

GUESS PAPER
SUBJECT ENGLISH
(Language and Literature)

Time allowed-3hours

Class-IX

Maximum Marks-80

General Instructions:-

- (i) This paper is divided into four sections-A,B,C and D
- (ii) Marks are indicated against each question.

SECTION-A

Reading-15 Marks

1. **Read the passage given below and write the option that you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet** (05)

Several arguments have been advanced by supporters of the propositions that higher education in India should not be open to all. In the first place, they maintain, making higher education open to all leads to the deterioration of standards of education. There is a steady decline in the educational standards in India. A graduate of the times when higher educational facilities were available to a selected few, had much higher standard than the graduate of today. The reason is that every Tom, Dick and Harry has not the capacity and ability of comprehending higher truths of life which higher education seeks to discover. Even in ancient India, Taxila and Nalanda Universities had very rigid and stringent rules regarding admission of students. Students seeking admission in these universities had to pass several tough tests before he could be allowed admission in them. By these rigid rules and regulations these universities maintained one of the highest standards of teaching and learning in the world. The graduates of these universities were the very glass and essence of humanity, whose scholarship evoked admiration of the mightiest and wisest of rulers of those times. Great sanctity was therefore attached to these temples of higher learning. Higher education in India at present finds itself in a mess. There is nothing like standards. Things have come to such a pass that one who is adept in copying and cheating can easily pass higher examinations. Efforts have been made to prevent the students from indulging in unfair practices, but to no avail.

- A. **If we make higher education open to all, the standards of scholarship will---**
a. not be affected at all.
b. be adversely affected
c. be the first casualty inevitably
d. achieve a high water mark.
- B. **The universities of Taxila and Nalanda in ancient India---**
a. were liberal enough to grant admission to any or everybody who came there for this purpose
b. had no rules of admission
c. had very rigid and stringent rules of admission
d. had to depend for their existence on the generosity of the kings and princes
- C. **The graduates which the ancient universities of India turned out---**
a. dedicated themselves to teaching and nothing else
b. were objects of jealousy and rude of those who failed to find admission in these universities
c. toured different countries of the world to communicate the message of India there
d. were the cream of scholarship and humanity
- D. **Educational standard of India today are going down day by day. This is because---**
a. copying and cheating are freely allowed in examinations
b. nobody is interested in standards
c. funds allocated to education are really very meager
d. admission are allowed to students irrespective of whether they have the capacity and ability for higher scholarship
- E. **Which of the following may be the best title for the passage ?**
a. What plagues higher education in India ?
b. The problem standards of higher education in India
c. Higher education should be made open to all
d. Higher education should not be open to all

2. **Read the following passage given below and write the option that you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheets** (5)

Prafulla Chandra Ray was born on 2 August 1861 in the district of Jessore, now in Bangladesh, close to the birth place of Madhusudan Dutt, widely regarded as the Milton of Bengal. It was the best of times and the worst... The British had by now perfected their role as masters and British values permeated the Indian upper classes to the very last detail like manners. That of course, was not the worst of the British influence. What was far more demeaning to the educated Indians---and there were several---was the fact that senior government positions were closed to them. Being forfeited of one's right in one's land of birth would become the rallying point for the Indian intelligentsia in the years to come. Ray's father Harish Chandra Ray, a man of learning and taste, was closely associated with the cultural and intellectual leaders of the time and exerted great influence on his son. Ray had his early schooling in the village school founded by his father but soon his father shifted to Calcutta and at the

age of nine, little Prafulla set eyes for the first time, on the bustling city that would be his home for many years to come. He was filled with wonder at the ever-changing sights and sounds-the city seemed to change moods ever so often ! His formal schooling was interrupted due to illness but that did not affect his education.

