

Poacher

Lord, Help me be honest, calm and upright so that I write this exam with you by my side.

MID TERM EXAMINATION (2024-25)

CLASS IX

SUBJECT: ENGLISH

Time: 3 hrs

M.M.: 80

General Instructions:

- This question paper consists of 3 sections
 - ✓ Reading- 20 marks
 - ✓ Writing & Grammar-20 marks
 - ✓ Literature- 40 marks
- All questions are compulsory Do not copy the questions
- Be neat in your work
- Answer the questions in the same sequence as they appear in the question paper
- Mark all answers correctly, as they appear in the question paper

Section A- Reading (20 marks)

Q. 1. Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow

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1 In the small town of Derry, a group of seven children known as the Losers' Club experienced strange and terrifying events during the summer of 1989. The town had a dark history, with mysterious disappearances and violent incidents happening every 27 years. The culprit behind these occurrences was a sinister entity that often took the form of a clown named Pennywise, with red hair, a white face, and a menacing smile. This creature could shape-shift into whatever its victims feared the most, preying on their deepest fears.

2. The Losers' Club, made up of Bill, Beverly, Ben, Richie, Eddie, Mike, and Stan, came together to confront Pennywise. They discovered that the creature was ancient and it thrived on fear. The clown's favorite prey was children, as their fears were the most powerful. Despite their terror, the children showed remarkable bravery, determined to end the cycle of terror in Derry.

3 They ventured into the sewers where Pennywise dwelled, a labyrinth of darkness and decay. The atmosphere was suffocating, the air thick with a stench that clung to their clothes and skin. The darkness seemed alive, whispering fears into their ears. Armed with a mix of courage and belief in each other, the Losers confronted Pennywise in its hiding.

4 The battle was intense, with each member facing their deepest fears. But united, they were stronger. They realized that Pennywise's power gradually became weak when they showed courage and refused to succumb to fear. In the end, their collective strength forced Pennywise into a state of hibernation, and the town of Derry resumed a sense of normalcy. The Losers' Club made a pact to return if the creature ever resurfaced, vowing to protect the town they called home.

(Children's Literature- 'It' – By Stephen King)

- 1) List the author's use of imagery in the passage. (Any two)
- 1) _____ 2) _____
- 2) What did the Losers' Club discover about Pennywise's nature?
- 3) How did Pennywise prefer to attack its victims?
- 4) What does the passage imply about the power of unity and bravery in overcoming fear?
- 5) Select the word which can be used to replace 'suffocating' in paragraph 3
- invigorating
 - refreshing
 - stifling
 - liberating
- 6) What is the message conveyed by the author in the description of the town of Derry's history?
- The town was cursed with a cycle of mysterious disappearances and violent incidents
 - The town's residents were overly superstitious
 - The Losers' Club was always destined to fight Pennywise
 - The town was a peaceful place before the Losers' Club arrived
- 7) Which of these is true about the Losers' Club's final confrontation with Pennywise?
- The children were individually stronger than Pennywise
 - Pennywise was unaffected by the children's bravery
 - The battle took place in a brightly lit area
 - The children were united in their courage and determination
- 8) Listed below are four pairs of synonyms as used in the passage above. Select two correct pairs
- suffocating - stifling
 - labyrinth - maze
 - ancient - modern
 - potent - weak
- i and ii
 - ii and iv
 - iii and iv
 - i and iii
- 9) Following is a set of statements from the above passage and their interpretations. Pick the option that best matches column A to column B

Column A	Column B
I. "The atmosphere was suffocating..."	A. The loser's club combined strength forced Pennywise into a deep, inactive state of hibernation.
II. "The clown's favorite prey was children..."	B. They went into the sewers where Pennywise lived, a confusing and dark place filled with decay.
III. "They ventured into the sewers where Pennywise dwelled..."	C. The children were particularly vulnerable to Pennywise's attacks.
IV. "In the end, their collective strength forced Pennywise into a state of hibernation..."	D. The sewers were dark and dangerous, and the air was heavy with foul odour.

