

**901122 - B1**

**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)**

**1. Read the poem carefully :**

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**Did I Ever Stop ?**

Did I ever stop to make you smile  
When your day was hard or your road was long?  
When your light stopped shining for a while,  
Did I sing for you a happy song?

Did I ever try to make you laugh  
When your eyes held tears and you couldn't speak?  
When your world seemed almost torn in half,  
Did I hold your hand or kiss your cheek ?

Did I ever pause to hear your voice  
When you needed just a moment's ear?  
When you'd lost your way or missed a choice,  
Did I let you know that I was near ?

Did I ever stop to say I care  
When I didn't seek to hear it too?  
When you weren't so sure that I'd be there,  
Did I ever show my love for you?

**Answer the following questions by selecting the most appropriate option from the ones given below :**

1. The poet seems to be addressing to:
  - (a) someone who is feeling low.
  - (b) someone who is happy.
  - (c) someone who likes to play.
  - (d) someone who likes to sing.
2. The poem is about:
  - (a) being compassionate to others.
  - (b) making others unhappy.
  - (c) ones own selfish interests
  - (d) unimportant things like laughter
3. The poet sings:
  - (a) a melancholy song.
  - (b) a happy song.
  - (c) a sad song
  - (d) an unhappy song

4. Find the word from the text which means the same as "ripped".
 

(a) Pause	(b) Smile
(c) Missed	(d) Torn
5. The poet wants to know if he ever showed his \_\_\_\_\_ for you!
 

(a) love	(b) anger
(c) happiness	(d) distrust

2. Read the passage carefully :

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**The New Domino's Arrives**

Bruce Horowitz writes in USA Today that Domino's Pizza is changing its pizza recipe. It will be a completely new pizza with a different crust, cheese and sauce.

Some observers say that the company is taking a big risk with such a total overhaul of its main product. However, in a 2009 consumer survey, Domino's tied for last place for taste. Domino's was voted the best for convenience and price.

This change is not something that Domino's took lightly. They spent two years testing many different recipes before settling on the new Domino's Pizza.

The company will have an advertising campaign to launch the change that should have spread to all its restaurants by December 27, 2009. After that, look for the company to put out new ads proudly telling the public about the change. The author says that Super Bowl Sunday is the biggest day for pizza sales and that Domino's "may buy an ad in the big game."

Everyone has his or her own preferences when it comes to food. It will be interesting to see how well the new Domino's Pizza is received by those who consider pizza to be an important part of their diets.

**Answer the following questions by selecting the most appropriate option from the ones given below :**

1. The main idea of this article:
 

(a) Changing a recipe is fun.
(b) Domino's Pizza did poorly in taste comparisons.
(c) Many people eat pizza on Super Bowl Sunday.
(d) Domino's is making a major change to its pizza.
2. Which statement is true?
 

(a) Domino's prices have been rated best.
(b) No one likes the taste of the original Domino's pizza.
(c) This reading selection tells us which pizza had the highest taste ranking.
(d) The new recipe will feature chopped beef liver.
3. The new recipe will \_\_\_\_\_.
 

(a) certainly make Domino's the most popular pizza in the world
(b) be available before the year 2010
(c) cost twice as much as the old one
(d) only be found in a few Domino's Pizza restaurants
4. According to observers, Company was taking a big risk with \_\_\_\_\_ of its main product.
 

(a) taste	(b) presentation
(c) overhaul	(d) contents

5. People have their own preferences when it comes to:

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| (a) music | (b) dance  |
| (c) food  | (d) movies |

**3. Read the poem carefully :**

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**Poetry by Tennyson**

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,  
The flying cloud, the frosty light:  
The year is dying in the night;  
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new,  
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:  
The year is going, let him go;  
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the grief that saps the mind,  
For those that here we see no more;  
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,  
Ring in redress to all mankind.

Ring out a slowly dying cause,  
And ancient forms of party strife;  
Ring in the nobler modes of life,  
With sweeter manners, purer laws.

