

## ANNUAL EXAMINATION : 2023-2024

CLASS : IX

SUBJECT : ENGLISH

TIME : 3 hours

Total Marks : 80

The question paper is divided into three sections

1. Section 'A' Reading : 20 Marks

2. Section 'B' Writing and Grammar : 20 Marks

3. Section 'C' Literature : 40 Marks

**Section – A : Reading (20 marks)**

**I. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :**

The roads in our cities and towns are getting more and more busy with traffic these days. All kinds of vehicles (some slow, some fast) fill the roads during the greater part of the day. If people disobey traffic rules, accidents will happen sooner or later. (There are rules for pedestrians as well as for vehicles, and every user of the road ought to know the traffic rules.)

(Here is an important rule for pedestrians. (They ought to keep to the footpath and leave the middle of the road for vehicles) Where there is no footpath, pedestrians must keep close to the edge of the road. If they don't obey this rule, they will cause danger to themselves as well as to others. A driver may have to turn his vehicle suddenly to avoid a pedestrian: and in doing so, he may knock down someone else. He may even lose control of his vehicle and drive over the footpath, knocking down several people.)

All vehicles should keep to the left and leave the right half of the road free for those coming from the opposite direction. (This is the traffic rule in all parts of India) (Cyclists should always keep to the edge of the road and not get in the way of other vehicles or pedestrians) We often see two or more cyclists riding together side by side right in the middle of the road. Traffic rules don't allow this. (The rule about

overtaking is equally important) One vehicle should overtake another vehicle only on the right, because otherwise it may get in the way of the vehicle which is trying to keep to the left.

(Drivers of vehicles should never fail to give the right signals, because otherwise there is great danger of accidents happening.) Cyclists are often careless about giving signals, thinking that these are important only for motorists. But all the users of the road, cyclists as well as motorists, ought to give the right signals so that others on the road may be warned. (Pedestrians too should have the knowledge of these signals so that they may be able to tell which way the vehicles on the road are going to pass.) Above all, everyone using the public road ought to obey the policeman on traffic duty. (This is the most important rule of all.)

A. Answer the following very short answer type questions:  $1 \times 10 = 10$

- (i) What will happen if people disobey traffic rules?
- (ii) What is the traffic rule for pedestrians?
- (iii) What should a pedestrian do where there is no footpath?
- (iv) What is the traffic rule in all parts of India?
- (v) What is the traffic rule for cyclists?
- (vi) What is the traffic rule about overtaking?
- (vii) Why should one vehicle overtake another vehicle only on the right?
- (viii) Why should the motorists never fail to give the right signals?
- (ix) Why should pedestrians have the knowledge of traffic rules?
- (x) What is the most important of all traffic rules?

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

Air pollution is an issue which concerns us all alike. One can willingly choose or reject a food, a drink or a life comfort, but unfortunately there is a little choice for the air we breathe. All, what is there in the air, is inhaled by one and all living in the same surrounding.

Air pollution is defined as a substance which is present in an amount exceeding the normal concentrations. The important and harmful polluting gases are carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, ozone and oxides of sulphur and nitrogen. Although we often talk of the air pollution caused by industrial and vehicular exhausts, the indoor pollution may prove to be as or a more important cause of health problems.

It is not uncommon to experience a feeling of suffocation in a closed environment. It is often ascribed to the lack of oxygen. Fortunately, the composition of air is remarkably constant all over the world. There is about seventy nine percent nitrogen and twenty one percent oxygen in the air, and the other gases form a very small fraction. It is true that carbon dioxide exhaled out of lungs may accumulate in a closed and over-crowded place; but such an increase is usually small and temporary unless the room is really air-tight.

What is more common in a poorly ventilated home is a vague constellation of symptoms described as the sick-building syndrome. It is characterised by a general feeling of uneasiness, headache, dizziness and irritation of mucous membranes. Sick-building syndrome is getting more common in big cities with small houses.

Obviously, the spectrum of pollution is very wide and our options are limited. Indoor pollution may be handled relatively easily by an individual. Moreover, the good work must start from one's own home.

A. Complete the following statements by choosing the correct option:

1×10=10

- (i) Air pollution is an issue which concerns - ~~A~~  
~~(a)~~ everyone                      ~~(b)~~ some  
(c) only plants                      (d) only animals
- (ii) It is common to experience a feeling of suffocation in - ✓  
(a) an open environment              ~~(b)~~ a closed environment  
(c) an open field                      (d) a garden
- (iii) The percentage of oxygen in the air is about - ✓  
(a) 100%                                  (b) 79%  
(c) 25%                                      ~~(d)~~ 21%

- (iv) Sick-building syndrome is getting more common in – ✓  
 (a) big cities with big houses  
 (b) small cities with big houses  
 (c) big cities with small houses  
 (d) small cities with small houses
- (v) The composition of air all over the world is – ✓  
 (a) inconstant (b) variable  
 (c) constant (d) different
- (vi) Human beings and animals exhale – ✓  
 (a) carbon monoxide (b) carbon dioxide  
 (c) oxygen (d) nitrogen
- (vii) General feeling of uneasiness, headache, dizziness and irritation of mucous membranes are the characteristics of – ✓  
 (a) healthy life (b) fitness  
 (c) sick-building syndrome (d) well being
- (viii) The range of pollution is – ✓  
 (a) narrow (b) wide  
 (c) limited (d) small
- (ix) The word “suffocation” in the passage means – ✓  
 (a) breathing freely (b) breathing easily  
 (c) feeling difficulty in breathing (d) sickness
- (x) The word “syndrome” in the passage means – ✓  
 (a) symptoms (b) disease  
 (c) sickness (d) healthy

**Section – B : Writing with Grammar (20 marks)**

3. Write a paragraph (in 100 – 120 words) on the topic “Tourism-an upcoming industry of Tripura” by taking help of the hints given below.

