

901119 - A2

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)

1. Read the given passage carefully:

5

The Tree Beaters

In ancient Sanskrit literature there are many references to young maidens kicking the Ashoka tree to make it flower. But in fact the kick can be administered by anyone. The method seems to work, though nobody really knows why ? Some say the kick interrupts the flow of water upwards, triggering a defense mechanism which causes the tree to flower. In Western countries people beat their walnut trees to encourage them to bear fruit. It is believed that a good beating ensures a good crop of walnuts. Like the Ashoka, the walnut too is a tall tree. Perhaps all tall trees benefit from a sound beating occasionally.

In a parts of Uttar Pradesh they resort to another stratagem to get mango trees to flower.

If a tree has not given fruit in a particular year, the owner, accompanied by three or four friends, walks menacingly towards it with an axe and loudly announces his intention of cutting down the tree. His friends persuade him not to do so. When he has gone they berate the tree for not giving fruit and advise it to give plenty of fruit the next time if it wants to live.

The method is said to give good results.

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

- (a) In ancient times young maidens used to kick:
 - (i) Ashoka tree
 - (ii) Walnut tree
 - (iii) Ashoka flowers
 - (iv) Walnut flowers
- (b) In Uttar Pradesh mango trees are caused to flower:
 - (i) by kicking and cursing
 - (ii) by cutting down the tree.
 - (iii) by warnings and beating
 - (iv) by scolding and advising
- (c) According to some:
 - (i) Kicking provides good flow
 - (ii) Kicking interrupts the flow
 - (iii) Kicking triggers the flow
 - (iv) Kicking defends flow

- (d) The Ashoka is
(i) a tall tree
(ii) a short tree
(iii) a non flowering tree
(iv) a useless tree
- (e) The word 'stratagem' means
(i) remedy
(ii) trick
(iii) kick
(iv) ritual

2. Read the given poem carefully :

5

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 poets 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:

5

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 sub maximal 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 in 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 disorganized
 - (iv) randomly taken
- (d) Sub maximal exercise in para 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.

4. Read the given passage carefully:

5

Saalumarada Thimakka

The row of 284 banyan trees in Hulikal, 70 km from Bangalore owe their existence to Thimakka, a 70 years old illiterate woman.

Fifty years ago, when Thimakka found out that she could not have children, she was extremely unhappy. She decided to grow trees in the hope that she would conceive, Banyan saplings were easily available and so Thimakka began growing them. Thus even though she did not give birth to a child, tending to her saplings lovingly and watching them mature into trees gave her immense joy and satisfaction.

Thimakka's labour of love did not go unnoticed. She has been showered with awards, both by the Karnataka State Government as well as by the Central Government and is lovingly referred to as Saalumarada Thimakka (the one who planted a row of trees).

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

- (a) What did Thimakka find fifty years ago ?
 - (i) she could not find banyan seeds easily
 - (ii) she could not have children
 - (iii) she could not read
 - (iv) she could not write
- (b) 284 banyans were planted by :
 - (i) Karnataka State Government
 - (ii) Central Government
 - (iii) Hulikal
 - (iv) Thimakka
- (c) Tending to her saplings lovingly and watching them mature into trees gave her :
 - (i) immense joy
 - (ii) satisfaction.
 - (iii) immense joy and satisfaction.
 - (iv) love
- (d) Saalumarada means :
 - (i) old illiterate woman
 - (ii) the one who loves trees
 - (iii) the one who planted a row of trees
 - (iv) the one who could not give birth to a child
- (e) She decided to grow trees in the hope that :
 - (i) she would tend the saplings.
 - (ii) she would be showered with awards.
 - (iii) she would conceive.
 - (iv) she would watch them mature into trees.

SECTION - B
(WRITING -20 Marks)

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

4

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 :** Diplomat, 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 Center (**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 Medi City.

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

6. You came to know through a common acquaintance that your cousin, who lives in another city, drives motorbike rashly as he has recently learnt some stunts. Show your concern for his safety and write an E - Mail to him requesting to stop this practice immediately as it is fatal. Also give him some tips for road safety. The format of E-Mail is given.

7. Write an article on 'The Forest Fire'. Use the information given below and your own.

SECTION - C

(GRAMMAR - 20 Marks)

4

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

A despotic Sultan who was blind in one eye invited three artists to paint his picture.

"If you do a bad portrait, I will punish you," he warned, "but if you do a good one I will reward you . Now start!"

The first artist (a)_____ as he was: blind in one eye. The Sultan (b) _____ disrespect to his monarch. The second artist showed him with both eyes intact. The sultan (c)_____ flatter him. The third artist (d) _____ only his good eye. The sultan, pleased, rewarded him with gold and honours.

- (a) (i) produced a picture that shows the Sultan
(ii) produces a picture that showed the Sultan
(iii) produced a picture that showed the Sultan
(iv) produced the picture that showed the Sultan
- (b) (i) had him executed for showing
(ii) was had him execute for showing
(iii) had him executed to showing
(iv) had him been executed for showing
- (c) (i) had him flogg for trying to
(ii) had him flogged for try to
(iii) had him flogged for to try
(iv) had him flogged for trying to
- (d) (i) draw him in profile, showing
(ii) drew him in profile, to showing
(iii) drew him by profile, showing
(iv) drew him in profile, showing

9. **Edit the following passage by choosing the correct option from the option 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) shaked
- (d) (i) starts swaying
(ii) starting 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 that (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 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) TERRORISM, NUCLEAR SECURITY TO BE A PRIORITY IN TALKS WITH
INDIA : CLINTON

Washington, June 3 (ANI): United States Secretary of State Hillary Clinton on Thursday said in an opening statement, ahead of the first U.S - India strategic dialogue, that terrorism and nuclear security _____ during the deliberations.