- a) I-A; II-B; III-C; IV-D
- b) I-C; II-D; III-B; IV-A
- c) I-D; II-C; III-B; IV-A
- d) I-B; II-A; III-D; IV-C

Q. 2. Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow:

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1. The Olympic Games, a prestigious international sporting event, have evolved significantly since their inception in ancient Greece. The modern Olympics, revived in 1896, are held every four years, alternating between the Summer and Winter Games. They bring together athletes from across the globe to compete in a wide range of sports, promoting ideals of peace, unity, and sportsmanship.
2. The selection of a host city is a major event, with cities bidding years in advance. Hosting the Olympics is seen as a chance to boost tourism, showcase the host city to the world, and spur economic growth through infrastructure development. However, the Olympics also present challenges, such as the high costs of organizing the event, environmental concerns, and the pressure on local infrastructure and resources.
3. The International Olympic Committee (IOC), which oversees the Games, has increasingly focused on issues of sustainability and inclusivity. Recent Games have introduced initiatives to minimize environmental impact, such as using renewable energy, implementing recycling programs, and promoting eco-friendly transportation. For instance, the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympics featured green building practices and extensive recycling efforts, while the 2018 Pyeongchang Winter Olympics prioritized renewable energy and low-emission transportation.
4. Gender equality and inclusivity have also been key focuses. The Tokyo 2020

Olympics, for example, saw the introduction of more mixed-gender events and an increase in female athletes' participation. These efforts align with the Olympic Charter's principle of non-discrimination and equal opportunity.

Olympic Games Data (2016-2024)

Year	Host City	Number of Events	Number of Participating Countries	Sustainability Initiatives
2016	Rio de Janeiro	306	207	Green building practices, recycling
2018	Pyeongchang	102	92	Renewable energy use, low-emission transportation
2020	Tokyo	339	206	Carbon offset programs, eco-friendly materials
2024	Paris	329	206	Carbon neutrality, emphasis on public transport

- 5) The data shows a commitment to sustainability across recent Games. For example, Tokyo 2020 implemented carbon offset programs and used eco-friendly materials, while the upcoming Paris 2024 Olympics aim for carbon neutrality and extensive use of public transport. These measures are part of a broader trend towards making the Olympics more environmentally responsible and inclusive.
- 1) Which of the following is the main takeaway from the passage?
 - a) The Olympics are primarily a showcase of athletic excellence.
 - b) Sustainability and inclusivity are becoming increasingly important in the Olympics.
 - c) The economic impact of the Olympics is negative.
 - d) The IOC struggles with maintaining fair play and ethical standards.
 - 2) Based on the data in the table, how many events were held in the Tokyo 2020 Olympics?
 - 3) Complete the following statement based on your understanding of the passage: The primary goals of the Olympic Games include promoting _____ and _____ among nations.

- 4) Fill in the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets based on your understanding of the passage 1
 The use of renewable energy and low-emission transportation at the Pyeongchang Olympics is ____ (a fact/an opinion) because it is ____ (a claim/scientific information)
- 5) Which word from the passage (Para 1) can replace the underlined word in the sentence below? 1
 The government's new policies aim at increasing the number of sports facilities in rural areas
- 6) Based on the data in the table, which Olympic host city had the fewest participating countries? 1
 a) Rio de Janeiro
 b) Pyeongchang
 c) Tokyo
 d) Paris
- 7) If 'sustainability' means 'the ability to be maintained at a certain rate or level', explain the observation "Recent trends show an increasing emphasis on sustainability" 1
- 8) Which among the following is **NOT** mentioned as a challenge associated with hosting the Olympics? 1
 a) Environmental concerns
 b) Pressure on local resources
 c) Increase in crime rates
 d) Economic impact
- 9) Infer one reason for the increasing number of sustainability initiatives at the Olympics and one potential benefit. 2
 a) Reason: ____
 b) Benefit: ____

Section B- Writing (10 marks)

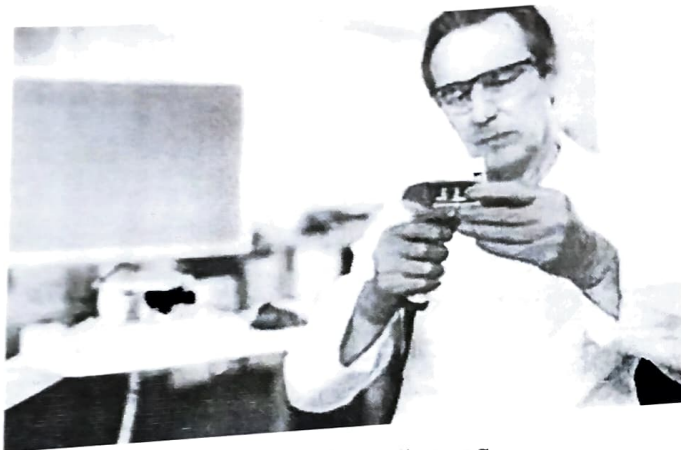
3. Attempt **ANY ONE** of the following: 5
- Write a descriptive account of a memorable school trip that had a significant impact on you. In your description, include the emotions you experienced, the people involved, and the lessons you learned. How did this trip shape your perspective or influence your future actions?



