



ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, PRAYAGRAJ

HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION 2024

ENGLISH LANGUAGE – PAPER I

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.

Attempt all five questions

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

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

[20]

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

1. Write an original story in which a twelve-year-old child, his mother and the ghost of an old man form the main characters.
2. Your teacher asked you to form a group to prepare for the Class assembly. Write an account of how you worked and how each of you worked together and what each of you learned from the experience.
3. 'The greatest and the most memorable lessons of life are learnt in a classroom'. Express your views on or against the statement.
4. You had gone on a trekking expedition with a group of friends. As night closed in, you realized that you were separated from the group. Describe your initial feelings and the place where you got lost. How did you spend the night alone before you were reunited with your group?
5. Study the picture given below. Write a story or a description or an account of what it suggests to you. Your composition may be about the subject of the picture or you may take suggestions from it; however, there must be clear connection between the picture and your composition.



Q 2) Select any one of the following:

[10]

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

1. You have changed your school recently. Write a letter to your friend in your old school telling him what you like about your new school but also what you miss about your old school.
2. Every year your town is inundated by flood waters and it causes huge discomfort to the locals in terms of movement and availability of medicine, groceries and other essentials. Write a letter to the mayor of the town requesting him/ her to take necessary action and offering help and letting him know how you and your friends wish to help the administration.

Q 3) 1. Your school is organizing an Inter-school Dance Competition. Write a notice to be put up on your school notice board inviting the names of the students of classes VI to IX who wish to participate.

[5]



2. Write an email to the Principal of a neighboring school requesting him/her to send a team of seven students to participate in the competition. Give relevant details about the event. [5]

Q 4) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

I rested for a moment at the door of Anand Bhavan, on market road, where coffee drinkers and tiffin eaters at their tables sat *transfixed* uttering low moans on seeing me. I wanted to assure them, 'Don't fear, I am not out to trouble you. Eat your tiffin in peace, don't mind me You, nearest to me, hugging the cash box, you are craven with fear, afraid even to breathe. Go on, count the cash, if that's your pleasure. I just want to watch, that's all ... If my tail trails down to the street, if I am blocking your threshold: it is because I'm told; I am eleven feet from tip to tail. I can't help it. I'm not out to kill ... I'm too full – found a green pasture teeming with food on the way. Won't need any for several days to come, won't stir, not until I feel hungry again. Tigers attack only when they feel hungry, unlike human beings who slaughter one another without purpose or hunger...'

To the great delight of children, schools were being hurriedly closed. Children of all ages and sizes were running helter-skelter screaming joyously. 'No school, no school. Tiger, tiger!' They were shouting and laughing and even enjoyed being scared. They seemed to welcome me. I felt like joining them, and bounded away from the restaurant door and *trotted* along with them, at which they gleefully cried, 'The tiger is coming out to eat us; let us get back to the school!'

I followed them through their school gate while they ran up and shut themselves in the school hall securely. I ascended the steps of the school, saw an open door at the far end of the veranda, and walked in. It happened to be the headmaster's room, I believe, I noticed a very dignified man jumping on his table and heaving himself up into an attic. I walked in and flung myself on the cool floor, having a partiality for cool stone floors, with my head under the large desk- which gave me the feeling of being back in the Mempi cave...

As I drowsed, I was aware of cautious steps and hushed voices all around. I was in no mood to bother about anything. All I wanted was little moment of sleep; the daylight was dazzling. In half sleeps I heard the doors of the room being shut and bolted and locked. I didn't care. I slept.

While I slept a great deal of consultation was going on. I learnt about it later through my master, who was in the crowd- the crowd which had gathered after making sure that I had been properly locked up – and was watching the headmaster seems to have remarked some days later, 'Never dreamt in my wildest dream that I'd have to yield my place to a tiger ...'. A wag retorted, 'Might be one way of maintaining better discipline among boys.'

'Now that the brute is safely locked up, we must decide,' began a teacher. At this moment my master pushed his way through the crowds and admonished, 'Never use the words "beast" or "brute". They're ugly words coined by humans in their arrogance. The human being thinks all other creatures are "beasts". *Awful* word!'

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

- a) Transfixed (line 2)
 - Popularized
 - Mesmerize
 - Bewildered
 - Something that helps you to fix something
- b) Trotted (line 16)
 - Ran
 - Galloping
 - Crawled
 - Dragged

2. Which word in the passage is the opposite of 'Awful'? [1]

- a) Disgusting
- b) Wonderful
- c) Flatter
- d) Repulsive



3. Answer the following questions briefly in your own words.

- a) What reassurance did the tiger give the coffee drinkers? [2]
- b) In what way are tigers different from human beings? [2]
- c) Why were the children delighted? [2]
- d) What did the headmaster say some days later? [1]
- e) How can we say that the tiger's owner had great respect for the tiger? [2]

4. In not more than fifty words describe the tiger's activities from the time it followed the school children till it slept. [8]

Q 5) A) Fill in each of the numbered blanks with the correct form of the 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]

Example:

(0) Low intake of fruits and vegetable _____ (lead) to many health problems.

