

CLASS : IX**TIME ALLOWED : 3 HOURS****SUBJECT: ENGLISH****MAX. MARKS : 80****GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. All questions are compulsory. There are eleven questions in all.
2. This paper is divided into three sections: A, B and C. All the sections are compulsory.
3. Separate instructions are given with questions, wherever necessary. Read them very carefully.
4. Don't exceed the word limit while answering the questions.

SECTION-A (READING SKILLS)**20 marks****1. Read the passage carefully:****10**

1. Although pollution of land, sea and air has been well documented, the latest and the least recognised version is the swelling tide of noise which is engulfing urban as well as rural areas. This has long-term implications on the ecology, health, and productivity of a fast-developing country like India.
2. Unlike other pollutants, noise lacks visibility, seldom registering on the consciousness, except as a trifling irritant to be dismissed at will, therefore, less likely to be perceived as a threat. Available data indicates that noise does pose a threat and is known to have caused a number of complications. Declining productivity among workers in certain industries has been directly correlated with noise levels, particularly those under constant exposure to the menace.
3. The first ever survey of the impact of noise on health, conducted by All India Institute of Medical Sciences, has established that noise not only impacts the physical and psychological functioning of the human organism, but also causes nausea, vomiting, pain, hypertension and a lot of other complications, including cardio-vascular complaints, thereby impairing our health.
4. A study by Post Graduate School of Basic Medical Sciences, in Chennai, confirms such conclusions. In 50 per cent of industries, it was found that workmen exposed to higher intensities of noise in occupational capacities were often irritated, short-tempered, and impatient and more likely to resort to agitation and disrupt production. This was true of units in heavy industrial pockets in and around the four metropolitan centres.
5. Recreational noise, another ugly facet, is becoming more widespread in cities and towns. Loudspeakers are turned on at full volume during marriages, festivals, jagrans, musical programmes, particularly at night, without the least consideration for others. Even at 50 db sound can awaken a person from a deep slumber. As experiments have shown, loudspeakers with output from 60 to 80 db cause the pupils of a slumbering person to dilate, with increasing intake of oxygen, resulting in palpitation. The effect is more pronounced in narrow lanes. TV sets are played at full volume at prime time,

invariably disturbing neighbours. Noise-making seems to have become the latest status symbol, be it an election campaign or slogan shouting or advertising ownership of a TV set.

On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions:

- i. How does the loudspeaker sound affect a slumbering person? Eliminate the incorrect option. 1
- a) Dilates the pupils of the person.
 - b) Awakens them from deep slumber.
 - c) Affects the status symbol.
 - d) Causes palpitations.
- ii. Complete the sentence appropriately. 1
- The survey conducted by AIIMS has established that noise not only impacts _____ but also impairs _____ by causing nausea, vomiting, pain, hypertension and cardio-vascular complaints.
- iii. Complete the sentence appropriately. 1
- The author cites examples of noise pollution in heavy industrial pockets to conclusively prove to the reader that _____.
- iv. What is the tone of the writer in the given line- 'Even at 50 db, sound can awaken a person from a deepslumber.' from paragraph 5? 1
- a) Concerned and emphasizing
 - b) Enthusiastic and concerned
 - c) Emphasizing and casual
 - d) Casual and concerned
- v. The passage includes some words that are opposites of each other. From the sets (a)-(d) below, identify a set of antonyms. 1
- a) in and around
 - b) physical and psychological
 - c) cities and towns
 - d) sea and air
- vi. The author emphasises that 'The swelling tide of noise has long-term implications on the environment, human health, and productivity.' Which of the following options corroborates this? 1
- a) It has a lot of health complications.
 - b) Human apathy to noise makes it an omniscient threat.
 - c) It is considered a trifling irritant to be dismissed at will.
 - d) It can make a person violent and disruptive.
- vii. What is the message conveyed by the author in the article? 1
- a) Noise can be ignored at will.
 - b) Surveys are always correct.
 - c) Noise is as lethal as any other kind of pollution.
 - d) Surveys on noise pollution are not abundant.
- viii. A study by Post Graduate School of Basic Medical Sciences, in Chennai, confirms that the direct effects of noise pollution on the workmen are _____ and _____ in occupational capacities. 1
1. Physical 2. Social 3. Psychological 4. Economical
- a) Both 2 and 3
 - b) Both 1 and 3
 - c) Both 2 and 4
 - d) Both 1 and 4






Based on the reading of the passage, answer in about 40 words. How does the author define the consequences of recreational noise?

