

**Half-Yearly Examination - 2022-23**

**Class - IX**

**Sub - ENGLISH**

**SET - B**

Time : 3 Hrs.

Full Marks : 80

The figures in the margin indicate full marks

**Section A : Reading – 20 Marks**

1. **Read the passage below and answer the questions that follows :**

1. **Nepal** lies between India and Tibet, among the Himalayan mountains. The tallest mountains in the world, Mount Everest, is in Nepal, and there are several mountains nearly as high. When mountaineers try to climb Mount Everest, they take the help of the Sherpas, the strong and hardy people . who live in these mountains, to carry heavy loads and to act as guides.

2. A long time ago, the Sherpas crossed over the mountains from Tibet and made their homes along the southern slopes of the Himalayas in Nepal.

3. Some sherpa families have three houses, one house in the lower hills, one a little higher, and one farther up. The houses are in small village groups of about forty or fifty. Around each group of houses there are cultivated fields, usually built in the shape of terraces right up the hill sides. In the highest fields the sherpas grow potatoes : in the lower fields they grow barley ; and turnips, garlic and other vegetables in the lower ones. They also graze their yaks on the higher mountains slopes in the summer and the lower slopes in the winter. Yaks are very hardy large cattle with thick, hairy blackish - brown coats and long horns. The Sherpas use them for almost everything they need. They ride them, plough with them, and use them to carry their goods. They do not use them only for sports. The hairy wool of these animals is made into cloth and their skins into leather boots and tents. The yaks also provide milk, fat, and meat. Their durg is dried and used as fuel instead of wood or coal.

**Answer the following questions :**

1×10=10

- a) j) Where do the sherpas live?  
ii) Who are called sherpas ?  
iii) Where is Nepal situated ?  
iv) Name the tallest mountain in the world ?  
v) How do the Sherpas use the yak's dung ?  
vi) What is the only thing for which yaks are not used ?  
vii) Where do the Sherpas graze their yaks in the winter ?  
viii) What do the Sherpas grow on the higherfields?  
ix) Which things do the yaks provide?  
x) How many houses does some Sherpas have?

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

1. "Everyone knows that smoking and chewing tobacco is bad for health. Yet 250 million people in India almost one-fourth of the country's population consume some form of tobacco whenever they want, but it's not that easy; Nicotine is an addictive drug", health minister Dr. Ambumani Ramadoss told the Hindustan Times.
2. The World Health Organisation links smoking to 25 cancers: head and neck, urinary bladder, kidneys, cervix, pancreas and colon, to name just a few. Smoking is also a major risk factor for several other diseases such as chronic bronchitis, heart disease, stroke, impotence and premature death.
3. Most people link smoking to cancer, but it is the biggest cause of heart disease "Smoking increases the risk of clot formation in the blood, which can block arteries and cause heart attack even in healthy people", says Dr. R. R. Kashiwal, Director Cardiology, Escorts Heart Institution and Research Centre. "Life style changes don't help much if a person continues smoking", he adds

4. Smoking causes about 30 percent of all cancer death's (including 90 percent lung cancer deaths). According to Indian Council of Medical Research. One million die of tobacco use in India every year. Reducing tobacco use is naturally a big priority for the Health Minister.
5. Despite the cigarettes and other tobacco products rules banning smoking in public places and sell to minors in India. The number of smokers is increasing each year. "About ten million children under the age of 15 are addicted to tobacco in India." says Ramadoss. The WHO estimates that of every 1,000 tobacco users today, 500 will die of a tobacco related disease, 250 of their consumption trend in India indicates a shoot up from 1.4 percent of deaths in 1990 to 13.3 percent in 2020.
6. A Proposal to carry graphic and direct health warnings such as "Tobacco kills" - on all tobacco packages has been postponed indefinitely because of pressure from the food industry, which claims farmers and poor workers will lose jobs. But thousands of lives will be saved if the new warnings drive home the health hazards of tobacco use more effectively. "The statutory warning currently carried on tobacco products is in English, a language that a majority of the population cannot read or understand". says Ramadoss, who will start a campaign to make workplaces smoke free this year to protect non-smokers from second hand smoke.
7. Most people would stop tobacco if they know what goes into making a cigarette. It has formaldehyde, the chemical used to preserve animals in chemistry labs, cyanamide found in rat poison; and nicotine, which is a powerful insecticide. Studies have shown that 'bidis' are even more harmful than cigarettes.
8. "Tobacco is the second biggest cause of death in the world and kills 5 million people - 1 in 10 adult deaths every year. If that is not the reason enough to stop its use, I don't know what is", says Ramadoss.



## Section B : Writing and Grammar – 20 Marks

3. a) Write a paragraph on “Save Water” with the help of the following points within 100 – 120 words. 5

[Water\_\_used for various purpose\_\_drinking  
\_\_cooking\_\_clean water for good health\_\_hygiene\_\_\_\_  
farming\_\_a precious source\_\_must not waste\_\_duty of  
save water\_\_ensure to stop leating pipe.\_\_spread awareness.]

**OR**

- b) Write a Paragraph on ‘Importance of Online Education’ with the help of the following points within 100 – 120 words :

Online education \_\_advantages\_\_internet facilities  
available\_\_televisions. Computer and smart phones  
\_\_beneficial for students\_\_disadvantages\_\_Internet  
abuse\_\_lack of teacher student harmony\_\_harmful for  
health\_\_education should not be avoided.