- (i) will be a priority consideration
- (ii) would be a priority consideration
- (iii) would a priority consideration
- (iv) will have been be a priority consideration

- (b) BBC 'SUSPENDS DJ FOR QUEEN'S DEATH JOKE'
Wed, May 19

A BBC radio DJ has been suspended for joking during a live broadcast that a Spokesperson said.

- (i) Queen Elizabeth II has died,
- (ii) Queen Elizabeth II is died,
- (iii) Queen Elizabeth II had died,
- (iv) Queen Elizabeth II was dead,

- (C) REHABILITATION OF TAMILS, PRIORITY FOR SRI LANKA'S GOVT: PEIRIS

Tehran, May 17(ANI) : Speaking on the sidelines of the G15 Summit in Tehran on Sunday SriLanka's Foreign Minister G L Peiris maintained, the rehabilitation of Tamil civilians displaced by the civil war in the country _____.

- (i) remained a top priority for his government
- (ii) remains a top priority for his government
- (iii) remain a top priority for his government
- (iv) will remain a top priority for his government

(D) FOUR DRUG TRAFFICKERS HANGED IN IRAN

Tehran, June 3 (DPA) four convicted _____ Thursday in central Iran, Fars news agency reported.

- (i) drug traffickers are hanged
- (ii) drug traffickers were hanged
- (iii) drug traffickers will be hanged
- (iv) drug traffickers are to be hanged

12. BANK OFFICIAL, AGENT HELD IN Rs. 1.11 CRORE SCAM

4

Thu, Jun 3 05:05 PM

Dehra Dun, Jun 3 (PTI) CBI (a) _____ including a senior manager of Bank of Baroda for allegedly sanctioning housing loans worth Rs 1.11 crore on the basis of fake documents in Haldwani town of Nainital district. Senior Bank Manger N C Arya and his agent friend Sher Singh Nayal (b) _____ yesterday after CBI found the charges against the duo correct during investigations, CBI sources said here. Arya and Nayal (c) _____ in the main branch of the bank in Haldwani town in 2007 and later sanctioned housing loans to them worth Rs 1.11 crore enclosing fake documents with their application. The scam (d) _____ the account holders repaid their instalment.

- (a)
 - (i) had arrested two persons
 - (ii) has arrested two persons
 - (iii) has been arrested two persons
 - (iv) have arrested two persons
- (b)
 - (i) have been arrested
 - (ii) had been arrested
 - (iii) were arrested
 - (iv) made arrested
- (c)
 - (i) had opened 10 accounts with fake identity
 - (ii) have opened 10 accounts with fake identity
 - (iii) had open 10 accounts with fake identity
 - (iv) opened 10 accounts with fake identity
- (d)
 - (i) come to light when none of
 - (ii) came to light when one of
 - (iii) had come to light when none of
 - (iv) has come to light when none of

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) By thirty hills I hurry down,
Or slip between the ridges,
By twenty thorpes, a little town,
And half a hundred bridges.
- (1) How does the brook flow through the hills ?
(i) It runs
(ii) It hurries down
(iii) it flows
(iv) it falls
- (2) What are the things which come in its way ?
(i) farmhouses
(ii) villages and bridges
(iii) buildings
(iv) fields
- (3) What is the brook's destination ?
(i) the ocean
(ii) the brimming river
(iii) the sea
(iv) the farm
- (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:
(i) to welcome the travellers
(ii) to please themselves
(iii) to welcome the tired travellers.
(iv) to get relief from their own pains
- (2) The nightingales sing:
(i) in spring season in desert of Arabia
(ii) in autumn season in deserts
(iii) in spring season in deserts of Thar
(iv) in spring season in deserts of Egypt

- (3) The effect of the voice of the cuckoo bird is:
- (i) that it refreshes the tired travellers.
 - (ii) that it is spread everywhere
 - (iii) that it seems to welcome travellers
 - (iv) breaks the seas' silence
- (C) You go and tell your boss that if he doesn't come right away, I'm going. I haven't any time to waste.
- (1) Who is the speaker ?
- (i) Gaston
 - (ii) Juliette
 - (iii) Jeanne
 - (iv) Mrs. Al Smith
- (2) 'The Boss' referred to here is :
- (i) Juliette
 - (ii) Mrs. Al Smith
 - (iii) Gaston
 - (iv) Jeanne
- (3) The speaker feels that if there is a hold- up that would :
- (i) make him / her angry
 - (ii) be very bad
 - (iii) make him / her sick
 - (iv) turn hin / her to madness

14. Answer **any four** of the following questions. (30-40 words each) 2x4=8
- (a) What was the poet's dilemma in the poem "The Road Not Taken" ?
 - (b) What was the dilemma of the lady in the poem 'Lord Ullin's Daughter' ?
What choice does she finally make ?
 - (c) What is the theme of the novel Kashi Yatre ?
 - (d) How did Duke react on seeing Charles when he was brought back home from the hospital after the accident ?
 - (e) What was the suggestion given by maid to Juliette to end her financially hard up ?

15. As Hopper 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. 6

OR

Write a character sketch of Mrs. Al Smith.

- o o o -