

**901122 - C1**

**Class - IX**

**ENGLISH**  
**(Communicative)**

Maximum Marks : **80**

Time : **3** hours

Total No. of Pages : **13**

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.**

In a democracy, the people choose their government. In order to make intelligent choices, the people need to know what those who are running the government are doing. They must be able to get news that is not controlled by the government. Newspapers and other news organizations must be able to report all the news. Freedom of the press is a very important part of any democracy.

Freedom of speech is just as important as freedom of the press. That means that all citizens should have the right to inform others of what they know and express their opinions. That doesn't mean being able to lock yourself in a closet and whisper. It means being able to get your thoughts out to as many people as possible. Beware of politicians who want to repress that right.

In a free society, people can practice their religious beliefs without fear. They may also elect to belong to no religion at all. Freedom of religion is safest in democratic nations.

In order for people to be able to exercise their rights, they must be able to work together. They must be able to form groups to give strength to their causes. That right is known as freedom of assembly.

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

- (1) The 'press' in the above lines means:
  - (a) To push
  - (b) A strong forward movement
  - (c) To keep asking
  - (d) News reporting organizations
- (2) The politicians want to repress the public. In other words they want to:
  - (a) Control or hold down
  - (b) Push again
  - (c) Fight to protect
  - (d) Say again
- (3) In a free society people can \_\_\_\_\_ to belong to no religion at all.
  - (a) Vote
  - (b) Ask
  - (c) Find
  - (d) Choose

- (4) The right to 'freedom of assembly', in the above lines, refers to right to:
- (a) Vote
  - (b) Ask
  - (c) Find
  - (d) Choose
- (5) An appropriate title for this text would be:
- (a) Democracy and Religion
  - (b) Democracy and Freedom
  - (c) Importance of Newspaper
  - (d) Rights and Duties

2. Read the poem carefully.

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**The Quiet Life**

Happy man whose wish and care  
A few paternal acres bound.  
Content to breath his native air  
In his own ground.  
Whose herds with milk, whose fields with bread,  
Whose flocks supply him with attire;  
Whose trees in summer yield him shade,  
In winter fire:

Blest; who can unconcernedly find  
Hours, days and years, slide soft away  
In health of body, peace of mind.  
Quiet by the day :

Sound sleep by night; study and ease  
Together mixed, sweet recreation  
And innocence which most does please with meditation.  
Thus let me live, unseen unknown  
Thus unlamented let me die,  
Steal from the word, and not a stone  
Tell where I lie.

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

- (1) Which man wishes to live in his own native land?
  - (a) A man with large wishes.
  - (b) A man with small wishes.
  - (c) A wealthy man.
  - (d) A rich man.
- (2) Why does man described by the poet not have any worries about summer?
  - (a) He lives in cold land.
  - (b) He keeps all facilities to keep away from heat.
  - (c) Trees shield him away from heat.
  - (d) None of the above.
- (3) What kind of death does the 'man' wish for?
  - (a) Sorrowful.
  - (b) Contented.
  - (c) Lamented.
  - (d) Frustrated.
- (4) What is the rhyming scheme in the first stanza?
  - (a) bb aa.
  - (b) aa bb.
  - (c) ba ba.
  - (d) ab ab.
- (5) Which word in the first stanza means 'clothes'?
  - (a) Shade.
  - (b) Flock.
  - (c) Attire.
  - (d) Partner.

**3. Read the passage carefully.**

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Frank Towers, have you ever heard of him? He is the questionable figure who supposedly survived three doomed ships in the 1900's. Some consider him one of the luckiest men alive. He was touted to be middle aged fire man in the engine room. Some consider him an ordinary, hard working person, but he had the ability to avoid dying in some of the most horrendous ocean liner accidents ever recorded.

