

**901119 - C2**

**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 answer the given question by choosing the most appropriate option. 5

**The Case of the Disappearing Sparrows**

The common house sparrow, once seen everywhere in large numbers in Mumbai has become scarce in many areas, and this is causing concern not only to bird lovers but also to scientists. Formerly, miners used to carry canaries down into the mines with them. If the canaries showed signs of distress it indicated that there were poisonous gases in the air, and the miners would immediately leave the mine. Today, if the sparrows of Mumbai are in distress it could be a warning to human residents. The declining bird population could mean that air pollution levels in the metropolis are rising dangerously; or, since sparrows are grain eaters, it could indicate that the grains that the people are consuming contain higher dosages of pesticides than before.

In some countries like Britain, the quality of the environment is graded according to the number of bird species found in the locality.

- (a) A bird named canaries was used by miners :
- (i) to tell the pollution level
  - (ii) to make holes in the stones
  - (iii) to entertain them in the mines
  - (iv) to detect poisonous gases
- (b) If the sparrows of Mumbai are in distress :
- (i) the residents must take it as a warning
  - (ii) human residents must leave the mines
  - (iii) the Mumbaikars must leave Mumbai
  - (iv) the residents must make warning
- (c) The declining bird population could mean that the
- (i) air pollution levels in the mines are rising dangerously
  - (ii) air pollution levels in the metropolis are decreasing dangerously
  - (iii) air pollution levels in the metropolis are rising dangerously
  - (iv) air pollution levels in the metropolis are rising safely
- (d) The grains that the people are consuming :
- (i) contain higher dosages of pesticides than before.
  - (ii) contain higher number of pests than before.
  - (iii) contain higher dosages of medicines than before.
  - (iv) contain higher dosages of insecticides than before.
- (e) In some countries like Britain the number of bird species found in the locality is used to show :
- (i) the quality of the living standard
  - (ii) the quality of the food
  - (iii) the quality of the environment
  - (iv) the quality of the habitat

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

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Bonding for Life

In Kutch, in western Gujarat, the sarus crane is so revered that there is a local radio programme put up by village women, in which the sutradhaar or narrator is Kunjal, a sarus crane !

The sarus crane is the world's tallest flying bird, with the male standing 1.8 metres tall. Besides India, it is found in Vietnam, Cambodia, Myanmar and Australia. The sarus is believed to pair for life, so people consider this sign of conjugal devotion a good omen and welcome the birds when they nest in the paddy fields.

The sarus, like other crane species, performs a spectacular courtship dance. The male and female circle around each other with wings spread out, bowing and leaping high into the air. Both fiercely guard the nest when the one or two eggs are laid.

Today , only around 10,000 Indian sarus cranes remain, because despite protection, its habitat has shrunk. The use of pesticides and chemical fertilizers is also killing off its prey.

- (a) "...the sarus crane is so revered that..." here revered means
- (i) tamed
  - (ii) popular pet
  - (iii) well - regarded
  - (iv) kept
- (b) Conjugal means:
- (i) extreme
  - (ii) religious
  - (iii) relating to marriage
  - (iv) combination
- (c) Today , only around 10,000 Indian sarus cranes remain, because
- (i) of the use of pesticides
  - (ii) they fiercely guard the nest when the one or two eggs are laid
  - (iii) despite protection, its habitat has shrunk.
  - (iv) chemical fertilizers is also killing off its prey
- (d) The sarus, like other crane species,
- (i) they nest in the paddy fields
  - (ii) pair for life
  - (iii) is the world's tallest flying bird
  - (iv) performs a spectacular courtship dance.
- (e) When the sarus cranes nest in the paddy fields
- (i) people shoo them away.
  - (ii) they bring water and food for them.
  - (iii) they welcome them.
  - (iv) they make radio programme of them.

