

CLASS-IX

SUBJECT : ENGLISH

Time: 3½ hours

Maximum Marks: 80

General Instructions :

*The question paper is divided into four sections.***Section A : Reading** 20 marks**Section B : Writing and Grammar** 25 marks**Section C : Literature** 25 marks**Section D : Open Text** 10 marks**SECTION-A (READING)**

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow : (5)

(2) Most ecologists consider human population growth to be one of the most pressing problems contributing to environmental degradation. Human population growth work in conjunction with excessive consumption to threaten global environmental stability (Southwick 160). It can be argued that a larger world population leads to an increase in human capital, thus making it possible to increase the world's standard of living. However, twenty percent of the world's population, including one third of the world's children are hungry or malnourished. Twenty percent have inadequate housing or are homeless : one third have poor health care and insufficient fuel to cook or keep warm; twenty-five percent of adults are illiterate; the depressing statistics continue (Southwick 160). Dr. Julian Simon believes that the world is making progress because people are living longer and more fulfilling lives compared to their forebearers, but he ignores the fact that there are also more people living in misery and destitution as well (Southwick 161). The statistics do not support Simon's argument, and they make a strong case for the need to be aware of population growth as an environment problem.

On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions :

- Q1. Choose an appropriate title for the above passage.

- a) Population growth-a problem b) Environmental problem
c) World's children d) Human Population

- Q2. Which of the following is not a true statement for the above passage.

- a) Ecologists consider human population to be a boon
b) Large world population leads to increased human capital
c) World is progressing as people are living longer
d) People are living in misery.

Q3. Global warming is acting as a threat due to _____.

- a) human growth
- b) population growth with excessive consumption
- c) Environmental problem
- d) world progress

Q4. Increase in human capital helps in _____.

- a) degrading life
- b) degrading the living standards
- c) rise in standard of living
- d) rising population

Q5. The antonym for threaten is _____.

- a) intimidate
- b) menace
- c) protect
- d) pressurize

2. Read the following passage carefully : (5)

I first became aware of food when I was about six years old. Yes, I already knew that you put food in your mouth, chewed and swallowed, and that it tasted either good or bad. But I wasn't really aware of food until I noted that while my friends had dinner like macaroni and cheese, my parents were making chicken cacciatore. I was crushed; I wanted to be normal. So I retaliated by refusing to taste the wonderful meals my parents would make. I would only agree to try the dishes if my parents would let me eat peanut butter afterwards. My fall back plan was a little odd, as I didn't like peanut butter, so I would usually eat the dinner my parents had prepared after acting dismayed at the foreign sounding name of the dish.

As I grew older, I learned the value of trying new things. I learned that eating food that my friends were not used to made me more comfortable whenever I was visiting someone's home. I would eat almost anything, and my parents trusted me to eat without making ugly faces at unfamiliar food. My manners earned me invitations to adult parties where I could curl up, read, and politely eat my dinner. It got me job of a baby-sitter, and I was proud to be considered grown-up.

Choose the most appropriate answer from the alternatives given.

(1) The food tastes good or bad if _____.

- (a) it is swallowed
- (b) it is chewed and swallowed
- (c) it is only chewed
- (d) it is dissolved and swallowed

(2) The writer always retaliated in order to be _____.

- (a) excited
- (b) normal
- (c) abnormal
- (d) hyper

- (3) Her parents trusted her for _____
- (a) having any food
 - (b) having dish without making faces
 - (c) not telling the truth
 - (d) acting dismayed

- (4) In parties she played the role of a _____
- (a) nanny
 - (b) governess
 - (c) baby sitter
 - (d) domestic helper

- (5) Write the correct antonym for the word, 'swallow' from the options given:

- (a) gulp
- (b) vomit
- (c) drink
- (d) spit

3. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow : (5)

Mother Teresa once said, "There are no great acts. There are only small acts done with great love." What small acts can you do today to deepen the bonds between you and the people you value the most? What random acts of kindness and senseless acts of beauty can you offer to someone in an effort to make his or her day just a little better? The irony of being more compassionate is that the very act of giving to others makes you feel better as well.

To practice being more loving, create a love account. Each day, make a few deposits in this very special reserve by doing something small to add joy to the life of someone around you. Buying your partner fresh cut flowers for no reason at all, sending your best friend a copy of your favourite book or taking the time to tell your children in no uncertain terms how you feel about them are all good places to start.

If there is one thing that I have learnt in life, it is that the little things are the big things. Those tiny, daily deposits into the love account will give you far more happiness than any amount of money in your bank account. As Emerson said so eloquently, "Without the rich heart, wealth is an ugly beggar." Or as Tolstoy wrote, "The means to

gain happiness is to throw out for oneself like a spider in all directions an adhesive web of love, and to catch in all that comes."

Complete the following sentences :

- (a) When you are compassionate to others, it helps you _____.
- (b) We can make deposits in our love account by _____.
- (c) To make a start and make your best friend happy, you can _____.
- (d) Small acts of love can give more happiness than _____.
- (e) The word in the passage which means the same as 'sticky' is _____.

4. Read the given poem carefully :

MIRACLES

Each time that I switch on the light
A Miracle it seems to me
That I should rediscover sight
And banish dark so utterly
One moment I am bleakly blind.
The next-exultant life I find.
Below the sable of the sky
My eyelids double darkness make.
Sleep is divine, yet oh how I
Am glad with wonder to awake !
To welcome, glimmery and wan
The mighty Miracle of Dawn.
For I've had moments when I seem,
With all the marvel of a child,
To dwell within a world of dream,
To sober fact unreconciled.
Each simple act has struck me thus-
Incredibly miraculous.
When every thing I see and do
So magical car seem to me
How vain it is to seek the True.
The riddle of Reality...
So let me with joy lyrical
Proclaim all life a Miracle!