He was said to have once been a crew member on the *titanic* at the time that the ship hit the ice berg. Two years later, he was working on the *Empress of Ireland* when she collided with the *Storstad*. Over one thousand people died in that disaster. He was then employed in May of 1915 on the *Lusitania* when it was hit by U-20 torpedo. He apparently lived through that without a scratch as well. If you are beginning to doubt this man's existence, you are probably not too far from the truth. No records have been found ever listing a man by Frank Towers working on any of the three ships.

The legend of Frank Towers seems to be another case of an urban folk tale, humanity's desire to see triumph over a tragic situation. Fact or fiction, Frank Towers is one of the multiple characters that help colour the history books.

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

- (1) In this statement from the article, “ He was touted to be a middle-aged fireman in the engine room.” Touted means:
  - (a) Publicized.
  - (b) Demeaned.
  - (c) Set-up.
  - (d) Sighted.
- (2) This passage sheds doubt on:
  - (a) The fact that three ships sank.
  - (b) The thought that America was at war with other countries.
  - (c) Frank Towers-causing the ships to sink.
  - (d) Urban folk tales are not always based on real people.
- (3) The title of this article could be:
  - (a) ‘Frank Towers, a man of mystery.’
  - (b) ‘Surviving the impossible.’
  - (c) ‘The Legend of Frank Towers debunked.’
  - (d) ‘How to survive doomed ships?’
- (4) According to this passage, which of the following phrases best captures the intent of the article?
  - (a) A stitch in time saves nine.
  - (b) Don’t believe everything you read.
  - (c) Luck by chance.
  - (d) There are many layers of an onion.
- (5) The article states that urban folk tales are created because:
  - (a) They are fun to hear.
  - (b) Humanity likes to see someone triumph over tragedy.
  - (c) They trick people into believing lies.
  - (d) People do not remember details clearly.

4. Read the poem carefully.

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Thank you Sincerely

Thanks for the start to the lives that we've had.  
Thanks for the nights that you went without rest.  
So many memories, most happy, some sad;  
If you weren't perfect, you still passed the test,  
Holding our hands, holding back all the fears.  
Thank you sincerely for all of those years.

So many hours that you worked to provide  
Multiplied by all the days that we grew,  
When we behaved and the times we defied,  
Never a doubt we could still count on you,  
Making our laughter and drying our tears.  
Thank you sincerely for all of those years.

Thanks for the rules that we wished were not there.  
Thanks for the wisdom we sometimes denied.  
All the attention and all of the care,  
All the forgiveness and all of the pride,  
Pointing out faults but then calling out cheers.  
Thank you sincerely for all of those years.

For the examples you set every day,  
Teaching with actions, those lessons hold tight.  
We hardly knew just how much you could say  
Simply by doing what you knew was right.  
Now that we're older, the logic appears.  
Thank you sincerely for all of those years.

Thank you for love not required to be earned,  
Not ever fading as time moves along.  
You have to know that the love is returned,  
Not always showing, but always so strong.  
And you still care as your golden time nears.  
Thank you sincerely for all of the years.  
Love, Bob

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

- (1) The poet is expressing his thanks to :
  - (a) His parents
  - (b) His friends.
  - (c) His teachers
  - (d) God.
- (2) Though the narrator wishes there were no rules, he expresses his :
  - (a) Unhappiness over them.
  - (b) Thanks for them.
  - (c) Anger for them
  - (d) Outrage for them
- (3) The narrator has been \_\_\_\_\_ a number of times for his faults.
  - (a) Punished
  - (b) Blamed
  - (c) Forgiven
  - (d) Implicated
- (4) Find the word from the text which means same as “disobey”.
  - (a) Defied
  - (b) Denied
  - (c) Fade
  - (d) Ride
- (5) The phrase “your golden time nears” means :
  - (a) You are in prime of your life
  - (b) Your end is near
  - (c) You are very rich
  - (d) You are very happy