4. a) Write a letter to the editor of an English daily about the frequent accidents due to reckless driving. You are Dev/Devika (within 100 – 120 words) 5
- b) You are Ratan/Ratna. You want to open a savings account. Write a letter to the bank manager for opening a savings account in about 100 – 120 words.

5. a) Rearrange the jumbled words into a meaningful sentence :

i) try/life/we/to/should/is/prosper.

1 × 3 = 3

ii) too/was/carry/load/the/weak/to/any/patient.

iii) quiet/teacher/be/the/ordered/class/the/to.

**b) Choose the appropriate word from the given option and fill in the blanks below :** **1 × 4 = 4**

i) \_\_\_\_\_ Sun is about to rise.

(a) an

(b) a

(c) the

(d) a little

ii) Each of the minerals \_\_\_\_\_ found in India.

(a) is

(b) are

(c) were

(d) None of these

iii) \_\_\_\_\_ her soul rest in peace.

(a) Can

(b) May

(c) Would

(d) might

iv) Her cousin does not \_\_\_\_\_ here.

(a) lives

(b) live

(c) lived

(d) living

**c) The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each sentence. Identify the incorrect word and write the correct word against each number as shown in the given example :** **1 × 3 = 3**

	Incorrect	Correct
There are certain thing in life	Thing	Things
i) Which many of we never want	_____	_____
ii) to part with. One such thing are my	_____	_____
iii) tricycle. My grandfather gift it to me on my fifth birthday.	_____	_____

## Section C :

(Literature : Text Book and Supplementary Reading Text)

40 Marks

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

A. "Gee said Tommy, 'what a waste, when you are through with the book. You just throw it away I guess, our television screen must have had a million books on it and it's good for plenty more. I wouldn't throw it away". "Same with mine", said Margie. She was eleven and hadn't seen as many telebooks as Tommy had, He was thirteen, she said, "Where did you find it?" "In my house". He pointed without looking, because he was busy reading. "In the attic". "what's it about ?" "School".

1×5=5

a) Tommy calls this old book a waste because –

- i) It was costly
- ii) Did not teach anything
- iii) Pages could not be turned
- iv) It could not be stored

b) Tommy was of –

- i) Twelve years
- ii) Thirteen years
- iii) Eleven years
- iv) Fourteen years

c) What is a tele book ?

- i) Book on cartoons
- ii) A book that is interpreted on tele screens.
- iii) It is made of pages
- iv) Full of Printed words

Which word in the passage is antonym of 'less'?

- i) Plenty of
- ii) Deficient
- iii) slight
- iv) Million

e) The old book was about –

- i) Paintings
- ii) Movies
- iii) House
- iv) School

**OR**

B. "Emperor Aurangzeb banned the playing of a musical instrumental called Pungi in the royal residence for it had a shrill unpleasant sound. Pungi became the generic name for reeded noisemakers. Few had thought that it would one day be revived. A barber of a family of professional musicians, who had access to the royal palace, decided to improve the tonal quality of the Pungi. He chose a pipe with a natural hollow stem that was longer and broader than the pungi, and made seven holes on the body of the pipe. When he played on it, closing and opening some of these holes, soft and melodious sounds were produced. He played the instrument, before royalty and everyone was impressed. The instrument so different from the pungi had to be given a new name.

- a) What was the new name given to pungi ?
- b) How many holes were made on the body of the pipe?
- c) Who banned pungi ?
- d) Why was everyone impressed ?
- e) Who revived pungi?



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

“The wind blows out weak fires.

He makes strong fires roar and flourish

His friendship is good

We praise him everyday”

1+1+1+1+1 = 5

- a) Name the Poem and the Poet of the above extract ?
- b) Whose friendship does the poet talk of ?
- c) What does wind do to the weak fires?
- d) Pick out two words from the extract which are opposite to each other.
- e) Whom do we praise everyday ?

**OR**

**D.** “ Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,

And sorry I could not travel both

And be one traveller, long I stood

And looked down one as far as I could

To where it bent is the undergrowth”.

- a) What is the rhyme scheme of the stanza ?
- b) Why does the poet stand long?
- c) Name the poem and the poet of these lines ?
- d) Why does the poet feel ‘Sorry’?
- e) Where do the two roads diverge in ?

**Answer the questions below in short within 40-50 words each : (ANY FOUR)** **3 × 4 = 12**

- 2.
- a)
- i) What does the divergence in the road signify in real life?
  - ii) What should we do to make friends with the wind?
  - iii) How did Evelyn inspire the deaf children?
  - iv) How old was Margie? Why did Margie's mother send for the country inspector?
  - v) Where did Bismillah Khan play the shehnai on 15th August 1947? Why was the event historic?

8. **Answer the following questions in about 40-50 words each : (ANY TWO)** **3 × 2 = 6**

- i) Why does grandfather take Toto to Saharanpur and how?
- ii) Why does the lost child lose interest in the things that he had wanted earlier? <https://www.tripuraboard.com>
- iii) What are the things the child sees on his way to the fair in the story "The Lost child".

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

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- a) i) How does Evelyn feel or sense music despite her deafness?

**OR**

- ii) Write down the substance of the poem 'Wind'.

- b) i) Why did grandfather buy Toto? How did Toto behave with other animals?

**OR**

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ii) How was the child seperated from his parents?

3+3=6

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