

901119 - A1

Class - IX

ENGLISH
(Communicative)

Maximum Marks : **80**

Time : **3 hours**

Total No. of Pages : **14**

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 given passage carefully.

Comparing fitness and walking groups, researchers found that after six months those in the supervised fitness program showed significantly greater reductions in their systolic blood pressure, rating of perceived exertion, the effort measured during submaximal exercise, ventilatory threshold – this is the point at which respiratory changes occur and respiration begins to become increasingly difficult during progressive exercise, and peak VO₂, a measurement of peak oxygen intake.

At the start of the study, volunteers were randomized into the control group, the walking group or the exercise group and all were required to wear a pedometer for the duration of the study to ensure that they stayed within the prescribed number of steps. "We gradually built up the number of steps that the walking group did until they were prescribed 10,000 steps per day to be completed every day of the week.

They actually were able to complete 9221 steps per day or 92 percent of the prescription," says Bell, noting the high adherence rate of the walking group to the target number of steps. "There's something to be said about these types of programmes where people can use a simple device at home, collect their steps throughout the day, and with no travel and little planning involved. People seem quite willing to adhere to that type of exercise when it can be done on their own time."

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

- (a) After six months the findings were :
 - (i) rating of perceived exertion was more in people with fitness programmes.
 - (ii) walking reduced Systolic Blood Pressure.
 - (iii) people who took Fitness programmes exhausted more.
 - (iv) fitness programmes were better in many ways.
- (b) Pedometers were given to both groups to ensure that :
 - (i) they wear them properly.
 - (ii) they stayed within the prescribed number of steps.
 - (iii) they all will feel fit.
 - (iv) they all were required to wear that.
- (c) In the beginning of the research the volunteers were :
 - (i) well organized.
 - (ii) randomly organized.
 - (iii) randomly disorganised.
 - (iv) randomly taken.

- (d) sub-maximal exercise in paragraph 1 means :
- (i) exercise more than maximum.
 - (ii) maximum exercise done by someone.
 - (iii) little less than maximum exercise prescribed.
 - (iv) less than possible exercise.
- (e) By the end of the research it was found that the device was able to :
- (i) tell the exact counting of the number of steps of the volunteers.
 - (ii) encourage the volunteers to exercise when the number of steps were less.
 - (iii) tell them that they have to walk more.
 - (iv) encourage people try to adhere with the type of exercise prescribed to them.

2. Read the given poem carefully.

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EARLY MEMORY

I remember picking up a fistful
of sand, smooth crystals, like hourglass sand
and throwing it into the eyes of a boy. Johnny
or Danny or Kevin—*he* was not important.
I was five and I knew he would cry.

I remember everything about it—
the sandbox in the corner of the room
at Cinderella Day Care ; Ms. Lee,
who ran over after the boy wailed for his mother,
her stern look as the words *No snack* formed on her lips.
My hands with their gritty, half-mooned fingernails
I hid in the pockets of my blue and white dress.
How she found them and uncurled small sandy fists.

There must have been such rage in me, to give such pain
to another person. This afternoon,
I saw a man pull a gold chain off the neck
of a woman as she crossed the street.
She cried out with a sound that bleached me.
I walked on, unable to help,
knowing that fire in childhood
clenched deep in my pockets all the way home.

by January Gill O'Neil

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

- (a) The poet remembers his childhood memories :
 - (i) when he was caught with his sandy hands.
 - (ii) when he uncurled small sandy fists.
 - (iii) when he saw a chain snatching incident.
 - (iv) when he saw Ms. Lee wailed for the child's mother.
- (b) The incident took place :
 - (i) at poet's house.
 - (ii) in the play ground.
 - (iii) at a day care centre.
 - (iv) when a woman crossed the road.
- (c) The stern look of Ms. Lee :
 - (i) had no effect on the poet when he was a child.
 - (ii) was as she might have said "no snack" to the poet.
 - (iii) was to call the mother of the other child.
 - (iv) was to see the sand in the eyes of the other child.
- (d) Find a word with the meaning similar to 'fade' from the poem.
 - (i) uncurled
 - (ii) bleached
 - (iii) half-mooned
 - (iv) clenched
- (e) For the poet the name of the child was not important as :
 - (i) he knew he would cry.
 - (ii) he was only five year old.
 - (iii) he was a mischievous boy.
 - (iv) he knew Ms. Lee would save him.

3. Read the given passage carefully.

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MAPLE SYRUP

On a cloudy, windy and rainy day, Pat began to say how she missed home. "What is so special at home?" asked another friend as we waited for the bus. "Fine weather for Maple syrup," she said.