Animal Dances

Little Liza Lillian never could sit down.  
She was always dancing, around and around.  
She'd knock over furniture, room by room,  
Until she made her mother fume:  
"Little Liza Lillian Brown,  
What keeps you dancing around and around?  
You should sit quietly in your chair  
And really, show a bit more care!"  
"What is it that goes through your head,  
That makes you want to dance in bed,  
And makes you dance through dinner too?  
This house feels just like a zoo!"  
But Liza Lillian could not stop.  
It was in her nature to spin and hop.  
She let her arms flow below and above,  
Pretending she was a snow-white dove.  
As she scuffed and rumped all the rugs,  
She jumped and leaped like toads and frogs.  
As she swayed and fluttered from side to side,  
She thought how butterflies would glide.  
Like swift cheetahs running up and down,  
She raced at top speed, all over town.  
Like fishes gurgling in the ocean deep,  
She swam and swam -even while asleep.  
"Little Liza Lillian Brown,  
You really are too much of a clown.  
I do not like this dancing, no.  
You need to be serious, still, and slow."  
But Little Liza Lillian Brown  
Never stopped dancing around and around.  
She danced through school without a pause,  
And then danced on stage to loud applause.  
Liza Lillian is little no more.  
She still finds joy in the dance, like before.  
Now she has fame and admiring glances,  
As she shares with the world her animal dances.

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

- (a) The poet most likely wrote this poem to\_\_\_\_.
- (i) entertain readers (ii) show readers how to dance  
(iii) convince readers to behave (iv) inform readers
- (b) As it is used in this poem, the word fume means to be\_\_\_\_.
- (i) angry (ii) brave  
(iii) hopeful (iv) sorry
- (c) Which question is answered in lines 5-8
- (i) Does Liza Lillian take dancing lessons ?  
(ii) Which dance does Liza Lillian do most often ?  
(iii) How old is Liza Lillian?  
(iv) What is Liza Lillian's last name?
- (d) In lines 9- 12 , Liza Lillian's mother does *not* understand why Liza Lillian \_\_\_\_
- (i) dislikes dinner (ii) likes zoos  
(iii) is so active (iv) gets so tired
- (e) The word applause in this poem means \_\_\_\_
- (i) stopping (ii) crying  
(iii) clapping (iv) singing

**4. Read the given passage carefully :**

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**The Apple Man**

Stokes felt such a love for India and its people that he sought to become one with them \_\_\_\_ in language, dress and way of life. In 1912 he gave up his asceticism to take up the responsibilities of a householder, having taken to wife a young girl from the hills. They set up house in Kotgarh. The people of Kotgarh were extremely poor. Most of them were bonded labourers. Stokes made a careful study of the soil in the region and came to the conclusion that it was best suited for fruit cultivation, especially apples. He obtained seedlings of the Golden Delicious variety of apple from the USA and planted them in his orchard. They began to bear fruit four years later. The fruit was sweet and juicy. He encouraged farmers to grow apples, giving them free saplings. The farmers were at first unwilling to take to apple cultivation as they would have to wait several years for the trees to start giving fruit, but Stokes persisted in his efforts to popularise apple growing. In course of time apple orchards began to come up in Kotgarh and neighbouring villages. With the apple came prosperity, the sort of prosperity the people of the region had never experienced before.

Today Himachal Pradesh is known as the Apple State and Kotgarh is the heart of the apple industry there.