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

5. You are Avantika. You have been to a religious shrine. You are astonished to see the faith of the people. People from different walks of life and of different religions were there. This leaves an indelible impression on you. Give the factual description of a person whom you met there. Use your own ideas and ideas from the MCB unit 'People'. 4
6. Write a letter to the editor of a local daily to draw attention to the inconvenience caused to the commuters due to vendors at the crossing on the roads. You are Sagarika, a resident of 622, Maple Road, Mumbai. 8
7. Express your views for or against the topic 'Co-education is a better system of education' with the help of the verbal input. 8
- For :** better education /mixed/ group/ mutual respect better/ adjustment/ healthy relationship
- Against :** Infatuation/ distraction of young age/ immature behaviour/ fear of eve teasing/ freedom of movement restricted

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

8. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs given in the brackets. Choose the correct option. 4
- Once, in a forest, there \_\_\_\_ (a) \_\_\_\_ (live) a lion and his lioness. One day the lioness \_\_\_\_ (b) \_\_\_\_ (give) birth to twins. It was the duty of the lion to bring food. So he \_\_\_\_ (c) \_\_\_\_ (kill) a deer that \_\_\_\_ (d) \_\_\_\_ (come) in his way and gave it to the lioness.
- (a) (i) living  
(ii) is living  
(iii) was living  
(iv) lived
- (b) (i) gave  
(ii) given  
(iii) had given  
(iv) was given
- (c) (i) killed  
(ii) had killed  
(iii) has killed  
(iv) was killing
- (d) (i) come  
(ii) came  
(iii) had come  
(iv) is coming



9. Look at the following headline of a newspaper. Complete the sentences choosing the correct option given below. 4

**(a) RECOVERY OF ANCIENT SHIP**

An ancient ship, over 500 years old, \_\_\_\_\_ off the coast of Kerala.

- (i) recovered
- (ii) has been recovered
- (iii) had been recovered
- (iv) was recovered

**(b) NEW TRAIN INTRODUCED**

According to the Railway Minister \_\_\_\_\_ from Delhi to Bombay from sixth of this month.

- (i) a new train will be introduced
- (ii) there's a new train
- (iii) a new train introduced
- (iv) a new train have been introduced

**(c) M.P ENGLISH TEACHERS ATTEND SEMINAR**

\_\_\_\_\_ a seminar from the M.P English Teachers.

- (i) The education department is holding
- (ii) The education department is going to hold
- (iii) The education department will hold
- (iv) The education department will be holding

**(d) DIRECTOR INAUGURATES BANK EXTENSION COUNTER**

The Managing Director of the Syndicate Bank \_\_\_\_\_ of the 'Heart and Lung Institute' in Kolkata yesterday.

- (i) inaugurated a bank extension counter
- (ii) inaugurated bank's extension counter
- (iii) inaugurated an extension counter of the bank
- (iv) inaugurated extension counter

**10. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs given in the brackets.**

**4**

\_\_\_\_(a)\_\_\_\_ (work) the entire day, I was fatigued. While \_\_\_\_ (b)\_\_\_\_ (return) home, I met an old woman. Her \_\_\_\_ (c)\_\_\_\_ (tatter) clothes and \_\_\_\_ (d)\_\_\_\_ (worry) looks showed that she was badly in need of help.

- (a) (i) Working
- (ii) To work
- (iii) Having worked
- (iv) Was working
- (b) (i) returning
- (ii) having returned
- (iii) to return
- (iv) will return
- (c) (i) tattered
- (ii) tattering
- (iii) to tatter
- (iv) was tattered
- (d) (i) worried
- (ii) worrisome
- (iii) worrying
- (iv) to worry

**11. Fill in the blanks with appropriate determiners.**

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I was going to Haridwar. On \_\_\_\_ (a)\_\_\_\_ way I met \_\_\_\_ (b)\_\_\_\_ European. He was the disciple of \_\_\_\_ (c)\_\_\_\_ Indian religious Guru who had been living in \_\_\_\_ (d)\_\_\_\_ hermitage near the Ganga for the last five years.