**Answer the following questions by selecting the most appropriate option from the ones given below :**

- The holiday associated with these lines is:  
(a) Thanksgiving (b) Christmas  
(c) New Year (d) Summer
- Poet wants the New year to bring \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) happiness and joy (b) sweet manners and purer laws  
(c) truth (d) all the above
- Feud is \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) an ongoing quarrel with bad feelings on each side  
(b) a game that creates feelings of comfort  
(c) a waterway that is similar to a deep river  
(d) a home with separate living quarters for servants
- "Redress" in the poem means \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) to get dressed again, to change clothes  
(b) clothing worn by an older person  
(c) making up for a wrong or injustice  
(d) playing holiday music
- The word which means the opposite of "modern" is \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) happy (b) noble  
(c) strife (d) ancient

4. Read the passage carefully :

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**BEWARE OF THE SUN**

It's becoming very dangerous to sit in the sun. If you have a fashionable suntan, it doesn't necessarily mean that you have lots of outdoor activities – but it does mean that you're in greater danger of getting skin cancer and cataracts.

The ozone layer, which protects us from the sun's dangerous ultra-violet rays, is progressively deteriorating. In February 1992 a scientific report said that people in Canada, Northern Europe and Russia were in serious danger.

In 1985, the news of destruction of the ozone layer in the South Pole alarmed people in the Southern Hemisphere. In Australia, there are now three times more cases of skin cancer than in the past. In New Zealand, teachers tell school children to wear hats and not to sit in the sun. What causes the destruction of the ozone layer? Mostly chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), Aerosol sprays, refrigerators, air conditioners, as well as industrial chemicals, send chlorofluorocarbons into the atmosphere.

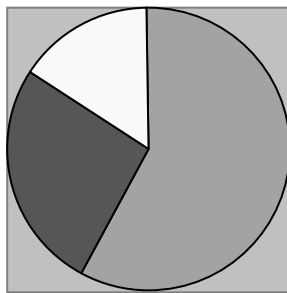
Governments are now trying very hard to forbid CFCs, but it will be expensive and difficult to do so. After the first ozone alarm in the Southern Hemisphere, ecologists all over the world asked governments to take strict measures immediately. Some governments did, but not soon enough. Other countries believe that they have other problems which are more important. Now stricter measures are going to be taken, but already a lot of damage has been done.

**Answer the following questions by selecting the most appropriate option from the ones given below :**

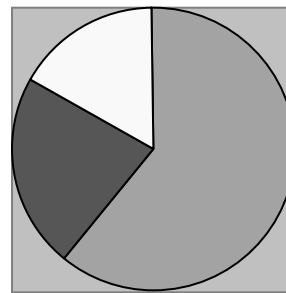
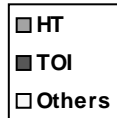
1. \_\_\_\_\_ is dangerous to the skin.  
(a) The ozone layer (b) The atmosphere  
(c) Ultra-violet rays (d) The sand storm
2. CFCs are caused by:  
(a) Governments  
(b) Ecologists  
(c) Aerosol sprays and industries  
(d) Archaeologists
3. Australia:  
(a) is taking measures  
(b) refuses to sell aerosol sprays  
(c) is not concerned by this problem  
(d) there are more important problems to deal with
4. Fashionable suntan may :  
(a) make you look dark  
(b) cause skin cancer and cataract  
(c) make you look beautiful  
(d) not be acceptable to all
5. The word 'deteriorating' in the passage means :  
(a) to become healthy (b) to become worse  
(c) to become strong (d) to become healthy + strong

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

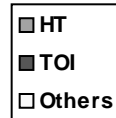
5. Interpret the data given below regarding the total circulation of different newspapers. Write a summary of the given data in about 80 words. 4



**Total Circulation**



**Circulation in Delhi**



The Hindustan times (a) \_\_\_\_\_ selling newspaper (b) \_\_\_\_\_ Delhi. Its circulation is (c) \_\_\_\_\_ combined circulation of (d) \_\_\_\_\_ dailies. In the city of Delhi, (e) \_\_\_\_\_ 61% share of the market. It has established (f) \_\_\_\_\_ readership. It sells (g) \_\_\_\_\_ because it tells more. The management must be thankful (h) \_\_\_\_\_ patronage.

6. You are Arjun Singh of Chennai. Write a letter to your friend telling him about the advantages of reading comics. Take help from the ideas given below. 8

- Pleasant change from routine
- Creativity
- Fascinating pictures
- Closer to reality
- Vast vocabulary
- Reading habit
- Relief from tension
- Language fluency

7. Recently you went on an educational trip to Europe. Write a page in your diary about your enriching trip to Europe with the help of the inputs given below : 8

Happy news – selected for educational tour – Europe – sponsored – departure 23<sup>rd</sup> – London – places – Buckingham Palace – Big Ben – Madame Tussauds – the France 25<sup>th</sup> – Eiffel Tower – Rome – Vatican City – Back in Delhi 30<sup>th</sup>.