1. Based on the given poem, complete the summary by filling in only one word in each blank:
The poet finds that life is a big (a) _____. Each time, when he switches on the light, he is surprised how it vanishes (b) _____ completely. Every morning, when he wakes up, he experiences the miracle of (c) _____. He realizes that it is (d) _____ to seek Reality and one should enjoy life's wonders.
2. Find a word from the poem which is opposite to 'weak'.

SECTION-B (WRITING & GRAMMAR)

5. Mishti/Nimish of 27-Queens Avenue, Park Lane, Pitampura comes across the following data published in the newspaper. She/He feels that despite the government's ban on

tobacco related advertisements and the law against public smoking, the consumption of tobacco is growing steadily in India. She/He is of the opinion that instead of just banning such ads, the government should order the closure of tobacco industry to eliminate the evil from its root. She/He decided to write a letter to the editor of a national daily expressing her/his views and suggestions. Using the information given below, together with your own ideas, write Mishti's/Nimish's letter in not more than 150 words. (6)

- There are 18.4 crore smokers in India.
- 8 lakh persons annually or 2200 daily die of tobacco related diseases.
- There are 25 tobacco related diseases including cancer, lung ailments and heart diseases.
- 19% smoke cigarettes
- 54% smoke bidis
- 27% chew tobacco

6. Fast food or Junk food is very popular among the younger generation. Write a speech to be given in the morning assembly of your school stressing the need to have a nutritional diet. You may take clues from the following inputs : (5)

- Health is wealth
- You need to eat a balanced diet
- More intake of proteins, vitamins and minerals
- Fast food is high in carbohydrate and fats
- Leads to obesity and related problems

7. You are Asha/Avneet of M.J. Public School. You lost your spectacles in school. Write a notice for the notice board of your school, giving necessary details. (4)

8. Choose the most appropriate option from the ones given below to complete the following passage. (3)

Bill Gates didn't (a) _____ like a shoe-in for success after dropping out of Harvard and starting a failed first business with Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen (b) _____

Traf-O-Data. While this early idea didn't work, Gates' later, (c) _____ the global empire that is Microsoft.

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| (a) | (i) | seemed | (ii) | seems | (iii) | seeming | (iv) | seem |
| (b) | (i) | called | (ii) | calls | (iii) | calling | (iv) | call |
| (c) | (i) | created | (ii) | creates | (iii) | creating | (iv) | is creating |

9. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in the space provided against the correct blank number. (4)

- As Rahul and Sohan climbed an steep cliff, they held hand.
- It was not the easy climb but every of them were determined to reach up.
- (a) _____
(b) _____
(c) _____
(d) _____

10. Read the conversation given below and complete the paragraph that follows. Write the answers against the correct blank numbers in your answer sheet. Do not copy the whole sentences. (3)

Raghav : I am going to watch the cricket match tomorrow. Would you like to join me?

Ramit : I would love to but I have to take my father's permission first.

Raghav : You must let me know by this evening because I have to arrange for the passes.

Ramit : I will do so.

Raghav informed Ramit (a) _____. He asked Ramit if he would like to join him. Ramit replied (b) _____ permission first. Raghav told him (c) _____ for the passes. Ramit said that he would do so.

SECTION-C (LITERATURE)

11. Read the passage given below carefully and answer the questions that follow : (3)

All the world's a stage

And all the men and women merely players;

They have their exits and their entrances.

- (a) Name the poem and the poet of the above extract.
(b) Explain the line 'All the men and women merely players'.
(c) What is the significance of the words 'entrances' and 'exits'?

Answer the questions in about 30 to 40 words each :

12. (a) Bill Bramble brought about major changes in his life after the birth of his son Harold. What were they? (2)
(b) John A. Pescud got off the train at Coketown. What aspect of his character is revealed through this action? (2)
(c) How do you think the song of the rain is the song of the soul? (2)
(d) Explain the stage of justice. (2)
13. In the context of the play 'The Bishop's Candlesticks', justify that kindness and compassion can change the lives of the criminals for the better. (4)

OR

Private Quelch's ambition had blinded him. Analyse Corporal's reaction to his behaviour. (4)

Attempt either Part A or Part B

PART A

14. (a) Why does Master Houyhnhnm find, Gulliver worse than Yahoos in appearance? (5)
15. (a) Munodi was a person of the first rank and had been relieved of this post for "insufficiency". 5 Comment.

Part B

14. (b) The Irish stew prepared by George was a success. Describe how George prepared the stew. (5)
15. (b) Write a short note on the character of George from the novel. (5)

SECTION-D (Open Text -10 Marks)

(Please ensure that the open text of the given theme is supplied with this question paper)*

16. **Theme-II (The future is Now: A Zest for Living)** (5+5=10)
- (a) 'Some seek happiness by killing....some by healing'. How do we know if we are happy? And if we aren't, how can we know what's required in order to be so?
- (b) Greeks who are renowned for their civilization were so insensitive that they used to leave their defective children to die. In Rome defective babies were left on the river Tiber to be drowned somewhere downstream. We Indians still ill-treat our differently abled citizens. Do you agree? Justify.