- A. The British perfected their role as masters because**
a. they had enslaved Indians
b. they showed that they were superior
c. they were hated by the upper classes
d. upper class Indians accepted them as role models
- B. The educated Indians felt insulted by the fact that**
a. They had to British Customs
b. They were not allowed to study in institutions of higher learning
c. They were not promoted to senior government positions
d. They forced to speak only in English.
- C. Prafulla Chandra Ray was greatly influenced by.....**
a. his brother
b. his uncle
c. his father
d. his cousin
- D. Prafulla Chandra's illness could not stop him**
a. schooling
b. learning c routine
d. sportsman spirit
- E. "Intelligentsia" here means**
a. intelligent animal
b. Intel television
c. intelligent people
d. a special detergent
- 3. Read the passage given below and write the option that you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheets (5)**

The night was cold and dark. There was great storm, thunder and lightening also. Most men and animals, adequately protected were asleep in their homes, they were warm and happy .But some monkeys were running through forest .They had no warm home and they were cold. Worried monkeys looked every -where for shelter .They had almost resigned themselves to be flattened out by the cold. Suddenly they saw some fireflies. Now, fireflies have a light in their tails as all our children know. The monkeys took the fire. Poor things, they did not know any better. They said , "We will go near the fire and warm ourselves"

There was a flock of birds in a tree nearby. One bird had a kind heart ,and it felt sorry for the monkeys. It called out, "That is not fire, my friends ! Those are fireflies. They give no heat. It is futile to run after them "The monkeys got furious. Their rage knew no bounds. They did not thank the .One monkey said rudely, "It is so ?We do not want unsolicited advice. I will teach you to say there is no fire "He jumped up the tree and pulled the poor bird out of its nest. "Alas!"said the poor bird, "Why did I try to help a fool"

- A. The monkeys were running through the forest because—**
a .they were in search of food
b .monkeys like running about
c .they were in search of warm place
d .they wanted to kill birds and eat them away
- B. Why were the monkeys angry?**
a. The bird spoke to the monkeys rudely
b. The monkeys did not like the advice of the bird
c. The monkeys could get heat from the fireflies
d. It was very cold and they could not find warm place
- C. What happened finally to the bird ?**
a. The bird flew away from the tree
b The bird was killed by a monkey
c. The bird managed to escape from the monkey's hold
d. The bird took shelter on another tree
- D. Which of the following is not true in the following passage ?**
a. The night was cold and dark
b. The bird had a kind heart
c Fireflies have a light in their tails
d. Most of the monkeys were in search of food.

- E. What did the monkey see in the jungle ?**
- The monkeys saw fire from the wood
 - The monkeys saw some warm place to rest in the jungle
 - Monkeys saw that animals were asleep in their homes
 - Non of these

SECTION-B

Writing-15 Marks

- 4.** Your married sister, Rachna lives at Mussoorie. You like this place very much. Write a letter to your sister informing her about your plan to visit her during your Autumn Break in the last week of September. You are Divya /Diptesh, living at 150, 1st Floor, Dilshad Apartments, Delhi (100 words) **(6marks)**

OR

Write an application to your Principal, requesting him to provide water coolers for the students in the school, You are Abhishek /Abhilasha, school captain of Morden Public School, New Delhi.

- 5.** Government has decided to exempt the Board examination in class 10th and 12th. Write an article in favour and against of it according to your opinion (120 words) **(6marks)**
- 6. Complete the following story on the basis of the beginning given below. (60 words)**
 "The old lady was glad to be back at the block of flats where she lived. Her shopping had tired her and her basket had grown heavier with every step of the way home. In the lift her thoughts were on lunch and good rest; but when she got out her own floor, both were forgotten in her sudden discovery that her front door was peon....."(80 words) **(3 marks)**

SECTION-C

Grammar-15 Marks

- 7. Choose the most appropriate option from the ones given below to complete the following passage. Write the answer in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. Do not copy the whole passage.** **1/2 x6 =3**

A tiger when killing its natural prey, which it does either -----stalking or lying -----wait for it. Depends ----the success of its attack-----its speed and ,to a lesser extent,----the condition-----its teeth and claws.