B.

OR

This is a picture of the Lab assistant who is retiring next month. Prepare a brief biographical sketch of the gentleman, for the school magazine. Give an interesting title to the paragraph. [Word limit 100-120 words]



Q.4. Attempt **ANY ONE** of the following

A. Imagine you are the head of the Cultural Society at your school and have received an invitation to attend a play performed by eminent dramatists at Sirifort Auditorium. Write a diary entry expressing your excitement and anticipation for the event. Describe your thoughts on how attending this play could inspire your own work in the Cultural Society and any expectations you have for the performance.

OR

B. You have been invited to participate in an interschool debate competition held out of town. Write a page in your diary, expressing your feelings about representing your school in this prestigious event. Reflect on your preparation process, the challenges you anticipate, and how you plan to overcome them. Mention the reason that why this competition is significant to you personally and academically.

Section B- Grammar (10 marks)

2.5. Attempt ANY TEN out of the twelve questions below

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= 10

- 1) Which word below can be used to replace the underlined word with an appropriate alternative?

The library provides books to all student

- a) some
- b) most
- c) each
- d) few

- 2) Read the following conversation between Alex and his friend

Alex Do you know where my glasses are? I cannot find them.

Friend They are on your head!

Select the correct option to complete the reporting of the above dialogue

Alex asked his friend _____, because he _____ them. His friend replied that they were on his head

- a) where my glasses are, could not find
- b) where his glasses were, could not find
- c) where his glasses are, cannot find
- d) where my glasses were, cannot find

- 3) Complete the sentence with the correct form of the verb

The committee _____ (decide) to postpone the event due to unforeseen circumstances

- 4) Identify the error in the given recipe and supply the correction

He is not familiar about the new school policies

Use the given format for your response

Error	Correction

- 5) Complete the sentence with the appropriate verb form

Rahul enjoys _____ (play) football every weekend

- 6) Identify the error in the advertisement on solar panels



**INSTALL SOLAR PANELS ONTO YOUR ROOF AND START
SAVING ON YOUR BILLS WHILE HELPING THE
ENVIRONMENT.'**

Use this format for your response

Error	Correction
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- 7) Read the following dialogue between two colleagues discussing a project

Jane: We should review the report before the meeting

Mark: Yes, let us do that

Select the correct option to complete the reporting of the above dialogue

Jane suggested that they review the report before the meeting, and Mark _____

- a) agreed
 - b) agrees
 - c) was agreeing
 - d) agreeing
- 8) Complete the sentence using the correct form of the verb
The prices of groceries _____ (has, be, rise) steadily over the past year
- 9) Complete the sentence with the correct possessive form
This laptop is _____ (Sam) favorite gadget
- 10) Complete Lisa's message to her friend
I'm at the station, but the train is delayed. I _____ be there in an hour
- a) should
 - b) might
 - c) could
 - d) would
- 11) Write the following request made by John to Sara, in reported speech
'Could you pass me the salt?'

John asked if

12) Complete the following statement with the most appropriate conjunction

you study hard, you will succeed in the exams

- a) If
- b) Although
- c) While
- d) Since

Section C- Literature (40 marks)

Q.6. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions of **ANY ONE** of the two

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A. Read the extracts and answer the questions that follow

I will never know, for the snake unwound itself from my arm and slowly slithered into my lap. From there it crept onto the table and moved towards the mirror. Perhaps it wanted to enjoy its reflection at closer quarters. I was no mere image cut in granite. I was suddenly a man of flesh and blood. Still holding my breath, I got up from the chair. I quietly went out through the door into the veranda. From there I leapt into the yard and ran for all I was worth. [The Snake and the Mirror]

1) What is the narrator's tone in "perhaps it wanted to enjoy its reflection"?

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- a) sarcastic
- b) caustic
- c) interrogative
- d) none of the above

2) Identify the literary device used in "no mere image cut in granite."

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- a) alliteration
- b) metaphor
- c) simile
- d) personification

3) Which phrase in the extract indicates being in a state of suspense and anxiety?

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- a) slowly slithered
- b) leapt into the yard
- c) holding my breath
- d) for all I was worth

4) When the narrator says that he was suddenly a man of flesh and blood, he means that

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OR

- B "Not a day passed without Ishwaran recounting some story packed with adventure, horror and suspense. Whether the story was credible or not, Mahendra enjoyed listening to it because of the inimitable way in which it was told. Ishwaran seemed to more than make up for the absence of a TV in Mahendra's living quarters."