**SECTION - C**  
**(Grammar - 20 Marks)**

8. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Choose the correct option. The first one has been done as an example. 4

The passenger were waiting at the bus stop when four police officials rushing into difference buses.  
After sometimes one of them comes out with two young lads and soon the other policeman joined her.  
The man which had been arrested was been caught for a theft.  
They had stealed two cars and a motorcycle.

eg. passenger

passengers

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|-----|-----------------|--------------------|
| (a) | (i) to rush     | (ii) rushed        |
|     | (iii) rushes    | (iv) had rushed    |
| (b) | (i) different   | (ii) differ        |
|     | (iii) to differ | (iv) differentiate |
| (c) | (i) some        | (ii) few minutes   |
|     | (iii) sometime  | (iv) few seconds   |
| (d) | (i) came        | (ii) coming        |
|     | (iii) had come  | (iv) has come      |
| (e) | (i) his         | (ii) him           |
|     | (iii) mine      | (iv) yours         |
| (f) | (i) whose       | (ii) whom          |
|     | (iii) who       | (iv) which         |
| (g) | (i) has         | (ii) had           |
|     | (iii) have      | (iv) have been     |
| (h) | (i) steal       | (ii) stolen        |
|     | (iii) stealing  | (iv) has stolen    |

9. Look at the following words and phrases and form meaningful sentences using the right option : 4

- (a) without/ is a/ reading/ of time/ wastage/ understanding  
(b) problems/while reading/face/you can  
(c) dictionary/you should/for/ words/consult/difficult  
(d) enjoy/sometime/you will/reading/after

- (a) (i) Understanding without reading is a wastage of time.  
(ii) Reading without understanding is a wastage of time.  
(iii) Reading is a wastage of time without understanding.
- (b) (i) While reading you can face problems.  
(ii) You can face problems while reading.  
(iii) Problems you can face while reading.
- (c) (i) You should consult dictionary for difficult words.  
(ii) For difficult words you should consult dictionary.  
(iii) Consult dictionary for difficult words you should.
- (d) (i) You will enjoy reading after sometime.  
(ii) After sometime you will enjoy reading.  
(iii) Enjoy reading after sometime you will.

**10. In the following passage one word has been omitted. Write the missing word in your answer sheet against the correct blank: 4**

Disturbances in the eco-system have led (a) \_\_\_\_\_ a significant decline in the number (b) \_\_\_\_\_ migratory birds which used to fly across. (c) \_\_\_\_\_ Himalayas in (d) \_\_\_\_\_ winter months to warm marshy areas around Kolkata.

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| (a) | (i) | to  | (ii) | from | (iii) | with | (iv) | in   |
| (b) | (i) | for | (ii) | of   | (iii) | from | (iv) | on   |
| (c) | (i) | a   | (ii) | an   | (iii) | the  | (iv) | on   |
| (d) | (i) | the | (ii) | some | (iii) | few  | (iv) | many |

**11. On the basis of the newspaper headlines given, complete the sentences with the options given below : 4**

**(a) CHINA DEVELOPS MEDICAL ROBOT**

A Polytechnic University in China \_\_\_\_\_ that can conduct surgeries.

- (i) have developed a medical robot
- (ii) has developed a medical robot
- (iii) is developing a medical robot
- (iv) will be developing a medical robot

**(b) BOMB BLAST KILLS 17 SOLDIERS**

A bomb blast in the cantonment area of Islamabad \_\_\_\_\_.

- (i) killed 17 soldiers
- (ii) has killed 17 soldiers
- (iii) had killed 17 soldiers
- (iv) have killed 17 soldiers

**(c) SUCHITRA SEN IN HOSPITAL**

Bengali actress, Suchitra Sen \_\_\_\_\_ with high blood pressure and fever.

- (i) was admitted into hospital
- (ii) is admitted into hospital
- (iii) had been admitted into hospital
- (iv) have been admitted into hospital

(d) **HOUSE KEEPER WINS MARUTI AS PRIZE**

The fortune of a house keeper today changed \_\_\_\_\_ in the local mela raffle.