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| a. (i)at | b. (i)whole | c. (i)on |
| (ii)in | (ii)through | (ii)upon |
| (iii)of | (iii)in | (iii)for |
| (iv)by | (iv)from | (iv)at |
| d. (i)at | e. (i)on | f. (i)in |
| (ii)with | (ii)at | (ii)of |
| (iii)in | (iii)in | (iii)through |
| (iv)on | (iv)for | (iv)on |

- 8 Each numbered blank space in the following passage can be filled up by one word or phrase out of the four from the responses in the corresponding number.** **1/2X6=3**

Under the concerted (1)of the modern debunking 'sciences', psychology and sociology, nothing indeed has seemed to be more safely(2)than the (3)of freedom. Even revolutionists would rather (4)freedom to rank of a lower middle class prejudice than admit that the aim of revolution was and always has been freedom, yet if it was (5)to see how the very word freedom could disappear from the revolutionary vocabulary, it has perhaps been no less (6) to watch how in recent years the idea of freedom has.

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| (1) a. assault | 2. a. involved | 3. a. humiliate |
| b. influence | b. produced | b. concept |
| c. effect | c. buried | c. debase |
| d. impact | d. protected | d. motion |
| (4) a. idea | 5. a. amazing | 6.a. astounding |
| b. catapult | b. surprising | b. spectacular |
| c. context | c. astonishing | c. momentous |
| d. degrade | d. striking | d. monumental |

- 9. Read the following dialogue and then complete the report by choosing the correct option from the ones given below. Write your answers in your answer-sheet with correct blank number. Do not copy the dialogue and the report. 1x3=3**

Doctor: How are you feeling now ?

Raghu: Much better ,Sir.

Doctor: Are you taking the medicines regularly ?

Raghu: yes,sir

The doctor asked Raghu (a)-----Raghu replied that (b)-----much better. The doctor further asked Raghu (c)-----the medicines regularly. Raghu replied in the affirmative.

- (a) **(i)that how he was feeling**
 (ii) how he was feeling
 (iii) how you are feeling
 (iv) how was he feeling
- (b) **(i)I am feeling**
 (ii) I was feeling
 (iii) he is feeling
 (iv) he was feeling
- (c) **(i)if you are taking**
 (ii) if he is taking
 (iii) that he was taking s
 (iv) if he was taking

10. Turn the following into Indirect Speech 1x3=3

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- a. 'Which way did she go ?'asked the young Rakshas
 b. Alladin said to the magician, 'What have I done to deserve so severe a blow ?
 c. 'Have you anything to say on behalf of the prisoner ?'said the judge

11. Fill in the blanks in the following sentences by selecting the most appropriate alternative from the five choices given under each sentence.(3 marks)

A. I saw a.....of sheep grazing in the field.

- (a) group
 (b) herd
 (c) bulk
 (d) pack
 (e) flock

B. The greater is the size the more it cost, because the price.....on size.

- (a) rests
 (b) counts
 (c) depends
 (d) reckons
 (e) dwells

C. We should fight the enemyand drive him out of the country.

- (a) of tooth and nail
 (b) by tooth and nail
 (c) with tooth and nail
 (d) root and branch
 (e) tooth and nail

SECTION-D

Text book 35 marks

(Beehive) (Prose)

12. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the most appropriate alternative from those given below.(1x5=5marks)

I rather pride myself on my packing. Packing is one of those many things that I feel I know more about than any other person living (It surprises me myself, sometimes, how many such things there are). I impressed the fact upon George and Harris and told them that they had better leave the whole matter entirely to me. George put on a pipe and spread himself over the easy chair, and Harris cocked his legs on the table and lit a cigar.

