



ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, PRAYAGRAJ
FINAL EXAMINATION 2024-25
ENGLISH I - LANGUAGE
CLASS – IX

TIME: 2 Hours

MM: 80

Answers to this paper must be written on the paper provided separately.

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.

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

Attempt all five questions

Q 1) Write a composition (300 - 350 words) on any one of the following:

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

- Write an original short story entitled, 'The Brave Little Warrior.'
- You along with your classmates are chosen by your school to reach supplies to pilgrims in Mahakumbh and to serve food to them. Describe your experience.
- 'Small beginnings make great endings.' Give arguments for or against this statement.
- Amusing incidents occur regularly. Narrate one that took place in your home which makes you laugh whenever you think of it.
- Study the picture given below. Write an account of what the picture suggests to you. Your composition may be directly about the subject of the picture or may take suggestions from it but there must be a clear connection between the picture and the composition.



Q 2) Select any one of the following:

[10]

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

- You have noted that the local bus service has become very inefficient in recent weeks. Buses are infrequent and sometimes three or four are going to the same place at the same time. On other occasions, buses with empty seats fail to stop for you. Write a letter to the General Manager of the Transport Corporation complaining about the service.
- You had a particularly bad day. Your best friend, in an attempt to help you, tried to lighten your mood. But you got angry and snapped at him/her. Write a letter to him/her apologising for your behaviour.

Q 3) a) Your school is organising an Inter-school fashion show reusing old clothes. Write a notice informing the students about the event and asking them to register their names for the fashion show.

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b) Write an email to a leading fashion designer requesting him/her to be the judge at the fashion show, giving all the necessary details.

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Q 4) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

Aruna went to her grandfather and sat down beside him.

'When you are hungry, tell me', she said, 'and I will make the bread.'

'Is your grandmother asleep?'

'Yes, but she will wake soon. The pain is deep.'



The old man stared across the river, at the dark green forest, at the leaden sky, and said, "If she is not better by morning, I will take her to the hospital in Shahganj. They will know how to make her well. You may be on your own for two or three days. You have been on your own before."

Aruna nodded **gravely**- she had been alone before; but not in the middle of the rains with the river so high. But she knew that someone must stay behind. She wanted Grandmother to get well and she knew that only Grandfather could take the small boat across the river when the current was so strong.

Aruna was not afraid of being left alone but she did not like the look of the river.

That evening it began to rain again. Big pellets of rain were scarring the surface of the river. But it was warm rain and Aruna could move about in it. She was not afraid of getting wet, she rather liked it. In the previous month, when the monsoon shower had arrived, washing the dusty leaves of the tree and bringing up the good smell of the earth, she had exulted in it, had run about shouting for joy. She was used to it now, even a little tired of the rain, but she did not mind getting wet. It was **steam**y indoors and her thin dress would soon dry in the heat from the kitchen fire.

She walked about barefooted, barelegged. She was very sure on her feet. Her toes had grown accustomed to gripping all kinds of rocks, slippery or sharp, and though thin, she was surprisingly strong.

Black hair, streaming across her face. Black eyes. Slim brown arms. A scar on her thigh: when she was small, visiting her mother's village, a hyena had entered the house where she was sleeping, fastened on to her leg and tried to drag her away but her screams had roused the villagers and the hyena had run off.

She moved about in the pouring rain, chasing the hens into a shelter behind the hut. A harmless brown snake, flooded out of its hole, was moving across the open ground. Aruna took a stick, picked the snake up with it, and dropped it behind a cluster of rocks. She had no quarrel with snakes. They kept down the rats and the frogs. She wondered how the rats had first come to the island-probably in someone's boat or in a sack of grain.

She disliked the huge black scorpion who left their waterlogged dwellings and tried to take shelter in the hut. It was so easy to step on one and the sting could be very painful. She had been bitten by a scorpion, she crushed it with a rock! When, finally, she went indoors, she was hungry, she ate some **parched** gram and warmed up some goat's milk.

Grandmother woke once and asked for water and Grandfather held the brass tumbler to her lips.

The roof was leaking and a small puddle formed on the floor. Grandfather kept the kerosene lamps alight. They did not need the light but somehow it made them feel safer.

It rained all night.

i) For each word given below choose the correct meaning (as used in the passage) from the options provided: [2]

1. gravely

- (a) slightly (b) solemnly (c) seriously (d) arrogantly

2. steamy

- (a) dangerous (b) hot (c) wet (d) hot and wet

ii) Which word in the passage means the opposite of the word 'parched'? [1]

- (a) soaked (b) dull (c) steamy (d) hot

iii) Answer the following questions in your own words:

- (a) Why was Aruna willing to stay alone? [2]
(b) What had made Aruna like the first monsoon shower? [2]
(c) Why did Aruna have a scar on her thigh? [2]
(d) Which word in the passage tells us that Aruna did not need to fear the snake? [1]
(e) Why did she think snakes were useful? [2]

iv) What kind of girl was Aruna? Describe her in 50 words. [8]

Q 5) i) Fill in each of the numbered blanks with the correct form of the word given in brackets. [4]

Do not copy the passage but write the answers in correct serial order.