- (i) on winning a maruti
- (ii) by winning a maruti
- (iii) upon winning a maruti
- (iv) in winning a maruti

**12. Here is a dialogue that took place at the reception counter of a hotel. Complete the dialogue by choosing the correct option. 4**

**Receptionist** : Yes, what can I do for you?

**Visitor** : I wanted (a) \_\_\_\_\_. Can I (b) \_\_\_\_\_ appointment right now?

**Receptionist** : I don't think so. He is (c) \_\_\_\_\_

**Visitor** : When (d) \_\_\_\_\_

**Receptionist** : Perhaps not before 4 o'clock. Can I make an appointment for you at 4 o'clock ?

- (a) (i) to meet the manager Mr. Rao
- (ii) to see the manager Mr. Rao
- (iii) to pay a visit to the manager Mr. Rao
- (iv) to interact with the manager Mr. Rao
- (b) (i) get an
- (ii) fix an
- (iii) have an
- (iv) take on
- (c) (i) not available at the moment
- (ii) not here at the moment
- (iii) not existing at the moment
- (iv) not present at the moment
- (d) (i) he will be back
- (ii) he would be back
- (iii) he could be back
- (iv) he should be back

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

13. Read the following extracts and answer the questions by choosing the most appropriate option from the ones given below. Attempt any 2: 3+3=6

(A) "And be one traveller, long I stood

And looked down one as far as I could

To where it bent in the undergrowth."

1. "Long I stood" means:

- (a) The poet took a long time to make up his mind as to which road he should take.
- (b) The poet was waiting for someone to accompany him.
- (c) The poet was too weak to take a decision.
- (d) He stood for a long time.

2. "The road bent in the undergrowth" implies:

- (a) the poet could not see the end of the roads as they bend in the wood.
- (b) the poet was not sure about the direction and the ultimate decision.
- (c) if the roads were not bent the poet could take the decision easily.
- (d) the poet was sure about the direction but not about the ultimate destination.

3. The first road:

- (a) appeared well trodden and beaten by use.
- (b) was to be taken by the poet
- (c) was the right one to be chosen
- (d) symbolizes failure.

(B) "Will no one tell me what she sings ?

Perhaps the plaintive numbers flow

For old, unhappy, far of things,

And battles long ago"

1. The first line is addressed to \_\_\_\_\_ .

- (a) The Solitary Reaper
- (b) The passers-by/reader
- (c) Robert Frost
- (d) Lord Ullin

2. 'The plaintive' refers to:

- (a) The song sung by Solitary Reaper
- (b) The happy song sung by Solitary Reaper
- (c) The sad song sung by the Solitary Reaper
- (d) The numbers counted by the poet while the song ended.

3. What is poet trying to guess here?

- (a) Theme of the song.
- (b) Music of the song.
- (c) Lyrics of the song.
- (d) Mood of the singer.

(C) "And fast before, her father's men  
Three days we've fled together,  
For should he find us in the glen,  
My blood would stain the heather."

1. 'We' in the second line refers to:
  - (a) Lord Ullin and his armed men.
  - (b) Daughter of Lord Ullin and her lover.
  - (c) The boatman and his friend.
  - (d) The horsemen.
2. Word 'heather' means:
  - (a) A cloth
  - (b) A kind of plant
  - (c) A bush
  - (d) A weapon
3. 'Glen' here refers to:
  - (a) River
  - (b) Mountain
  - (c) Valley
  - (d) Sea

14. Answer any four of the following questions :

2x4=8

- (a) Mention any two personality traits of Juliette. Support your answer with examples.
- (b) What is the symbolic meaning of conveyed by "For men may come and men may go, but I go on forever."
- (c) "Duke lay down with a reproachful eye on Hooper" What is Duke trying to convey to Hooper?
- (d) How does grandmother succeed in her desire to make herself literate ?
- (e) How could the poet hear the song of the Solitary Reaper, when it could be heard no more?

15. You are Charles Hooper. It's been three weeks that you have been out of the hospital now. Write a page in your diary on how Duke has been instrumental in helping you overcome your illness and make headway in your recovery.

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OR

You are Jeanne. You are disappointed as you cannot find a suitable buyer for your villa. Write a page in your diary expressing your disappointment and how much you think your villa is worth.

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