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

- (a) The people of Kotgarh were :
- (i) unwilling to take hard work for cultivation.
  - (ii) extremely poor, most of them were bonded labourers.
  - (iii) extremely poor, most of them unwilling to take efforts.
  - (iv) unwilling to take seedlings of the Golden Delicious variety of apple
- (b) Stokes' love for India is reflected by the fact
- (i) that he made a careful study of the soil in the region.
  - (ii) that he gave up his asceticism to take up the responsibilities of a householder.
  - (iii) that he married to a young girl from the hills.
  - (iv) that he adopted language, dress and way of life of India.
- (c) Stokes made a careful study of the soil in the region
- (i) to see that he could on this land or not.
  - (ii) to conclude that it was best suited for fruit cultivation, especially apples.
  - (iii) to give up his asceticism
  - (iv) to take up the responsibilities of a householder
- (d) 'asceticism' means :
- (i) austerity and self contentment, especially as a principled way of life.
  - (ii) purity and self - denial, especially as a principled way of life
  - (iii) prosperity and self - satisfaction, especially as a principled way of life
  - (iv) austerity and self - denial, especially as a principled way of life
- (e) The farmers were at first unwilling to take to apple cultivation as :
- (i) they were given free saplings
  - (ii) most of them were bonded labourers
  - (iii) they would have to wait several years for the trees to start giving fruit.
  - (iv) they were extremely poor

**SECTION-B**  
**(Writing - 20 Marks)**

5. Use the notes given below and write a short bio sketch of Dr. Meghnad Saha in about 80 words : 4

Dr. Meghnad Saha

Born : October 6 , 1893 , Shaoratoli village near Dhaka ( in present Bangladesh )

Died : February 16 , 1956

Education : Dhaka Collegiate School , Dhaka College. Presidency College, Kolkata;

Career :

1923 to 1938 : professor at Allahabad University

1938 to 1956 : professor and Dean of the Faculty of Science at the University of Calcutta

1927 : Fellow of the Royal Society

1934 : president of the 21st session of the Indian Science Congress

1952-56 : Member of Parliament

1955-56 : Founder and Director , The Institute of Nuclear Physics, Kolkata.

Publications : A Treatise on the Theory of Relativity  
On a Physical Theory of the Solar Corona  
A Treatise on Heat  
A Treatise on Modern Physics  
My Experiences in Russia

A lasting memorial to him is the Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics , founded in 1943 in Kolkata.

6. Write an E-Mail to your friend giving him some tips telling him/her how to fight global warming. The format for E-mail is given. 8

**Fight Global Warming**  
Replace - bulbs - with - Compact Fluorescent Light (cfl)

Choose - energy efficient appliances  
Cover your pots while cooking  
Use the washing machine / dishwasher only when they are full  
Plant a tree  
Use public transport / carpool  
Optimum use of water  
Buy fresh foods instead of frozen  
Use paper / cloth bags

## The format of E-Mail

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

7. Pranab / Purnima Writes an article voicing his / her concern about the Commercialisation of Education. Write this article in about 150 words.

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High fees, running as a profitable business, promoting inequality, out of the reach of poor, creating two groups



**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 :

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When Francis Day (a) \_\_\_\_\_ Fort St. George, he was severely criticized for selecting a place (b) \_\_\_\_\_ had no natural harbour. Ships (c) \_\_\_\_\_ anchor far out at sea and the passengers had to be brought ashore by masullas, boats made of (d) \_\_\_\_\_. However, by 1881, an artificial harbour was constructed north of the Marina beach. Today, Chennai is a major shipping centre.

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| (a) (i) would built               | (ii) built                          |
| (iii) was built                   | (iv) were built                     |
| (b) (i) which                     | (ii) what                           |
| (iii) who                         | (iv) when                           |
| (c) (i) has to                    | (ii) had to                         |
| (iii) was to                      | (iv) have to                        |
| (d) (i) planks were tied together | (ii) planks tied together           |
| (iii) planks tie together         | (iv) planks had been tied together. |

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

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'Mamma Mia! ' was originally a musical by the British writer Catherine Johnson, based on the songs of Swedish group ABBA. Now this family spectacle (a) has spawn a film version. Who is the father of Sophie (Amanda Seyfried) ? Who ? She (b) want to know. After all, she is to be married soon and someone has to lead her up the aisle. On the Greek island of Kalokairi, everyone is getting excited over the preparations (c) of the ceremony, and Sophie's mother (Meryl Streep) is not ready to reveal (d) much without breaking into song. A musical with an air of holidays gone by.