"Do you have many trees?" I asked. "Sure, plenty." "It must be fun." "Plain hard work, trust me."

"Does it taste like honey?" I asked. "You have never tasted Maple syrup, have you?" she exclaimed in astonishment. I turned shades of red. "I am taking her to taste some maple syrup," she decided pushing me towards the eatery. "Cold days are best for Maple syrup," Pat explained as we walked, "In our farm, metal buckets hang on small drips from trees to collect the sap in winter. The sap looks like water, but tastes sweet."

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

- (a) What was the friend's surprise ?
 - (i) She had never tasted maple syrup.
 - (ii) She had never tasted honey.
 - (iii) She never wanted maple syrup.
 - (iv) She was missing her home.
- (b) Growing maple trees need :
 - (i) cold weather
 - (ii) cloudy day
 - (iii) windy day
 - (iv) hard work
- (c) Pat was missing her home for :
 - (i) maple trees.
 - (ii) honey.
 - (iii) maple syrup.
 - (iv) cloudy, windy and rainy days.
- (d) According to Pat what is the best season for maple syrup ?
 - (i) Windy and rainy day.
 - (ii) Cloudy, windy and rainy day.
 - (iii) Cold days.
 - (iv) Rainy day.
- (e) What is sap ?
 - (i) Juice.
 - (ii) Water.
 - (iii) Milk.
 - (iv) Pulp.

4. Read the given passage carefully.

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Pigeons have been taught to recognize human facial expressions, upsetting long-held beliefs that only humans had evolved the sophisticated nervous system to perform such a feat. In recent experiments at the University of Iowa, eight trained pigeons were shown photographs of people displaying emotions of happiness, anger, surprise, and disgust. The birds learned to distinguish between these expressions. Not only that, but were also able to correctly identify the same expressions on photographs of unfamiliar faces. Their achievement does not suggest, of course, that the pigeons had any idea what the human expressions meant.

Some psychologists have theorized that because of the importance of facial expression to human communication, humans developed special nervous system capable of recognizing subtle expressions. The pigeons cast doubt on that idea, however.

In fact, the ability to recognize facial expressions of emotion is not necessarily innate even in human babies, but may have to be learned in much the same way pigeons learn. In experiments conducted several years ago at the University of Iowa, it was found that pigeons organize images of things into the same logical categories that humans do.

None of this work would come as any surprise to Charles Darwin, who long ago wrote about the community of mental development from animals to humans.

- (a) Which of the following can be inferred about pigeons ?
 - (i) They can show the same emotions humans can.
 - (ii) They can understand human emotions.
 - (iii) They can only identify the expressions of people they are familiar with.
 - (iv) They have more sophisticated nervous systems than was once thought.
- (b) The passage implies that, at birth, human babies :
 - (i) have nervous system capable of recognizing subtle expressions.
 - (ii) can learn from pigeons.
 - (iii) are not able to recognize familiar faces.
 - (iv) may not be able to identify basic emotions through facial expressions.
- (c) Why does the author mention the experiments conducted several years ago at the University of Iowa ?
 - (i) They proved that pigeons were not the only kind of animal with the ability to recognize facial expressions.
 - (ii) They were contradicted by more recent experiments.
 - (iii) They proved that the ability to recognize human expressions was not innate in human babies.
 - (iv) They showed the similarities between the mental organization of pigeons and that of humans.
- (d) If Charles Darwin could have seen the results of this experiment, his most probable response would have been one of :
 - (i) rejection.
 - (ii) surprise.
 - (iii) agreement.
 - (iv) amusement.
- (e) A word similar to “fine or delicate therefore hard to detect or describe” is :
 - (i) recognize.
 - (ii) subtle.
 - (iii) upsetting.
 - (iv) sophisticated.

SECTION - B
(Writing - 20 Marks)

5. Use the notes given below and write a short bio sketch of Dr. Naresh Trehan :

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Dr. Naresh Trehan

Birth : August 12, 1946.

1977 : M.B.B.S.- K.G. Medical College Lucknow, U.P, India.

1977 : Diplomat, American Board of Surgery, U.S.A.

1979 : Diplomate, American Board of Cardiothoracic Surgery U.S.A.

After completing training- held important academic and clinical positions at the New York.

1988 : Returned to India – started Escorts Heart Institute and Research Centre successfully performed over 48,000 open heart surgeries.

1991 : Personal surgeon to the President of India.

2007 : Dream project – Medanta – The Medicity, a 1500 bed hospital – 45 operating theatres – over 20 super – specialties.

He is giving post doctoral training of international standard to 30 surgeons at a point of time. The training is of 3 years duration. Over 20 surgeons have already been trained so far.