Answer: (0) leads

Most nutritionist (1) _____ (recommend) the (2) _____ (consume) of five portions of fruit and vegetables on a regular basis. These pieces of advice are (3) _____ (base) on the guidelines of the World Health Organisation.

Research work now (4) _____ (suggest) that eating at least seven portions of fruit and vegetables a day is very effective in (5) _____ (keep) individuals disease-free for a long time. For an adult, it is (6) _____ (believe), a maximum of 400 grams of fruits and vegetables can be (7) _____ (eat) every day. The amount may vary as in the case of children (8) _____ (depend) on their age and activity levels.

B) Fill in the blanks with appropriate words. [4]

- a. He sat in the shop _____ closing time.
- b. He puts nets _____ the plants.
- c. People were turned back _____ the Pipalnagar bank counter.
- d. He presided _____ the meeting.
- e. The boy has been missing _____ Sunday.
- f. You must reach the place _____ sunset.
- g. We must conform _____ the school regulations.
- h. He has to cross the bridge as he lives _____ the river.

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

- 1. The teacher punished the boy. The boy was disobedient.
 - a. The teacher punished the boy, being disobedient.
 - b. The teacher punished the boy for disobedience.
 - c. Being disobedient boy, the teacher punished him
 - d. The boy being disobedient, the teacher punished him.
- 2. You helped me. I would have been ruined.
 - a. I would have not been ruined since you had not helped me.
 - b. Had you not helped me, I would have been ruined.
 - c. You helped me, for I would have been ruined.
 - d. Had you helped me, I would have not been ruined.
- 3. My father was tired. He rested for a while.
 - a. Being tired, my father rested for a while.
 - b. For a while my father rested being tired.
 - c. As my father is tired, he rested.
 - d. My father rested while he was tired.
- 4. He found a wallet. He found money in it.
 - a. He found a wallet which had money in it.
 - b. He found a wallet in it he found money.
 - c. He found money in wallet.
 - d. He found money with a wallet.



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

1. Spring is the best season.
[Begin: No other.....]
 - a. No other season is best than spring
 - b. No other season is better than spring. •
 - c. No other season has been better for spring.
 - d. No other season can be better than spring.

2. Shane was most interested in music.
[Begin: Nothing.....]
 - a. Nothing interested Shane more than music. •
 - b. Nothing interest Shane more than music.
 - c. Nothing will interest Shane more than music.
 - d. Nothing is interesting Shane more than music.

3. Democracy is better form of government than dictatorship.
[Begin: Dictatorship.....]
 - a. Dictatorship is not a good form of government.
 - b. Dictatorship is not as good a form of government as democracy.
 - c. Dictatorship is not so good form government as democracy.
 - d. Dictatorship, as a government is not a better form than democracy. •

4. Roger is too gentle a teacher to control his rowdy class.
[Use: so _____ that.....]
 - a. Roger is so gentle teacher that he is unable to control his rowdy class.
 - b. Roger is so gentle a teacher that he is unable to control his rowdy class. •
 - c. Roger is so gentle that to control his rowdy class is impossible.
 - d. It is so gentle of Rahul that he cannot control his rowdy class.

5. This plane flies straight from Chennai to Mumbai.
[Rewrite using: 'flight']
 - a. This is a direct flight from Chennai to Mumbai.
 - b. This flight goes directly from Chennai to Mumbai. •
 - c. The Chennai to Mumbai flight is straight.
 - d. The Chennai to Mumbai flight is this one.

6. The soldier leaped into the water as soon as the ship touched the shore.
[Begin: No sooner]
 - a. No sooner the ship touched the shore than the soldier leaped into the water.
 - b. No sooner did the ship touch the shore than the soldier leaped into the water. •
 - c. No sooner did the soldier leap into the water than the ship touched the shore.
 - d. No sooner was the soldier leaped into the water than the ship touched the shore.

7. In spite of the good weather, we are sweating.
[Begin: Despite.....]
 - a. Despite the good weather, we are sweating. •
 - b. Despite of the good weather, we are sweating.
 - c. Despite the sweating, the weather is good.
 - d. Despite of the sweating, the weather is good.

8. "How far did you go into the woods yesterday?" I said to Kapil.
[Begin: I asked]
 - a. I asked Kapil how far did you go into the woods yesterday.
 - b. I asked Kapil that yesterday how far did he go into the woods.
 - c. I asked Kapil how far did he go into the woods the previous day. •
 - d. I asked Kapil that how far did he went into the woods the previous day.