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| (a) (i) have spawned   | (ii) have spawn         |
| (iii) has spawned      | (iv) had spawned        |
| (b) (i) wanted to know | (ii) wants to know      |
| (iii) did want to know | (iv) had wanted to know |
| (c) (i) in             | (ii) or                 |
| (iii) by               | (iv) for                |
| (d) (i) many           | (ii) something          |
| (iii) more             | (iv) anything           |

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

Mrs. Veena : Has your son finished his studies yet?

Mrs. Anuradha :No, Ananth is in his final year now. He will be able to complete his graduation by the end of this month, but did you know that he has already started his own computer consulting company?

Mrs. Veena : Good, he is really using what he's learnt.

Mrs. Veena asked Mrs. Anuradha If (a) \_\_\_\_\_

Mrs. Anuradha answered in negative and told that (b) \_\_\_\_\_

His graduation by the end of that month. She asked Mrs. Veena (c) \_\_\_\_\_

His own computer consulting company.

Mrs. Veena said that it was good that (d) \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) (i) has her son finished his studies by that time.  
(ii) her son has finished his studies by that time.  
(iii) her son had finished his studies by that time.  
(iv) her son finished his studies by that time.
- (b) (i) he was in his final year that time and will be able to finish.  
(ii) he was in his final year that time and would be able to finish.  
(iii) he is in his final year this time and would be able to finish  
(iv) he is in his final year that time and would be able to finish.
- (c) (i) if she knows that he had already started  
(ii) if she knew that he had already started  
(iii) if she knew that he has already started  
(iv) if she knows that he has already started
- (d) (i) he is really using what he had learnt  
(ii) he has really using what he had learnt  
(iii) he was really using what he had learnt  
(iv) he was really using what he has learnt.

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

(a) DOZENS TRAPPED IN BANGKOK TELEVISION STATION BLAZE

Bangkok (Thailand), May 19 (ANI):Protesters \_\_\_\_\_, trapping 100 people inside, officials say.

- (i) have set fire to the offices of a TV station in Bangkok
- (ii) had set fire to the offices of a TV station in Bangkok
- (iii) have been set fire to the offices of a TV station in Bangkok
- (iv) set fire to the offices of a TV station in Bangkok

(b) 13 STUDENTS INJURED IN GANG ATTACK IN CHINA

Beijing, May 19 (IANS) Thirteen students \_\_\_\_\_ on Wednesday when they were attacked by a gang of youths armed with knives in south China's Hainan Province, authorities said.

- (i) had been injured
- (ii) were injured
- (iii) have been injured
- (iv) are injured

(c) NEW MALAYSIAN INDIAN CONGRESS CHIEF NEXT YEAR

Kuala Lumpur, May 19 (IANS) The Malaysian Indian Congress (MIC) \_\_\_\_\_ its longtime chief S. Samy Vellu has announced.

- (i) would have a change of guard next year
- (ii) will have a change of guard next year
- (iii) might have a change of guard next year
- (iv) may have a change of guard next year

(d) SCIENTISTS CREATE FIRST SYNTHETIC CELL

Fri, May 21 Washington, May 21 (IANS) In a major breakthrough, \_\_\_\_\_ a synthetic cell, controlled by man - made genetic instructions, which can also reproduce itself.

- (i) scientists have for the first time created
- (ii) scientists had for the first time created
- (iii) scientists for the first time create
- (iv) scientists for the first time created

12. PM SAYS INFLATION NEEDS FIRM ACTION

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Tue, Jun 1

India needs to take firm steps to rein in inflation, which (a) \_\_\_\_\_, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said on Tuesday. Wholesale prices, the most closely watched inflation gauge in India, (b) \_\_\_\_\_, strengthening the case for a rate hike by the central bank.

"One of the major problems that we face at present is the pressure on prices. This is to a large extent the aftermath of the drought but it needs firm action," Singh said.

