

**901117 -B2**

**Class - IX**

**ENGLISH  
(Communicative)**

**Maximum Marks : 80**

**Time : 3 hours**

**Total No. of Pages : 11**

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:**

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 5<sup>th</sup> stanza
  - (i) Regret
  - (ii) Apprehension
  - (iii) Competitive
  - (iv) Grief
- (e) 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

2. Read the passage / poem carefully

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 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 realises 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 sidles 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. It 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

3. 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 reddishbrown 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) Where do 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

**4. 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 side lined
  - (iv) Hacker have become thieves

- (c) Professional hacking is now seen as a lucrative option as
  - (i) There is a 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

### SECTION - B

#### Writing - 20 Marks

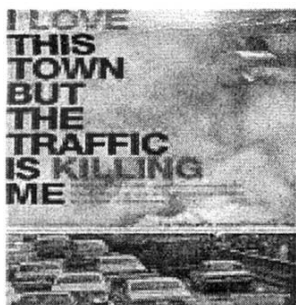
5. Suraj / Sudha has to speak in the class about an interesting person that they met during the holidays. He / She travelled to Chennai in the train and got lot of time to observe the passengers. One of the co-passenger was a very interesting lady, whom she / he remembers very clearly. 4

Build up the description on the broad outline given:

**Approx. Age, build, mannerisms, travelling with lot of luggage, a pet parrot, behavior, great story teller, generous, bought ticket for an elderly man**

6. You are a resident of Maya Puri. Your neighbor, Mr Mehta is in the habit of throwing the garbage in the park facing your lane. You have often warned him about the importance of keeping the public park Clean and Green, yet he continues to exhibit his insensitivity. Write a letter to the Secretary of the colony, how Mr Mehta is a threat to the cleanliness of the colony. 8

7. The rapid increase in number of vehicles results in traffic congestion on the roads. To add to this many public transporters violate the traffic rules. The result is Chaos / confusion on the roads. Write an article for the Newspaper expressing your opinion on the state of traffic, failure to control /check and suggest measures to improve the situation by using the input given below. 8



### SECTION - C

#### Grammar - 20 Marks

8. 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 |

9. 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) \_\_\_\_\_

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 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. 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

12. 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 |

**SECTION - D**  
**(Literature - 20 Marks)**

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

2x3=6

(A) *But Duke wouldn't. He'd lie down with a reproachful eye on Hooper.*

- (i) Duke wouldn't what -
  - (a) Stop barking
  - (b) Stop jumping
  - (c) Obey Hooper
  - (d) Eat his food
- (ii) Duke is angry with Hooper because Hooper
  - (a) wouldn't play with him
  - (b) wouldn't take him out for a walk
  - (c) didn't serve him with interesting food
  - (d) would just stare at the wall
- (iii) Hooper has earned Duke's reproach because he is
  - (a) Not interested in playing
  - (b) Bedridden
  - (c) Bored with Duke's game
  - (d) His wife doesn't like it

(B) And still they row'd amidst the roar  
Of water fast prevailing:  
Lord Ullin reach'd that fatal shore, --  
His wrath was changed to wailing.

- (i) In spite of bad weather 'they' are continuing to row as
  - (a) They have paid the ferryman
  - (b) They are being chased by the horsemen
  - (c) They are not afraid of the storm
  - (d) They have decided to cross the river
- (ii) The shore has been referred as 'fatal' meaning deadly because
  - (a) Lord Ullin reached there ready to kill
  - (b) Storm was roaring loudly
  - (c) Lord Ullin was crying loudly
  - (d) The river was furious with them
- (iii) Lord Ullin's wrath changed to wailing when he -
  - (a) Saw his daughter caught in the storm
  - (b) Discovered that she was half way across the river
  - (c) Found her along with her lover
  - (d) Realized that they had taken his boat

(C) *I knew my student had passed with flying colours.*

- (i) 'my student' refers to
  - (a) Duke
  - (b) Triveni
  - (c) Avva
  - (d) Jeanne
- (ii) The student has passed in
  - (a) Flying
  - (b) Class
  - (c) Exam
  - (d) Life
- (iii) I knew that my student had passed when she
  - (a) Could read on her own
  - (b) Could write on her own
  - (c) Paid the fee
  - (d) Stopped the classes

14. Answer **any four** of the following questions. (30-40 words each)

2x4=8

- (a) Which aspect of the serial Kashi yatra appealed to the grandmother?
- (b) How can we say that Duke was an intelligent dog?
- (c) What does the poet want to convey through the poem, 'The Brook'?
- (d) What dilemma did the speaker face in the poem, 'The Road Not Taken'?
- (e) Why and what did the maid suggest to Juliette?

15. Juliette's maid is witness to the activities that take place in the Villa that day. She is in dilemma whether to tell Juliette how Gaston sold the Villa before buying it or to keep quiet about it as the money has been paid. She writes a page in her diary expressing her feelings, write her diary.

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**OR**

The Brook decides to write the story of its journey from the source to the Philip's farm where it joins the river, describing herself, the path, things it carries along, the places it crosses, how it changes its speed etc. Write its story.

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