a lucrative option.

The corporate world and government bodies have suddenly realized the importance of cyber security. People now take the threats seriously. Ethical hacking has thus become more professional.

Comprehensive and certified courses are offered across India. Approximately 60000 students have been certified so far. While tech enthusiasts are interested in the positive aspects of hacking, the line between ethical and unethical is still blurred. What could be ethically accepted for one might be infringement of privacy for another. As social networking sites gain popularity digging out someone's information is a piece of cake.

Complete the statement by choosing the correct option given :

- (a) Hacking over the years has acquired a stigma as Hackers are involved :
 - (i) with irregularities
 - (ii) with cyber criminals
 - (iii) with malicious attackers
 - (iv) with unethical behavior
- (b) The need to train in ethical hacking has arisen as :
 - (i) Hackers have lost the respect of tech savvy people
 - (ii) Cyber crime is on the increase
 - (iii) Computer geeks have been sidelined
 - (iv) Hackers have become thieves
- (c) Professional hacking is now seen as a lucrative option as :
 - (i) There is an increase in demand for hackers
 - (ii) It's a new field so money is good
 - (iii) It has become respectable
 - (iv) There are a lot of opportunities
- (d) Ethical hacking has become more professional because :
 - (i) Government bodies are promoting it
 - (ii) Cyber crimes have increased
 - (iii) Cyber threats have become real
 - (iv) In the digitized world securing cyber space is important
- (e) The idiomatic expression , 'a piece of cake' means something is very :
 - (i) difficult
 - (ii) easy
 - (iii) expensive
 - (iv) dangerous

4. Read the passage/ poem carefully :

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This very small bird is found throughout the world. There are many different species of sparrow. There are about fifty different species of sparrows living in North and South America. Sparrows are only about four to six inches in length. Many people appreciate their beautiful song.

Sparrows prefer to build their nests in low places. Their nests are usually built on the ground, clumps of grass, low trees, and low bushes. In cities, they build their nests in building nooks and other holes. They rarely build their nests in high places. Sparrows build their nests out of twigs, grasses, and plant fibers. Their nests are usually small and well-built structures.

Female sparrows lay four to six eggs at a time. The eggs are white with reddish brown spots. The eggs hatch within eleven to fourteen days. Both the male and female parents care for the young. Insects are fed to their young after hatching. Young sparrows are ready to leave the nest eight to ten days after hatching. The large feet of the sparrow are used for scratching seeds. Adult sparrows mainly eat seeds.

Sparrows can be found almost anywhere there are humans. Some species of sparrows prefer to live in deserts, prairies, swamps, marshes, forests and other bushy areas. Some sparrows in northern North America will migrate south in winter, although most stay in one area year-round. The older adult males of the migrating sparrows usually spend their winters near their breeding area. Many people throughout the world enjoy these delightful birds.

Complete the statement by choosing the correct option given :

- (a) The chief food for adult sparrows is _____.
 - (i) seeds
 - (ii) nuts
 - (iii) insects
 - (iv) eggs of other birds
- (b) Sparrows live :
 - (i) throughout the world
 - (ii) wherever there are humans
 - (iii) in cities and in the country
 - (iv) all of the above
- (c) The word species means _____.
 - (i) adult
 - (ii) kinds
 - (iii) nests
 - (iv) foods
- (d) The second paragraph of this passage mainly discusses :
 - (i) where sparrows are found
 - (ii) the diet of the sparrow
 - (iii) the nests of the sparrow
 - (iv) migration of sparrows
- (e) The care of the young sparrows _____.
 - (i) is mainly done by the father
 - (ii) is mainly done by the mother
 - (iii) is shared by both parents
 - (iv) none of these

SECTION-B
(Writing - 20 Marks)