(Ishwaran the storyteller)

- 1) Complete the sentence below

The extract suggests that Ishwaran's stories were _____

- a) entirely true
 - b) full of excitement
 - c) always unbelievable
 - d) tiresome to listen to
- 2) What is Mahendra's attitude towards Ishwaran's stories?
- a) skeptical
 - b) uninterested
 - c) amused
 - d) appreciative
- 3) The phrase "Ishwaran seemed to more than make up for the absence of a TV" suggests that Ishwaran's stories were _____
- a) visual and entertaining
 - b) boring and monotonous
 - c) lengthy and tedious
 - d) lacking excitement
- 4) Comment on the significance of Ishwaran's storytelling in Mahendra's life

Q.7. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions of **ANY ONE** of the two

- A. *Don't break the shutters of the windows*
Don't scatter the papers
Don't throw down the books on the shelf
There, look what you did — you threw them all down
You tore the pages of the books
You brought rain again
You're very clever at poking fun at weaklings

1) Complete the sentence below

The extract tells us that Wind is _____

- a) bringing bliss to the speaker
- b) causing havoc
- c) flattening everything
- d) fixing a situation

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What is the tone of the speaker in the fourth line of the extract?

- a) enraged
- b) cautious
- c) ridiculous
- d) impractical

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The literary device in the first three lines of the poem is _____

- a) simile
- b) onomatopoeia
- c) anaphora
- d) hyperbole

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4) Comment on the poet's use of symbolism in "clever at poking fun at weaklings"

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OR

B. The king was now thrown into deep thought. He did not want to lose the kingdom to someone else in the next round of life. He needed time. So, he ordered the execution postponed to the next day and talked in secret with his minister. "It is not right for us to give our kingdom to others in the next life. Let us go on the stake ourselves and we will be reborn as king and minister again. (The Kingdom of Fools)"

1) What was the king's main concern after hearing about the next round of life?

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- a) Losing his wealth
- b) Losing his kingdom
- c) Losing his minister
- d) Losing his reputation

2) What plan did the king propose to his minister to ensure they would retain power in the next life?

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- a) To run away from the kingdom
- b) To disguise themselves as commoners
- c) To go to the stake themselves
- d) To find a way to become immortal

- 3) The king's decision to go to the stake himself reveals his
 - a) cowardice
 - b) cunning nature
 - c) greed for power
 - d) compassion for his people
- 4) Comment on the king's belief in the next life and its influence on his decisions

Q 8. Answer **ANY FOUR** out of the five questions below in about 40 to 50 words

- 1) Discuss the theme of fear and misunderstanding in Kazuo's relationship with her father. How did these emotions affect their bond?
- 2) How did Albert Einstein's early life and academic experiences shape his later achievements in science?
- 3) How does the sound of the rain evoke memories for the poet in "Rain on the Roof"? Describe the emotions and thoughts that these memories bring.
- 4) What was Mahendra's reaction to Iswari's great story? How did it affect him?
- 5) Describe the incident in Rameshwaram Elementary School that highlighted the secular upbringing of Abdul Kalam. How did this incident influence his views on religious harmony?

Q 9. Answer **ANY TWO** out of the three questions below in about 40 to 50 words

- 1) What does the child's reaction to being lost at the fair in the chapter "The Lost Child" tell us about his feelings towards his parents?
- 2) In the poem "The Lake Isle of Innisfree" the speaker says- "I will arise and go now to Innisfree." How does this line reflect the speaker's dissatisfaction with his current life and what does it reveal about his desire for a different existence?
- 3) Why does the author say "Toto was not the sort of pet we could keep for long"?

Q 10. Answer **ANY ONE** of the two questions given below in about 100-120 words

- A. In "The Sound of Music" Evelyn Glennie's journey is highlighted as a remarkable story of perseverance and achievement. How did Evelyn's determination and innovative approach to music overcome the challenges by her hearing impairment? Discuss how her journey serves as an inspiration to others facing similar obstacles.

OR

- B. 'Education is not just about learning from machines, but about how the human interactions and experiences, shape our understanding.'

Reflecting on this quote, compare Margie's experience with her mechanical school to the traditional schooling depicted in 'The Fun they Had.'

Q.11 Answer **ANY ONE** of the two questions given below, in about 100-120 words

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- A. How do the themes of individual choice in 'The Road not Taken' and overcoming challenges in 'Wind' contrast with each other? Discuss how each poem approaches the concept of dealing with life's obstacles and decisions.

OR

Imagine you are Saint Peter from 'The Legend of Northland.' Write a page in your diary explaining what provoked you to curse the woman by turning her into a bird. What were the specific actions or behavior that led to this decision, and what lesson were you hoping she would learn from it?