Hints : Different tourists spots of Tripura-a source of economic growth-initiatives of Government to enhance-conclusion 5

**Or**

Write a paragraph (in 100 – 120 words) on the topic “Punctuality” by taking help of the hints given below.

Hints : promotes discipline – timely completion of works – success in life – better usage of time – ever ready – saves from embarrassment – important habit to develop

4. Write a story (in 100 – 120 words) on the basis of the hints given below. Give a title also.

**Hints:** Tortoise and hare-good friends-tortoise-known for his slow speed-hare has fast speed-makes fun of tortoise-challenges him-referee selected-race starts-hare overconfident-takes a nap-tortoise wins overconfident overconfident-take a nap-tortoise 5

Or

You visited Agartala Book Fair last year. Write a diary entry (in 100 – 120 words) describing what you saw and experience gathered from here.

5. (a) Choose the appropriate word from the given options to fill in the blanks:  $1 \times 4 = 4$

- (i) We always (has/have/had) an early dinner. ✓
- (ii) The children (go/went/gone) to the zoo yesterday. ✓
- (iii) We (shall/will/should) obey the laws. ✓
- (iv) The dog is (a/an/the) most faithful animal. ✓

(b) Re-arrange the jumbled words into meaningful sentences:  $1 \times 3 = 3$

- (i) check/please/details/the/for/website ✓
- (ii) exercises/for/health/good/doing/is ✓
- (iii) foreign/a/home/old-age/is/concept ✓

(c) The following lines have not been edited. There is an error in each numbered line. Write both the incorrect and correct words against each of the numbered lines. The first one has been done as an example.

$1 \times 3 = 3$

Incorrect

Correct

Albert Einstein were born on 14  
March 1879

were

was

(i) on the Germany city of Ulm,  
without any

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(ii) Indication that he were  
destined for greatness.

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- (iii) On the contrary, his mother think Albert was a freak.

### Section – C : Literature (40 marks)

6. Choose any one of the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow: 1x 5=5

a) I was born into a middle-class Tamil family in the island town of Rameswaram in the erstwhile Madras State. My father, Jainulabdeen, had neither much formal education nor much wealth; despite these disadvantages, he possessed great innate wisdom and a true generosity of spirit. He had an ideal helpmate in my mother, Ashiamma.

- (i) Name the chapter. 1  
(ii) Where was Abdul Kalam born? 1  
(iii) Which characteristics did Abdul Kalam's father have?  
(iv) What characteristics made Ashiamma the perfect helpmate for her husband? <https://www.tripuraboard.com> 1  
(v) What qualities does he say he inherited from his parents? 1

**or**

b) A headmaster once told his father that what Einstein chose as a profession would not matter, because "he will never make a success at anything" Einstein began learning to play the violin at the age of six, because his mother wanted him to. He later became a gifted amateur violinist, maintaining this skill throughout his life.

- i) Name the chapter. 1  
ii) What was the headmaster's opinion about Einstein? 1  
iii) Why did Einstein leave the school in Munich? 1  
iv) Why did Einstein learn to play violin? 1  
v) What kind of a violin player was Einstein? 1

7. Choose any one of the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow: 5

- a) *It takes much time to kill a tree,  
Not a simple jab of the knife  
Will do it. It has grown  
Slowly consuming the earth,*

*Rising out of it, feeding  
Upon its crust, absorbing  
Years of sunlight, air, water,  
And out of its leprous hide.  
Sprouting leaves.*

- (i) Name the poem where this extract is taken from. ✓ 1  
(ii) Name the poet. ✓ 1  
(iii) Can a few blows from an axe kill a tree? 1  
(iv) Where do the leaves come from? 1  
(v) What does a tree symbolize in this poem? 1

**Or**

b) *As she used in years ago,  
Now in memory comes my mother,  
To regard the darling dreamers  
Ere she left them till the dawn:  
O! I Feel her fond look on me  
As I list to this refrain  
Which is played upon the shingles  
By the patter of the rain.*

- (i) Whom does the poet remember? 1  
(ii) Who are the darling dreamers? 1  
(iii) How did the poet's mother gaze at the dreamers? 1  
(iv) What does he feel for his mother? 1  
(v) Name the poem & the poet. 1

8. Answer any four questions from the following in about 40 – 50 words each:  $3 \times 4 = 12$

- (a) Who were Abdul Kalam's school friends? What did they later become?  
(b) Why does the world remember Einstein as a "world citizen"?  
(c) What is a legend? Why is this poem called a legend??  
(d) How does Santosh describe her feelings at the summit of the Everest?  
(e) What is the meaning of "bleeding bark"? What makes it bleed?

**9. Answer any two questions from the following in about 40 – 50 words each:** **3 × 2 = 6**

- (a) Why did the swallow not leave the prince and go to Egypt?
- (b) What is Behrman's masterpiece? What makes Sue say so?
- (c) Why do the courtiers call the Prince the Happy Prince? Is he really happy?

**10. Answer the following questions in about 100 – 120 words each:** **6 × 1 = 6**

(a) How does Abdul Kalam describe his close friends?

**or**

(b) What is the substance of the poem 'On Killing a Tree'?

**11. Answer the following questions in about 100 – 120 words each:** **6 × 1 = 6**

(a) What was Behrman's masterpiece? Why was it called so?

(3 + 3)

**or**

(b) Describe the sufferings of poor people in the city. How did the Happy Prince help them?

(3 + 3)

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