1. The writer offered to

- (a) sit on an easy chair
 (b) pack for all of them for the trip on his own
 (c) light a pipe
 (d) pack on his own

2. "The author's friends fell in to the suggestion....."Here "fell in" means

- (a) agreed to the author's suggestion
 (b) fell down on the floor
 (c) started laughing
 (d) were happy at his suggestion

3. The word uncanny means

- (a) beautiful
 (b) lovely
 (c) strange
 (d) pretty

4. **The author here is**
 (a) sure of himself
 (b) arrogant
 (c) joking about his friends
 (d) happy about his trip
5. **The Lesson is about**
 (a) the art of packing
 (b) a humorous story about three friends who are getting ready for a trip
 (c) three boatmen
 (d) a humorous story about friends and a dog
13. **Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the most appropriate alternative from those given below.(1x5=5)**
 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 do not recall the exact number of people she fed every day ,but I am quite certain that far more outsiders ate with us than all the members of our own family put together.
1. **'I' here refers to :**
 (a) A.P.J. Abdul Kalam
 (b) Bismillah Khan
 (c) M.F. Hussain
 (d) Salman Khan
2. **The names of the writer's parents are**
 (a) Jainulabdeen and Vallimma
 (b) Ashiamma and Jalal
 (c) Jainulabdeen and Ashiamma
 (d) Ashiamma and Kamaal
3. **The writer's father was**
 (a) wise and generous
 (b) intelligent and wealthy
 (c) brave and strong
 (d) educated and spirited
4. **We know that the writer's mother was also very generous because**
 (a) she helped her husband in his work
 (b) she gave food to many outsiders
 (c) she helped writer in his studies
 (d) she gave donations to many people
5. **To be "large hearted" means**
 (a) generous
 (b) wise
 (c) helpful
 (d) wealthy
14. **Answer the following question in about 80 words Marks-05**
 Why did Santosh's parents agree to pay for her schooling in Delhi ? What mental qualities of Santosh are brought into light by this incident ?
 OR
 "To hear any flute is to be drawn into commonality of mankind ." Why does the author say this ?
15. **Answer any two of the following questions in 30-40 words Marks 2x2=4**
 (i) What difference does the author note between the flute seller and the other hawkers?
 (ii) Was Bruno a loving and playful pet ? Why, then, did he have to be sent away ?
 (iii) What shows Santosh Yadav's concern for the environment ?
16. **Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the most appropriate alternatives from those given below.(1x4=4 marks)**
*'Now, you shall build as the birds do,
 And shall get your food
 By boring ,and boring ,and boring
 All day in the hard , dry wood'*
- (i) **Who composed the above lines ?**
 (a) Phoebe Cary
 (b) Coates Kinny
 (c) Robert Frost
 (d) William Wordsworth

- (ii) **Who is the speaker in this extract ?**
(a) fat woman
(b) St.Peter
(c) the people of Northland
(d) none of the above
- (iii) **The Father cursed the woman saying that she would have to**
(a) cook her the food
(b) make a hole in the dry wood
(c) live in the forest
(d) toil hard for her food
- (iv) **Scanty food means**
(a) very little quantity of food
(b) food for giving someone
(c) food for spoiling
(d) food for giving to animals

17. **Answer the following question in about 30-40 words** **Marks-05**
Where was the snake before anyone saw it and chased it away ? Where does the snake disappear ?

OR

What is the meaning of “bleeding bark” ?What makes it bleed ?

SUPPLEMENTARY READER (MOMENTS)

18. **Answer the following question in about 80 words** **Marks-5**
During their conversation Lushkoff reveals that Sergei’s cook, Olga, is responsible for the positive change in him. How has Olga saved Lushkoff ?

OR

Behrman has a dream. What is it ?Does it come true ?

19. **Answer the following question in about 40-50 words** **Marks-03**
What does the author notice one Sunday afternoon? What is his mother’s reaction?

OR

What havoc has the super cyclone wreaked in the life of the people of Orissa ?

20. **Answer the following question in about 30-40 words.** **Marks-02**
What reasons does Lushkoff give to Sergei for his telling lies?

OR

For whom does the prince send the sapphires and why ?