Example: (0) asked



Once a King (0) ___(ask) a hermit for a powerful talisman. The hermit (1)___(give) him a ring (2)___(contain) a (3)___(fold) slip of paper and asked him to open it when he (4)___(face) with extraordinary situations, be it a tragedy or a triumph. The hermit (5)___(tell) the King that the talisman (6)___(keep) him grounded; it (7)___(help) him keep his head in any situation.

The King had many occasions (8)___(experience) the power of the writing on the paper during his long reign. The paper had on it a simple line: "This,too,shall pass."

ii) Fill in the blanks with an appropriate word:

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- (a) The horse with the cart fell _____ the ditch.
- (b) I have never heard of anyone dying _____ fatigue.
- (c) A child is accountable _____ his parents.
- (d) Won't you accede _____ my request?
- (e) She married him _____ her will.
- (f) When I go to my hometown, I always look _____ my childhood friends.
- (g) He promised to look _____ his uncle when he went to England.
- (h) He felt sad on parting _____ his friend.

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

1. He jumped up. He ran away.

- (a) He jumped up before he ran away.
- (b) Jumping up, he ran away.
- (c) He ran away after jumping.
- (d) He ran away because he jumped up.

2. He has failed many times. Still, he hopes to succeed.

- (a) He succeeds after he failed many times.
- (b) Despite of failing, he hopes to succeed.
- (c) In spite of many failures, he hopes to succeed.
- (d) He failed many times even though he hopes to succeed.

3. Do not be a jeweller. Do not be a goldsmith.

- (a) Be neither a jeweller nor a goldsmith.
- (b) Be both a jeweller and a goldsmith.
- (c) Either be a jeweller or a goldsmith.
- (d) Be a jeweller as well as a goldsmith.

4. A cottager and his wife had a hen. The hen laid an egg every day.

- (a) Everyday, a hen laid an egg for a cottager and his wife.
- (b) A cottager and his wife had a hen who laid an egg every day.
- (c) The cottager and his wife had an egg every day because they had a hen.
- (d) A cottager and his wife had a hen which laid an egg every day.

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

1. He said to me, "I don't believe you."

(Begin: He said.....)

- (a) He said he doesn't want to believe in me.
- (b) He said that he didn't believe me.
- (c) He said that he didn't believe in me.
- (d) He said I don't believe you.

2. Some boys were helping the wounded man.

(Begin: The wounded...)

- (a) The wounded man was helping some boys.
- (b) The wounded man were helping some boys.
- (c) The wounded man was being helped by some boys.
- (d) The wounded boys were helping the man.

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3. He is as wise as Solomon.

(Use: 'wiser')

- (a) Solomon was wiser than he is.
- (b) He and Solomon are wiser.
- (c) Solomon was the wiser one.
- (d) Solomon was not wiser than he is.

4. If the boys do not reach the school on time, they will be punished.

(Begin: Unless)

- (a) Unless the boys reach the school on time, they will not be punished.
- (b) Unless the boys are punished, they will not reach the school on time.
- (c) Unless the school punished the boys, they will not reach on time.
- (d) Unless the boys reach the school on time, they will be punished.

5. As soon as he reaches home, his friends call him.

(Begin: Hardly.....)

- (a) Hardly does he reach home when his friends call him.
- (b) Hardly had he reached home than his friends called him.
- (c) Hardly, he reaches home, his friends call him.
- (d) Hardly when he reaches home than his friends call him.

6. She is weak, but she is courageous.

(Begin: Despite...)

- (a) Despite of being weak she is courageous.
- (b) Despite being weak, she is courageous.
- (c) Despite being courageous, she is not weak.
- (d) Despite weak, she is courageous.

7. We will never forget what we saw,

(Begin: Never... ..)

- (a) Never forget what we see.
- (b) Never will we forget what we had seen.
- (c) Never will we see what we forget.
- (d) Never will we forget what we saw.

8. Arjun's grandfather is too old to take up this job.

(Use:...so... that.....)

- (a) Arjun's grandfather is so old that he could not take up this job.
- (b) Arjun's grandfather is so old that he cannot take up this job.
- (c) Arjun's grandfather is so old that he could take up this job.
- (d) Arjun's grandfather is so old that he can take up this job.