

Annual Examination - 2023

Class - IX

Sub - English

SET - B

Time : 3 Hrs.

Full Marks : 80

Section A :

Reading-20 Marks

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: 10

1. "Dream is not that which you see while sleeping, it is something that does not let you sleep". Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam, one of the most inspiring scientists of India who stated this one in his own memoir "Wings of Fire", has passed away on 27th July, 2015 from an apparent cardiac arrest while delivering a lecture at the Indian Institute of Management, Shillong.
2. Abul Pakir Jainulabdeen Abdul Kalam was born on 15th October, 1931 to a Tamil family in the small temple town of Rameswaram. His father Jainulabdeen owned a ferry that took Hindu pilgrims back and forth between Rameswaram and Dhanushkadi. Little did Jainulabdeen and Ashiamma know that their son would grow up to be the first citizen of India. Kalam was the youngest of four brothers and one sister in his family.
3. When Dr. Kalam was studying in school, he distributed newspaper to assist the financial contribution to the income of his father. He then went to St. Joseph's College from where he graduated in physics in the year 1954. He then moved to Madras Institute of Technology to study Aerospace Engineering. After completing his course, Kalam had joined the Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) in 1960 as a chief scientist.
4. Few years later he was transferred to the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) where he had supervised many crucial projects like development Programme of India's first 'Satellite Launch Vehicle', 'Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme' etc. His missiles 'Prithvi', 'Agni'

and 'Akash' were huge success and no wonder, he gradually became popular as the "Missile Man of India". In 1998 he was the chief project controller for India's second nuclear test. The year before that, he was awarded with 'Bharat Ratna', nations' highest civilian honour.

A. Answer the following questions: 1 × 10 = 10

- i) When was Dr. Abdul Kalam born?
- ii) What did Dr. Kalam study at Madras Institution of Technology?
- iii) Who was Ashiamma?
- iv) Write down the full form of DRDO.
- v) Who is called 'Missile Man of India'?
- vi) What is the name of Dr. Kalam's autobiography?
- vii) Which year did Dr. Kalam receive the 'Bharat Ratna' award?
- viii) What is the highest civilian honour of India?
- ix) Write down the full name of Dr. Kalam.
- x) Dr. Kalam joined DRDO as -
 - a) Junior Scientist
 - b) Director
 - c) Chief Scientist

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

1. The feeling of patriotism is important for the freedom of a country. A Patriotic person will always be ready to sacrifice his life for the love for his country. A patriot is immortal. Men love his own country. They do many things for the good of the country. The feeling for their country is called Patriotism.
2. Patriotism is one of the best virtues of men. It is a noble feeling of the mind. It is said that mother and motherland are superior to heaven. Most men have got a love for their country. They wish to make their native land free. Some are ready to sacrifice their own interest for the good of the country. A selfish man cannot love his native country. A selfish man may be rich; he may be born in a noble family; he may have a big title, but nobody respects him. After his death, he is forgotten by all. He is sometimes an enemy to the country. He seeks his own interest. He can even do harm to the country for his own

interest. But everybody praises a patriot. A patriot is immortal. He is worshipped by his countrymen. He is honoured all over the world.

3. Everyone of us knows the name of Maharana Pratap Singh of Mewar Rajasthan. He was a King. But he suffered great hardship for his country. He sacrificed everything for the freedom of his country. He was a great patriot. He earned an immortal name by his self-sacrifice. Thus, many patriots lost their all; even their lives for the welfare of the country. But they gained one thing. They won the hearts of their countrymen.
4. We must love our country, at the same time we must not hate others. Wars break out between two nations for want of love for others countries. We should, therefore, love our country as well as those of others.

B. Choose the correct option:

1 × 10 = 10

- i. The countrymen worship -
 - a) a patriot
 - b) a richman
 - c) a selfish man
 - d) a man with a big title
- ii. We should love -
 - a) only our country
 - b) other countries
 - c) our country as well as those of others
 - d) war mongering countries
- iii. War breaks out between two nations for the lack of love for -
 - a) other countries
 - b) own country
 - c) wealth
 - d) money
- iv. The word 'gained' in the passage(4) means,
 - a) achieved
 - b) restricted
 - c) offered
 - d) sustained
- v. A patriot will always be ready to dedicate his life for the love for
 - a) his own family
 - b) his neighbours
 - c) his own country
 - d) the countries other than his own.
- vi. Maharana Pratap Singh of Mewar earned an immortal name because -
 - a) he was a good ruler

- b) he was a great king
c) he had undertaken many welfare schemes for his countrymen.
d) he sacrificed everything for the freedom of his country.
- vii. Maharana Pratap Singh was the king of -
a) Bhilwara b) Chittorgarh
c) Mewar d) Jaipur
- viii. Mewar is in -
a) Maharashtra b) Punjab
c) Harayana d) Rajasthan
- ix. A _____ man cannot love his native country
a) patriotic b) selfish
c) rich d) poor
- x. It is said that mother and motherland are -
a) Superior to heaven b) inferior to heaven
c) as good as heaven d) as bad as hell

Section B:

Writing and Grammar - 20 Marks

3. a) Write a paragraph on "Festivals of Tripura" with the help of the following points within 100-120 words.
Relief and respite from regular routine - land of diverse communities - various local festivals - promotes culture and tradition - unity in diversity - communal harmony.
or
- b) Write a paragraph on "Global Warming" with the help of the following points within 100-120 words. 5
Gradual increase of greenhouse gases, like carbon dioxide, methane etc - uncertain rainfall - agriculture would be affected severely - rise of sea level - large scale afforestation is necessary.
4. a) Write an application to the Headmaster/Headmistress of your school, requesting him/her to arrange for an 'Educational Tour' to a place of historical importance. You are Rajat / Rima of Class - IX, ABC School, Agartala. 5
or
- b) Write a letter to the editor of an English daily regarding the

scarcity of adequate supply of drinking water in your locality.
You are Manav/Meena, Krishnanagar, Agartala.