HONOURS

1991 : PADMASHRI AWARD by President of India.

2001 : PADMA BHUSHAN AWARD by President of India.

2005 : Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award conferred by President of India, Dr. B.C. Roy National Award.

Indian surgeon, medical administrator

Founder, executive director and chief cardiovascular surgeon of Escorts Heart Institute and Research Centre (EHIRC) , which opened in New Delhi, India in 1988.

As chairman of Global Health Private Ltd., Dr. Trehan is overseeing the building of an integrated health care facility in Gurgaon, India, currently referred to as Medicity.

Married to Madhu Trehan , a veteran Indian journalist, sister of Aroon Purie, the founder of *India Today*, recently authored a book, *Tehelka as Metaphor*.

Awards : Padma Shri and Padma Bhushan.

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

The larvae of a species of fly _____(a)_____ the Waitomo Caves of New Zealand famous. The larvae cling to the roof and let down sticky strands _____(b)_____ glow in the dark. Tiny insects attracted by the light, come _____(c)_____ and get stuck on the threads. The larvae haul up the strands and eat the insects. Each larva may let _____(d)_____ as many as seventy strands. This makes the caves glow with an eerie light. Visitors to the caves are warned not to make noise as even the slightest sound causes the larvae to 'switch off' and the caves are plunged into darkness.

- (a) (i) has made
(ii) made
(iii) have made
(iv) has been made
- (b) (i) who
(ii) they
(iii) which
(iv) what
- (c) (i) investigated
(ii) to investigate
(iii) investigates
(iv) Investigating
- (d) (i) up
(ii) them
(iii) down
(iv) away

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

The minarets of 'Siddi Bashir's mosque in Ahmedabad _____(a)_____. They're 20 metres high and each minaret _____(b)_____ three storeys with carved stone balconies. The amazing thing about these minarets which are joined to each other by a flat terrace is that when the top portion of one minaret _____(c)_____, the vibrations travel to the second minaret and that one too _____(d)_____ back and forth.

- (a) (i) were unique
(ii) is unique
(iii) are unique
(iv) was unique

- (b) (i) had
- (ii) has
- (iii) have
- (iv) had been
- (c) (i) is shaken
- (ii) shakes
- (iii) shook
- (iv) shaken
- (d) (i) starts swaying
- (ii) started swaying
- (iii) started swaying
- (iv) start swaying

10. Read the following conversation carefully and complete the following passage by choosing the most appropriate option. 4

Ruby : Raj, how is your knee today ? Is it still giving trouble ?

Raj : No. It feels a lot better today. I went to the doctor , and he told me it was only a pulled ligament. I should be fine for Saturday's game.

Ruby : Great. But why don't you take it easy today ? May be just practice throwing. Don't do any running.

Raj : OK.

Ruby asked Raj ____ (a) _____. If it was still giving him trouble . Raj replied that ____ (b) _____. He had gone to the doctor, and ____ (c) _____ that it was only a pulled Ligament,. He ____ (d) _____ for Saturday's game. Ruby then suggested him to take easy that day. Might be just practicing throwing. She also reminded him not to do any running.

- (a) (i) how is his knee today
- (ii) how his knee was that day
- (iii) how is his knee that day
- (iv) how was your knee that day
- (b) (i) it feels a lot better that day
- (ii) it feel a lot better that day
- (iii) it felt a lot better that today
- (iv) it felt a lot better that day
- (c) (i) he has told him
- (ii) he had told him
- (iii) he had told me
- (iv) he have told him

- (d) (i) will be fine
- (ii) would be fine
- (iii) would have been fine
- (iv) could be fine

11. Complete the Report by choosing the correct answer from the options given below. 4

- (a) NEPAL ON HIGH ALERT AS MAOISTS REFUSES TO BUDGE.
Kathmandu, May 20—Security forces in Nepal _____ in view of possible violence on May 29 when opposition Maoists will declare the country's new constitution from streets.
- (i) has been put on high alert
 - (ii) been put on high alert
 - (iii) have been put on high alert
 - (iv) put on high alert
- (b) AUSTRALIA, UK FIRST NATIONS TO CONDEMN N. KOREA OVER CHEONAN SINKING.
Melbourne, May 20 (ANI) : Australia and the United Kingdom _____ the first Western nations to condemn North Korea for sinking the South Korean warship "Cheonan" on march 26 this year.
- (i) are
 - (ii) had been
 - (iii) were
 - (iv) have become
- (c) NEPAL WITNESSES INDUSTRIAL DOWNFALL DUE TO MAOIST INSURGENCY.
ANI—Tue, May 18. The Maoist insurgency in Marchwar district of Nepal _____ to huge industrial losses, as both industrialists and workers are facing problems because of the recent shutdown called by Maoists.
- (i) has led
 - (ii) have led
 - (iii) led
 - (iv) lead
- (d) AIRPLANE WITH 38 PASSENGERS CRASHES IN AFGHANISTAN.
Mon, May 17. A local Pamir Airways plane with 38 passengers and five crew on board, including some foreigners, _____ in Afghanistan on Monday, the interior ministry said.
- (i) crashed
 - (ii) has been crashed
 - (iii) has crashed
 - (iv) crashes

