

FINAL EXAMINATION: 2024-2025

CLASS: IX

SUBJECT: ENGLISH LANGUAGE

NAME OF STUDENT:

MAX. MARKS: 80

DATE:

TIME: 2 HOURS

Note: You will not be allowed to write during the first 15 minutes. This time is to be spent in reading the question paper. The time given at the head of this paper is the time allowed for writing the answers.

Attempt all five questions

The intended marks for questions or parts of questions are given in brackets.

Question 1.

(Do not spend more than 30 minutes on this question.)

[20]

Write a composition (300 – 350 words) on any one of the following:

- i. Write an original story that begins with the words: He never thought
- ii. 'Technology has destroyed childhood.' Express your views either for or against this statement.
- iii. A kind action can go a long way. Narrate an incident from your own experience when someone was kind to you at a time when you were feeling very depressed. Give details of the kind action and say how this caused a change in you.
- iv. Describe the sights and sounds of your school playground during the break-time. How does this change when the school bell is rung?
- v. Imagine that you were one of the passengers in the chartered bus which had been hijacked to a thick forest. Explain how the bus was hijacked, the reaction of the passengers and how you managed to trick the hijackers to free yourselves.

Question 2.

(Do not spend more than 20 minutes on this question.)

[10]

Select any one of the following:

- i. Your younger brother is away at a boarding and is giving your parents a lot of problems asking for huge amounts of pocket money. Write a letter to him advising him against making such demands.
- ii. Write a letter to the local Municipal Corporation complaining about the malaria epidemic in your city. State the causes and suggest ways to deal with the problem.

Question 3.

- i. You are the Secretary of the Residents Welfare Association of Sahyog Colony, Delhi. Write a notice informing the residents of the colony that there will be no water supply in their area for about a day due to maintenance work. [5]
- ii. Write an email to the President, Sahyog Colony Market, Delhi seeking permission to display the notice and requesting to bear with the non-supply of water in the market area also. [5]

Question 4.

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

The party began shortly after nine. Mr. Wood, who lived in the flat below, sighed to himself as he heard the first signs: the steady tramp of feet on the stairs; the sound of excited voices as the guests greeted one another; and the noise of the gramophone, which was turned full on.

Luckily, Mr. Wood had brought some work home from the office, with which he occupied himself for a couple of hours, thus managing to ignore with some success the party which was going on over his head. But by eleven o'clock he felt tired and was ready to go to bed, though from his experience of previous parties he knew it was useless trying to go to sleep. He undressed and lay for a while on the bed trying to read but the noise from above his head did not allow him to concentrate on what he was reading. He found himself reading the same page over and over again. He then switched off the light and buried his head in the pillow, in a desperate attempt to go to sleep. But even so he could not shut out the noise. Finally, after what seemed like hours, he switched on the light and looked at his watch: it was just after midnight.

But now his patience was quite exhausted. He leaped out of bed and putting on his dressing gown over his pyjamas, marched resolutely up the stairs to his neighbour's flat. He rang the bell several times but the door remained shut in his face. This did not improve his temper. Just then one of the guests came out and went off down the stairs, leaving the door open. Mr. Wood went in. In spite of his odd dress nobody took any notice of him. Then he caught sight of the owner of the flat and ^{managed} ~~manage~~ to attract his attention. The man whose name was Black, came across the room, smiling cheerfully, and before Mr. Wood could open his mouth to complain, said "My dear fellow, come in and join us. I know our parties must bother you. I meant to send you an invitation. Mr. Wood's ill-temper vanished at once. "I'd better go and get properly dressed," he said. As Mr. Wood left the room, Black turn to one of the guests and said, "As soon as I set my eyes on him, I knew he had come to make trouble. That's why I had asked him to join us. Did you see how pleased he was? He went off at once to get changed. What a pity the party is nearly over!"

- i. For each word given below choose the correct meaning (as used in the passage) from the options provided: [2]
 1. steady (line 2)
 - a) regular
 - b) continuous

- c) irregular
- d) fixed
- 2. ignore (line 5)
- a) disregard
- b) push away
- c) escape
- d) end

- ii. Which word in the passage means the opposite of the word 'resolutely.' [1]
 - a) briskly
 - b) fast
 - c) weakly
 - d) half-heartedly
- iii. Answer the following questions briefly in your own words:
 - a) How did Mr. Wood manage to ignore the party till he went to bed? [2]
 - b) How long had the party been going on when Mr. Wood went to complain? [2]
 - c) In what way was Mr. Wood's dress odd? [1]
 - d) Why did Mr. Wood's ill-^{temper}humour suddenly vanish? [2]
 - e) Explain briefly the temperament and nature of Mr. Black on the basis of his comments to one of his guests. [2]
- iv. In not more than 50 words, describe what Mr. Wood did from the time he leaped out of bed till he went back into the flat to change his clothes. [8]

Question 5.