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2. Read the passage carefully:

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1. The most characteristic feature of spiders is their ability to produce silken threads. Spiders normally have six finger-like silk glands, called 'spinnerets' located beneath their abdomen. To spin a web, the spider squeezes the silk out of its body through two small holes. The liquid silk is thicker than water and dries into a fine thread as soon as it comes in contact with air. Spider silk is much stronger than steel and resists breakage because of its elasticity. It can stretch up to 140 per cent of its original length. The diameter of these silken threads is about 10,000th of an inch. Spiders use this silk to make webs to trap their prey. The egg sacs of some spiders are also made of silk which pre-treats the unborn progeny. Sometimes the spider can also use its silk as a safety feature. A certain species of spider 'phidippus apacheanec' trails a safety line of fine silk as it jumps. It uses the silk line to recover if it misses its target. The silk of 'Naphils Spider' is the strongest natural fiber known.
2. The spinning of webs is a remarkable example of instinctive behaviour. A spider does not have to learn how to make a web, although spinning itself can be adopted to unique circumstances. For example, 'orb' webs are circular in shape and take an hour to build. Funnel spiders spin a net-like entrance to their homes, which helps to trap food. Similarly, trap door spiders dig their homes and spin a trap door out of their silk for trapping insects.

Black and Yellow Garden Spider	Fisher Spider
 <p>Typically found in fields and gardens during daytime</p>	 <p>Do not need webs to catch prey, track down insects and pounce on them</p>
Common House Spider	Woodhouse Hunting Spider
 <p>Found in houses, sheds and garages, weave their webs in ceiling and windows</p>	 <p>Spotted outside in leaves, wood or rock pill bugs.</p>
Grass Spiders	
 <p>Webs are weaved in grass. visible in morning dew</p>	

3. As integral components of our biosphere, spiders have an intrinsic existence value. They are efficient predators that play an important role in controlling the pests of cotton. They are also a source of food for other creatures such as birds and wasps. Thus, the presence of spiders is an ecological indicator signalling the health of natural ecosystem.

On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions:

- i/ Complete the following blank appropriately: 1

We can say that Funnel spiders and Trap Door spiders building structures to trap insects for food is comparable with a rat-trap set for a mouse but with a big difference that _____.

- Rat traps can also be used for insects.
- Rat traps will necessarily have a bait but spider webs won't.
- Spider webs do not act as 'traps'.
- Spider webs are stronger than rat traps.

- ii/ Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate option from those given in brackets, based on your understanding of paragraph 1. 1

Spider silk is much stronger than steel and resists breakage because of its elasticity. It can stretch up to 140 per cent of its original length is ___ (a/an fact opinion) because it is ___ (a/an subjective judgement/objective detail)

- iii/ Based on the information provided on certain species of spiders found in our homes and outdoors, which of the following pairs is matched correctly: 1

- Found inside the house: Black and Yellow garden Spider
- Found in the garages and sheds: Fisher spider
- Does not need webs to catch prey: Common House spider
- Found outside the house: Woodhouse Hunting spider

- iv/ Select the option that correctly displays what 'threads' signifies. 1



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- only (3)
- (1), (3) and (4)
- only (4)
- both (3) and (4)

- v/ What inference can be drawn from the statement – 'A spider does not have to learn how to make a web'? 1

- Spinning of webs is an instinctive behaviour.
- Spinning of webs is a necessity.
- Spinning of webs is an adaptive feature.
- Spinning of webs may take hours to build.