12. NASA PREPARES TO BOMB MOON TO FIND WATER

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Thu, Oct 8.

After Chandrayan's discovery of water on moon, NASA ____ (a) ____ to gauge the exact quantity of water on moon.

For this operation, a Centaur spacecraft ____ (b) ____ from the orbiting LCROSS craft is scheduled to make a direct vertical impact on the moon on October 9.

This two tonne, used non- explosive rocket ____ (c) ____ of the moon. This is expected to create a huge plume of dust, which ____ (d) ____ for water by different instruments including the Thermoteknix camera, which will follow the Centaur down four minutes later.

- (a) (i) has got ready
(ii) is getting ready
(iii) being ready
(iv) is ready
- (b) (i) is launched
(ii) has launched
(iii) launched
(iv) had launched
- (c) (i) to bomb the surface
(ii) will bomb the surface
(iii) will be bombing the surface
(iv) will have bombed the surface
- (d) (i) will have been analysed
(ii) will analysed
(iii) will be analysed
(iv) will analyse

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

(A) I steal by lawns and grassy plots,
I slide by hazel covers
I move the sweet forget-me-nots
That grow for happy lovers.

(1) 'I steal' means :

- (a) by this time the brook's flow is silent.
(b) the brook steals its flow.
(c) the stealing nature is revealed by the brook.
(d) the brook explains its nature.

- (2) 'forget-me-nots' are :
- (a) flowers.
 - (b) leaves.
 - (c) bushes.
 - (d) orchids.
- (3) According to the poet, lovers generally like :
- (a) rose flower.
 - (b) any kind of flower.
 - (c) marigold flower.
 - (d) forget-me-nots.

(B) No nightingale did ever chant
 More welcome notes to weary bands
 Of Travellers in some shady haunt.
 Among Arabian Sands
 A voice so thrilling ne'er was heard
 In spring – time from the cuckoo – bird.
 Breaking the silence of the seas
 Among the farthest Hebrides.

- (1) According to the poet, Nightingales sing :
- (a) to welcome the travellers.
 - (b) to please themselves.
 - (c) to welcome the tired travellers.
 - (d) to get relief from their own pains.
- (2) The nightingales sing :
- (a) in spring season in desert of Arabia.
 - (b) in autumn season in deserts.
 - (c) in spring season in deserts of Thar.
 - (d) in spring season in deserts of Egypt.
- (3) The effect of the voice of the cuckoo bird is :
- (a) that it refreshes the tired travellers.
 - (b) that it is spread everywhere.
 - (c) that it seems to welcome travellers.
 - (d) breaks the seas' silence.

(C) Copies are not always good. We could only imitate you and imitations are no better than parodies. We are so different . Think of it

- (1) The speaker of these lines is :
- (a) Mrs. Al Smith.
 - (b) Gaston.
 - (c) Juliette.
 - (d) Jeanne.

- (2) 'We are so different' means :
- (a) Europeans go to America to earn money and Americans come to Europe to spend it.
 - (b) the speaker is European and the other Russian.
 - (c) both of them are different in their outlook.
 - (d) both of them are contrast to each other.
- (3) The speaker outwits the other in :
- (a) selling the Villa for two thousand francs.
 - (b) selling the Villa which does not belong to him.
 - (c) buying the Villa for two thousand francs only.
 - (d) taking the little picture as a souvenir.

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

2x4=8

- (a) According to the poem 'The Road Not Taken', what Robert Frost would tell after a period of time ? Why ?
- (b) What was the dilemma of the lady in the poem ' Lord Ullin's Daughter' ? What choice does she finally make ?
- (c) Do you think the grandmother was really impressed or influenced by the Kannada writer Triveni ? Why or why not ?
- (d) How did Charles feel when he came back home after being discharged from hospital ?
- (e) Why is Gaston not interested in buying the villa in the beginning ?

15. As Hooper write a letter to your friend telling him how you met with an accident and how Duke helped you to come out of the situation.

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OR

As Gaston write a diary entry how you managed to earn profit of 100 thousand francs.

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