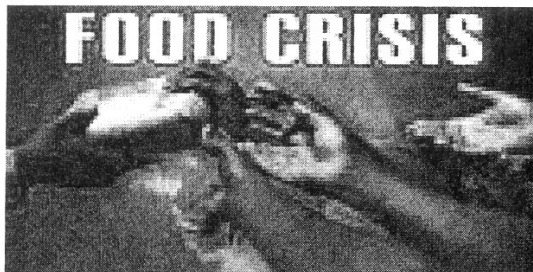
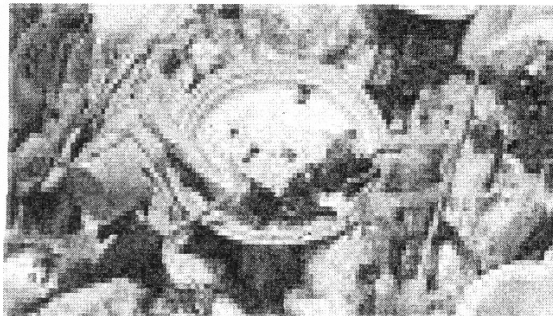
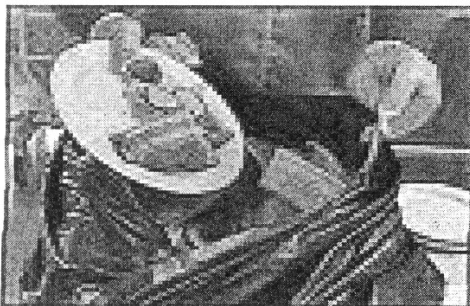
5. Write a bio-sketch of Sarojini Naidu, using the information given below in 80-100 words. 4

February 13, 1879	Born in Hyderabad as Sarojini Chattopadhyay
1892	Passed matriculation at the age of 12
1892 - 98	Sent to England for studies at King's College and then at Girton, met Arthur Simons, a poet and critic, who inspired her to write
September 1898	Returned to India and married Dr. Naidu
1905-1918	Published first collection of poems - 'Golden Threshold' followed by "The Bird of Time", " The Broken Wings", "Feast of Youth", "The Magic Tree", "The Wizard Mask" and "A Treasury of Poems" Her works appreciated by Rabindra Nath Tagore and Jawaharlal Nehru
1916	Met Mahatma Gandhi, directed her energy to the fight for freedom
1925	Chaired summit of Congress
1931	Participated in Round Table Conference
1942	Arrested during Quit India Moment
1947	First woman Governor of Uttar Pradesh in Independent India
March 2, 1949	Passed away

6. You went on a five days camping trip to Rishikesh with your school. Your five days were packed with activities like rock climbing, river crossing, rafting, trekking etc. Your father who is away on business is interested to know about the details about the trip. Send an e-mail, narrating your experience and the most adventurous thing that you did during those five days.

Date :
From :
Subject :
To :
Dear Dad
Yours Name

7. Using the inputs from the pictures given below-wastage of food in some parts of the world and food crises in another part of the world. Write an article for a magazine to be published on World Food Day.



SECTION C
(Grammar - 20 Marks)

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

Research (a) _____ that honey bees have a very strong nose that (b) _____ them smell a lot more than just sweet nectar. A company in Britain has made use of this sense and (c) _____ to train bees (d) _____ bombs and drugs. Soon they will be put to work at the airport as well.

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| (a) (i) showed | (ii) showing |
| (iii) shows | (iv) shown |
| (b) (i) helped | (ii) helps |
| (iii) is helping | (iv) help |
| (c) (i) was managing | (ii) manage |
| (iii) manages | (iv) managed |
| (d) (i) for detecting | (ii) to detecting |
| (iii) in detecting | (iv) at detecting |

9. Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. 4

- (a) wash out/the body/the system/cleansing/helps/water/toxins/the
(b) functioning/the kidneys/healthy /liver/and/this results in/of
(c) digestion/in quick/ constipation /drinking /of/food/as it helps/enough water/prevents
(d) natural/moisturize it/balance/regulates/it also /and/control/skin's

10. Complete the dialogue by choosing from the correct options given below : 4

Kanu : (a) _____ anywhere for the holidays ?

Mother : Well, we (b) _____ on twenty third of the month for Darjeeling and from there will go to Gangtok.

Kanu : How are we travelling ?

Mother : The first part of the journey, we (c) _____ by air and from Darjeeling we will have to go by road and on our way back half the distance (d) _____ in the train and the last leg by air again.