Which of the following is an **incorrect** fact about spiders from the study mentioned in the passage? 1

- (a) Woodhouse Hunting Spiders live on leaves and wood.
- (b) Naphils Spider weaves the silkiest web known.
- (c) Spinning can be adopted to unique circumstances.
- (d) The egg sacs of some spiders are also made of silk.

vii. Which species of spider uses the silk line to recover if it misses its target.? 1

- (a) Woodhouse Hunting Spider
- (b) Phidippus Apacheanecs
- (c) Naphils Spider
- (d) Fisher Spider

viii. Infer one benefit of having spiders whether at home or in the garden. 1

ix. Justify the statement, 'Spiders are great indicators of a healthy ecosystem.' 2

SECTION- B

(CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS AND GRAMMAR)

20 marks

GRAMMAR

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10x1=10

3. Complete ANY TEN of the following twelve tasks, as directed.

i. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence.

This time tomorrow, I _____ on the beaches of Hawaii away from the noise of civilisation.

- a) will lie
- b) was lying
- c) will be lying
- d) would have lied

ii. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line:

Over the past thirty years or so the quality of many people's lives have deteriorated in some respect because of technological progress.

Option No.	Error	Correction
a)	many	some
b)	have	has
c)	deteriorated	deteriorate
d)	the	a

iii. Report the dialogue between a teacher and students, by completing the sentence.

"Let us go and look at the school ground," said the sports teacher.

"Are we going to play the final match today?" asked the students.

When the sports teacher invited the students to have a look at the school ground, they asked him _____.

iv. Identify the error in the given sentence, from a school magazine report and supply the correction.

The weather was too risky for neither any movement in the sky or on land.

Error	Correction

✓ vi. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence
The boys _____ to my lecture since 8 O'clock this morning.

- a) were listening
- b) had been listening
- c) have been listening
- d) none of these

✓ vii. Report the dialogue between a mother and a son, by completing the sentence.

Son: Let us go out and see the solar eclipse.

Mother: Don't look directly at the sun and wear your tinted glasses.

Son suggested his parent that they should go out and see the solar eclipse.
The mother _____ and to wear his tinted glasses.

viii. Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line.

They had saved a little money from their meagre earnings. Unfortunately, _____ savings that they had, were robbed last night.

- a) few
- b) the little
- c) some
- d) the less

✓ ix. Complete the given sentence, by filling in the blank with the correct option:

They met you that night after you _____ your work.

- a) had finished
- b) finished
- c) have finished
- d) will finish

✓ x. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket.

Chris, in addition to his brother Zack, _____ (play) hockey on Saturdays.

✓ xi. Complete the given sentence, by filling in the blank with the correct option:

A large number of soldiers _____ died for the country.

- a) has
- b) were
- c) are
- d) have

✓ xii. Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between Radha and Shikha.

Radha : Do you know how to swim?

Shikha : Yes I know. I have learnt it during last summer vacation.

Radha asked Shikha if/whether she knew how to swim. Then Shikha replied in affirmative and also added that _____.

- a) she had learnt it during the previous summer vacation
- b) she has learnt it during the last summer vacation
- c) she have learnt it during the previous summer vacation
- d) she learnt it during the last summer vacation

✓ xiii. Identify the error and supply the correction, for the following sentence:

Every people went to welcome the Indian Cricket team.

Error	Correction
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CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

4. Attempt ANY ONE of the questions from (A) and (B) given below:

A) You met a stranger on a recent train journey. He/she was extremely talkative, friendly and helpful towards all the co-passengers. You were highly impressed by his/her effervescent personality. Write a descriptive paragraph in about 100 - 120 words about the stranger.

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OR

- B) You visited the Annual Crafts Fair organized in your city last week. The event provided an opportunity to the artisans and craftsmen to showcase their talents while earning some profits. It also provided a platform to the buyers to explore a variety of regional articles at one venue. Describe the event in about 100-120 words.

5. Attempt ANY ONE of the questions from (A) and (B) given below:

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- A) Complete the story given below in 100-120 words.

An eminent bacteriologist, Dr Hargobind Narula, went to the tropical rainforests of South America to study some new strains of disease-causing bacteria. There, while carrying out his explorations, he came across a remote, uninhabited area and set up his camp there.

OR

- B) In the summer vacation, you read a book/ watched a movie that left an indelible mark on your mind. Write a diary entry reflecting upon the book/ movie in about 100 words.