- (a) (i) the
- (ii) a
- (iii) an
- (iv) some
- (b) (i) an
- (ii) a
- (iii) few
- (iv) some
- (c) (i) a
- (ii) an
- (iii) the
- (iv) every
- (d) (i) the
- (ii) a
- (iii) some
- (iv) every

12. Read the following conversation and fill in the blanks with the most appropriate one given below. 4

Sir : Why are you late today?

Boy : I am not feeling well.

Sir : What is the trouble with you?

Boy : I am suffering from cold and cough.

The teacher asked the boy \_\_\_\_ (a) \_\_\_\_ . The boy replied \_\_\_\_ (b) \_\_\_\_ . The teacher again asked \_\_\_\_ (c) \_\_\_\_ . The boy said he \_\_\_\_ (d) \_\_\_\_ .

- (a) (i) why was he late again that day  
(ii) why he was late again that day  
(iii) that why he was late again that day  
(iv) he was late why again that day
- (b) (i) that he was not feeling well.  
(ii) he was not feeling well  
(iii) I was not feeling well  
(iv) that I was not feeling well
- (c) (i) what was the trouble with him  
(ii) that what was the trouble with him  
(iii) what the trouble was with him  
(iv) what had been the trouble with him
- (d) (i) was suffering from cold and cough  
(ii) is suffering from cold and cough  
(iii) has been suffering from cold and cough  
(iv) have been suffering from cold and cough

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

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

**A. "I have decided I want to learn the Kannada alphabet from tomorrow onwards. I will work very hard."**

- (1) The speaker wants to learn Kannada alphabet \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) To be able to read a novel on her own.  
(b) To be able to write a novel on her own.  
(c) To be able to teach others.  
(d) As the speaker can read other languages fluently but not Kannada.
- (2) The above statement reveal shows that the speaker is \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) Humorous.  
(b) Helpful.  
(c) Determined.  
(d) Concerned.
- (3) At the time of speaking these lines he was \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) 61 years old  
(b) 62 years old  
(c) 63 years old  
(d) 64 years old

**B. "Your dowry. My poor child, we have spent that long ago."**

- (1) The speaker is \_\_\_\_\_ and he is speaking to \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) Jeanne's parents to Jeanne.  
(b) Jeanne's sister to Jeanne.  
(c) Gaston to Jeanne.  
(d) Jeanne to her sister's children.
- (2) He needed the money \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) To go on a holiday.  
(b) To buy a villa.  
(c) To buy a car.  
(d) To go on a cruise.
- (3) The above statement shows that the speaker was \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) Selfish.  
(b) Opportunist.  
(c) Domineering.  
(d) Hypocrite.

C. "O haste thee haste!" the lady cries.

Though tempests round us gather;

I'll meet the raging of the skies,

But not an angry father."

(1) "The lady" in the first line is \_\_\_\_\_ .

- (a) The boatman's wife.
- (b) Lord Ullin's wife.
- (c) The boatman's daughter.
- (d) Lord Ullin's daughter.

(2) The word 'tempest' in the second line means :

- (a) Thunder
- (b) Rain
- (c) Storm
- (d) Earthquake

(3) 'I'll meet the raging of the skies, but not an angry father' shows that she is \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) scared of him.
- (b) guilty of eloping.
- (c) upset with him.
- (d) afraid he would separate her from her beloved.

14. Answer any four of the following questions.

2x4=8

- (a) In the play, "Villa for sale," who do you think is a better business man and why?
- (b) What special qualities made Duke an extraordinary dog?
- (c) What is young Sudha's reaction when her grandmother tells her of her desire to learn to read ?
- (d) Describe the Brook's journey from thirty hills to the 'brimming river.'
- (e) What was the name of the magazine in which 'Kashi Yatre' appeared? How often did the villagers receive the magazine?

15. You are Charles Hooper. Write a page in your diary expressing your feelings the day you were appointed Assistant National Sales Manager.

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OR

You are the grandmother. Write your feelings in your diary when your grand daughter gave you the novel 'Kashi Yatre'

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