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| (a) (i) Are we going | (ii) We are going |
| (iii) Will we be going | (iv) Were we going |
| (b) (i) will left | (ii) will be leaving |
| (iii) would have left | (iv) will have left |
| (c) (i) will going | (ii) will be go |
| (iii) would be going | (iv) will go |
| (d) (i) can be covered | (ii) will be covering |
| (iii) will cover | (iv) will be covered |

11. In each sentence four words are underlined. One of them is incorrect. Pick out the incorrect words and write them in the answer space against the correct number. 4

- (a) Sunscreen is any substance or material that protects the skin of UV radiation.
(a) _____
- (b) They work in absorbing, reflecting or scattering the sun's rays on the skin.
(b) _____
- (c) Sunscreen should be applied liberally and evenly where as not to miss any exposed skin half an hour before stepping out in the sun. (c) _____
- (d) SPF and Sun Protection Factor is a measure of a sunscreen's ability to prevent UVB from damaging the skin. (d) _____

12. Edit the following passage by correcting the underlined word from the options given below : 4

In developing (a) of critical attitudes for success, we must recognize that there is (b) little freedom in society than ever before and more opportunity (c) to express one's talents and opinions. Winners take the talent or potential they were born (d) to and use it fully towards the purpose that makes them feel worthwhile. In short losers let life happen to them; winners make it happen.

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| (a) | (i) | a | (ii) | the | (iii) | their | (iv) | our |
| (b) | (i) | more | (ii) | many | (iii) | few | (iv) | some |
| (c) | (i) | in | (ii) | for | (iii) | too | (iv) | to |
| (d) | (i) | of | (ii) | in | (iii) | with | (iv) | along |

SECTION-D

(Literature Reader - 20 Marks)

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

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

- (i) Identify the figure of speech in the first two lines :
(a) Metaphor
(b) Imagery
(c) Alliteration
(d) Simile
- (ii) 'the netted sunbeam dance' refers to :
(a) sun rays filtering through the intertwined leaves seem to move with the undulating movement of water
(b) rays of sun dance to the music of water creating a netted effect
(c) shadow of leaves falling on water create a dance like effect
(d) the moving water creates the effect of dancing rays caught in the net

- (iii) The sandy shallows indicate that the brook is :
- On the last leg of her journey
 - Drying up due to heat
 - Filled with sediments
 - Flowing on sandy bed
- (B) *Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;*
- (i) The poet didn't take the first road as :
- It had worn out by continuous use
 - It had been tried and tested
 - It was expected of him
 - It looked shabby
- (ii) The second road had better claim as :
- It had been lying waste
 - It was attractive with green grassy carpet
 - It needed to be explored
 - It was full of surprises
- (iii) The poet's decision to take the other road indicates that he is :
- Adventurous
 - Calculative
 - Opportunist
 - Careful
- (C) *Secretly, Marcy cried as she watched the big man's grin fade away. Severe face lines set in like cement as Chuck stared at the ceiling for hours, then out of the window, then at Duke.*
- (i) Marcy cried secretly because :
- She didn't want Chuck to be upset
 - It was her personal grief
 - She was upset at the turn of events
 - She didn't want to exhibit her feelings
- (ii) Identify the figure of speech from the above lines :
- Metaphor
 - Simile
 - Personification
 - Imagery
- (iii) The big grin was replaced by severe lines because :
- Boredom had set in
 - He was going into depression
 - There was no improvement in his condition
 - He started losing hope

14. Answer ANY FOUR of the following questions (30-40 words each). 2x4=8

- (a) What circumstances forced Sudha Murty to become a teacher at the young age of twelve ?
- (b) Which incident transformed Chuck Hooper from a favoured young man to an unfortunate young man ?
- (c) How do we now that the highland girl was engrossed in her work ?
- (d) What did the Chief of Ulva offer the Ferryman to row then across ?
- (e) Why did Ms. Al Smith want to buy the Villa ?

15. As Chuck you are in receipt of the order from the headquarters, announcing your promotion Write a page in your diary glorifying the role of Duke and how he was instrumental in getting you the Promotion. 6

OR

After finalizing the sale deal of the Villa with Gaston, Juliette is relieved as well as a little sad. She writes to her friend Mary sharing her feelings. Write her letter.

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