SECTION- C (LITERATURE)

40 marks

6. Attempt ANY ONE of the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow:

*Now, you shall build as the birds do,
And shall get your scanty food
By boring, and boring, and boring,
All day in the hard, dry wood."*

- i. Where shall the woman now live according to the saint? 1
- a) She shall build a nest like birds to live.
 - b) She shall live in a cave.
 - c) She shall live in a dry well.
 - d) She shall stay near the fireplace.
- ii. How shall the woman get her food? 1
- a) by begging food from door to door, like a saint.
 - b) by stealing corn from the fields of her neighbours.
 - c) by scratching the bark of a tree.
 - d) by baking cakes.
- iii. Find out the word from the given lines which means 'lacking in quantity.' 1
- iv. How did the woman lose all her comforts she enjoyed as a human being? 2

OR

*Every tinkle on the shingles
Has an echo in the heart;
And a thousand dreamy fancies
Into busy being start,
And a thousand recollections
Weave their air-threads into woof,
As I listen to the patter
Of the rain upon the roof.*

- i. What effect does a tinkle produce?
a) The tinkle produces an echo in the heart of the poet.
b) The tinkle produces no effect on the poet.
c) The tinkle produces a disturbing effect on his mind.
d) The tinkle produces a lulling effect on his disturbed mind.

- ii. What can be understood by the term 'dreamy fancies'?
a) Soothing drops of rain
b) Thoughts and ideas
c) Poet's friends
d) Future plans

- iii. What happens when the poet listens to the patter of the rain?

- iv. Which poetic device has been used in the given stanza? Quote an example.

7. Attempt ANY ONE of the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow:

She never stuttered with other people – had quite given it up – but only with Father, because then she was trying so hard to say the words properly.

- i. In this extract 'she' refers to the _____.
a) mother
b) grandmother
c) daughter
d) aunt

- ii. What had she 'quite given up'?
a) Talking to her father
b) Speaking clearly
c) Stammering while speaking
d) Answering her father's questions

- iii. Why did 'she' speak so differently before her father?

- iv. What does it tell us about the father?

OR

The poor child struggled to thrust a way between their feet but, knocked to and fro by their brutal movements, he might have been trampled underfoot, had he not shrieked at the highest pitch of his voice, "Father, Mother!" A man in the surging crowd heard his cry and, stooping with great difficulty, lifted him up in his arms.

- i. Where was the child at this time?
a) At the sweet shop
b) At the temple entrance
c) At the toy shop
d) At the entry to the fair

- ii. Who saved the child from the chaos of the crowd?
a) His father
b) His mother
c) A stranger
d) A friend

- iii. What do you understand by 'knocked to and fro'?

- iv. What was the child doing and how could he have got trampled?

Answer ANY FOUR of the following questions in 40-50 words:

4x3=12

i. "Einstein was deeply shaken by the extent of destruction during the second world war". What qualities of Einstein's character are revealed by this statement? What efforts did he make to promote peace and democracy?

ii. Why was Margie not doing well in geography? What did the County Inspector do to help her?

iii. Explain the use of metaphor in 'The Road Not Taken'.

iv. How did the Second World War give Abdul Kalam the opportunity to earn his first wages?

v. What, according to the poet, is done by the Wind God? And how?

9. Answer ANY TWO of the following questions in 40-50 words:

2x3=6

i. How does Iswaran describe the uprooted tree on the highway? What effect does he want to create in his listeners?

ii. Why did the disciple decide to stay 'In the Kingdom of Fools', despite his guru's warning?

iii. When and how did the boy realise that he was 'lost' in the fair?

10. Answer ANY ONE of the following questions in about 100 words:

1x6=6

The mirror plays an important part in the story 'The Snake and the mirror'. What is its significance and what does it reflect about human nature?

OR

What virtue do you find in the sound of rain? How does the poet relate this virtue to his life? Explain with reference to the poem 'Rain on the Roof'.

11. Answer any one of the following questions in about 100 words:

1x6=6

Fools cannot continue with their follies for long. How can you justify this statement in relation to the story 'In the Kingdom of Fools'.

OR

Toto was a smart and mischievous animal, yet he acted silly at times. Explain the statement in the light of the lesson 'Adventures of Toto.'