- i. Fill in each of the numbered blanks with the correct form of word given in brackets. Do not copy the passage, but write in correct serial order the word or phrase appropriate to the blank space. [4]

He (1) _____ (take) the bowl between his shaking hands and he went to the other basket. There, while the vendor (2) _____ (watch), the old man (3) _____ (pull) aside the quilt until one could see the shrunken face of a small boy lying with his eyes fast closed. One (4) _____ (will) have said the child was dead except that when the old man (5) _____ (lift) his head so his mouth (6) _____ (can) touch the edge of the little bowl. He (7) _____ (begin) to swallow feebly until the hot mixture was finished. The old man (8) _____ (keep) murmuring to him: Thank You!

- ii. Fill in the blanks with appropriate words. [4]
 - a) I am indebted to you _____ recommending me.
 - b) Don't be distrustful _____ everyone.
 - c) Won't you accede _____ my request?
 - d) She insisted _____ my staying in the village.
 - e) He cannot part _____ his pen.

f) The Principal presided _____ the meeting.

g) I have great regard _____ her.

h) He has recovered _____ illness.

iii. Join the following sentences to make one complete sentence **without using and, but or so**. Choose the correct option. [4]

1. She gave us food to eat. She gave us money.

a) She gave us food as well as money to eat.

b) She gave us not only food to eat but also money.

c) She gave us food and money to eat.

d) She gave us money to eat and food.

2. Take medicine. You will get better.

a) Take medicine, otherwise you will not get better.

b) Take medicine or you will get better.

c) If you do not take medicine you will get better.

d) If you take medicine you will not get better.

3. He cannot die in peace. He is a sinner.

a) He cannot die in peace for being a sinner.

b) He, being a sinner, cannot die in peace.

c) He can die peacefully if he is a sinner.

d) He can die in peace if he is not a sinner.

4. I gave him a book. He passed it on to his friend.

a) I gave him a book yet he passed it on to his friend.

b) I gave him a book still he passed it on to his friend.

c) I gave him a book which he passed on to his friend.

d) He passed on the book to his friend which was gone.

iv. Choose the correct option to rewrite the following according to the instructions given after each sentence. [8]

1. We don't admit it. We don't deny it. (Use: neither ... nor)

a) We admit it neither deny it nor.

b) We neither admit it nor deny it.

c) We do neither admit nor deny it.

d) We admit neither it nor deny.

2. We parked our car and went in. (Begin: Having ...)

a) Having parked our car we went in.

b) Having parking our car we went in.

c) Having been parked our car we went in.

d) Having parked our car we are going in.

3. We are too short to climb it. (Remove: too)

a) We are so short that we can climb it.

b) We are short enough to climb it.

- c) We are so short that we cannot climb it.
d) We are so short that we will climb it.
4. Only a fool can challenge him. (Begin: None.....)
- a) None but a fool can challenge him.
b) None but fool will challenge him.
c) None but a fool cannot challenge him.
d) None other than a fool challenges him.
5. My younger brother does not care where he sleeps. (Begin: My younger brother hardly bothers ...)
- a) My younger brother hardly, bothering where he sleeps.
b) My younger brother hardly bothered where he slept.
c) My younger brother hardly bothers where he sleeps.
d) My younger brother hardly bother where he should sleep.
6. He is too truthful to tell a lie. (Use: so ... that)
- a) He is so truthful that he cannot tell a lie.
b) He is so truthful that he does not tell a lie.
c) He is so truthful that he will not tell a lie.
d) He is so very truthful that not tell a lie.
7. She said to me, "Do not waste time." (Change into Indirect Speech)
- a) She told me to waste her time.
b) She advised me not to waste my time.
c) She asked me not to waste our time.
d) She promised me not to waste my time.
8. In spite of her best efforts she failed (Use: Despite)
- a) Despite her best efforts she fails.
b) Despite her best efforts she failed.
c) Despite her better efforts she is failing.
d) Despite her best efforts she was failed.

THE END