5. a) **Fill in the blanks with suitable determiners:** $1 \times 3 = 3$

i. _____ citizen above 18 years should vote.

(Every, Few, Some)

ii. I know very _____ about him.

(little, many, more)

iii. Shakespeare wrote _____ plays.

(much, many, less)

b) **Arrange the following words into meaningful sentences:**

$1 \times 4 = 4$

i. by / known / a / man / behaviour / is / his

ii. music / is / of / fond / she.

iii. Chocolates / a / was / I / gifted / box of.

iv. cure / than / is / prevention / better.

c) **Report these questions using if/whether or why/when/ where/how which what.** $1 \times 3 = 3$

i. Mother said to me, "Read attentively".

ii. The teacher said, "The Earth moves round the sun."

iii. Seema asked him, "Why are you looking so sad?"

Section - C

Literature

Text Book and Supplementary Reading Text - 40 Marks

6. **Choose any one of the extracts below and answer the questions that follow:**

- A. The only woman in the world who has scaled Mt. Everest twice was born in a society where the birth of a son was regarded as a blessing and a daughter though not considered a curse, was not generally welcome. When her mother was expecting Santosh, a travelling 'holy man', giving her his blessings, assumed that she wanted a son. But to everyone's surprise, The unborn child's grandmother, who was standing close by, told him that they did not want a son. The 'holy man' was also surprised! Nevertheless, he gave the requested blessing and as destiny would have it, the

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blessing seemed to work. Santosh was born the sixth child in a family with five sons, a sister to five brothers. She was born in the small village of Joniyawas of Rewari District in Haryana.

$$1 \times 5 = 5$$

- a) How many brothers did Santosh have?
i) five ii) three iii) six iv) two
- b) The opposite word of 'blessing' is-
i) Fortune ii) Curse
iii) Honour iv) Favour
- c) The woman in the passage scaled Mt. Everest -
i) once ii) twice iii) thrice iv) None of the above.
- d) Santosh was born in -
i) a small town ii) a small village
iii) a metropolitan city iv) a slum
- e) Who told that they did not want a son?
i) Sister ii) Grandmother
iii) Father iv) Grandfather
- or

B. Einstein was deeply shaken by the extent of the destruction. This time he wrote a public missive to the United Nations. In it he proposed the formation of a world government. Unlike the letter to Roosevelt, this one made no impact. But over the next decade, Einstein got ever more involved in politics - agitating for an end to the arms build up and using his popularity to campaign for peace and democracy. <https://www.tripuraboard.com>

When Einstein died in 1955 at the age of 76, he was celebrated as a visionary and world citizen as much as a scientific genius.

- a) In what did Einstein involve himself over the next decade?
b) What did Einstein campaign for?
c) Why was Einstein deeply shaken?
d) What did Einstein propose through his letter?

e) At what age did Einstein die?

C. Choose anyone of the extracts below and answer the questions that follow:

1 × 5 = 5

“Away, away in the Northland,
Where the hours of the day are few,
And the nights are so long in winter
That they cannot sleep them through;
Where they harness the swift reindeer
To the sledges, when it snows;
And the children look like bear’s cubs
In their Funny, Furry clothes:”

- Name the poem and the poet of these lines.
- How are their clothes according to the poet?
- How do the children look like?
- Which land is spoken of here?
- When do the nights become longer?

or

D. “What a bliss to press the pillow
Of a cottage - chamber bed
And lie listening to the pattern
of the soft rain overhead!”

- Name the poem and the poet of the above extract.
- Which word in the extract means ‘being in heaven’?
- Where is the poet during the rain?
- Why was it bliss to press the pillow?
- Why was the rain soft to listen ?

7. Answer the questions below in short within 40-50 words each: (Any Four):

3 × 4 = 12

- What shows Santosh Yadav’s concern for the environment?
- What did Saint Peter ask the old lady for? What was the lady’s reaction?
- What is the single major memory that comes to the poet? Who are the “darling dreamers” he referred to?

- iv) What did Einstein call his desk drawer at the patent office?
v) What characteristics does Abdul Kalam say he inherited from his parents?

8. Answer the questions in about 40-50 words each: (Any Two)

3 × 2 = 6

- i) What is Johnsy's illness? What can cure her, the medicine or the willingness to live?
ii) Why did the swallow not leave the Prince and go to Egypt?
iii) Why do the courtiers call the Prince "The Happy Prince"?

9. Answer the following questions in about 100-120 words each:

a) i. Describe how Abdul Kalam's childhood in Rameshwaram was secure, both materially and emotionally. **6**

or

ii. Write the substance of the poem 'On Killing a Tree'.

b) i. Describe the significance of Behrman's last masterpiece. How does it save Johnsy life? **3+3=6**

or

ii. Why does the Happy Prince send a ruby for the seamstress? What does the swallow do in the seamstress' house?

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