The Reserve Bank of India (c) \_\_\_\_\_ since mid - March to tame inflation and analysts expect another rate hike when it reviews its policy on July 27.

"We will continue to monitor the situation very carefully, and take whatever corrective steps are necessary to rein in inflation," the prime minister said.

Singh also said the economy (d) \_\_\_\_\_ that started on April 1, after growing 7.4 percent in 2009/10.

He added the country must return to a path of fiscal prudence.

- (a)
  - (i) continues to be a major problem
  - (ii) continued to be a major problem
  - (iii) continue to be a major problem
  - (iv) may continue to be a major problem
- (b)
  - (i) has risen 9.59 percent in April from a year earlier
  - (ii) rises 9.59 percent in April from a year earlier
  - (iii) had risen 9.59 percent in April from a year earlier
  - (iv) rose 9.59 percent in April from a year earlier
- (c)
  - (i) has lifted rates twice by a total of 50 basis points
  - (ii) have lifted rates twice by a total of 50 basis points
  - (iii) lifts rates twice by a total of 50 basis points
  - (iv) lifted rates twice by a total of 50 basis points
- (d)
  - (i) expected to grow at 8.5 percent in the current financial year
  - (ii) will be expected to grow at 8.5 percent in the current financial year
  - (iii) is expected to grow at 8.5 percent in the current financial year
  - (iv) was expected to grow at 8.5 percent in the current financial year

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

- (1) How did 'they ' row?
  - (a) in the middle of roaring.
  - (b) in the water surrounding them.
  - (c) in the middle of roaring water
  - (d) with the water around them
- (2) Why the shore is called fatal?
  - (a) as it shall soon see deaths
  - (b) as it shall be a witness to deaths
  - (c) as the Chieftain and his beloved will be dead soon
  - (d) there will be mourning.
- (3) Lord Ullin's anger changed to wailing as he saw
  - (a) in his mind the sure death
  - (b) his daughter.
  - (c) he saw imminent death of his daughter.
  - (d) the chieftain

(B) I come from haunts of coot and hern;  
I make a sudden sally  
And sparkle out among the fern,  
To bicker down a valley.

- (1) The brook suddenly appears from :
  - (a) living place of coot and hern
  - (b) place visited by coot and hern
  - (c) place haunted by coot and hern
  - (d) place inhabited by coot and hern
- (2) 'bicker' means :
  - (a) slowly move
  - (b) fastly move
  - (c) angrily move
  - (d) move with a lot of noise
- (3) The poetic device used here is
  - (a) simile
  - (b) metaphor
  - (c) allegory
  - (d) personification

(C) I could not understand why my sixty-two-year-old grandmother was telling me.  
A twelve-year-old, the story of her life in the middle of the night.

- (1) The grandmother's intentions to tell the story were :
  - (a) to entertain her grand - daughter.
  - (b) to impress her grand - daughter.
  - (c) to make a request to teach her how to read
  - (d) to motivate her for learning.
- (2) What is the tone of the grandmother when she told the story :
  - (a) regret
  - (b) proud
  - (c) sympathy
  - (d) commanding
- (3) Which of the following traits would be relevant to the narrator :
  - (a) proud
  - (b) helpful and dedicated
  - (c) self - centered
  - (d) domineering

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

- (a) The poet says "I took the one less travelled by. And that has made all the difference." What is 'the difference'?
- (b) What was the reaction of the staff when Chuck visited his district office ? What did he say to the manager Gordon Doule ?
- (c) Why Jeanne was interested in buying the villa ?
- (d) At the end how did the poet react to the reaper's song in the poem 'the solitary reaper'?
- (e) Describe the boatman in the poem 'Lord Ullin's Daughter'.

**15. Give characteristic of Gaston of the drama 'Villa For Sale'. Do you think he was cunning or opportunist ? Give reasons also 6**

**OR**

As grandmother in the fiction 'How I Taught My Grandmother, to Read' write a diary entry on your transformation.

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