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IX-B

Class - IX
Subject - English
MID TERM EXAMINATION (2024-25)

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Time Allowed: 3 hours

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General Instructions:

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part..

SECTION A: READING SKILLS

(20 Marks)

Reading Comprehension Through Unseen Passages

(10 Marks)

1. Read the following passage carefully.

(1) Happiness lies within the mind of an individual. No amount of external wealth may be helpful in making him happy. Our forefathers had lifestyles based mainly on the concept of 'simple living and high thinking'. Excessive material wealth did not mean much to them.

(2) The structural framework of our forefathers' families was different from those of ours. The bond of love which they shared cannot be easily found today. The family provided an emotional cushioning effect against tension and stress. However, in today's nuclear family, we are detached from feelings towards our kith and kin. This may finally destroy the family psyche.

(3) The joint family system provided a proper environment for the child to grow up. The values of respect, tolerance, responsibility, and integrity were internalised in the child. In the long run, they became better human beings, compared to those in the present generation. Our forefathers felt happiest, if their children became honest human beings. But today, we are happy only if we attain our coveted material ends and are ready to resort to any means to attain that end.

(4) Our forefathers had a vision to make India the best. To attain their ambitions, they were ready to make all sorts of personal sacrifices. On the other hand, today people are ready to migrate to the west, to enjoy a comfortable life. Often, they become successful in foreign lands. But, in the process, they become alienated from their motherland. Also, distance from their ailing parents is a worrying factor and keeps them perturbed. It is not easy for them to return, as their children will not be able to adjust to the Indian environment and way of life. Thus, this is a crisis and a frame of mind worse than their forefathers.

(5) In our generation, tradition and modernity have intermingled to form a special system. We are happier than our forefathers in being able to lessen evils like the rigid caste system, untouchability, and child marriage, but we have failed to totally eradicate them. In fact, electoral politics has made use of the caste system, through the issuance of party tickets on the basis of caste, community, and religion.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.

- (a) How are our forefathers different from us? (2 Marks)
- (b) What impact does a joint family system have on a child? (2 Marks)
- (c) Fill in the blanks. (1 Mark)

In our generation, and have intermingled to form a special system.

(d) Based on your reading of the passage, choose the INCORRECT statement from the following: (1 Mark)

- (i) Our youngsters had a vision to make India the best.
- (ii) Happiness lies within the mind of an individual.
- (iii) The family provided an emotional cushioning effect against tension and stress.
- (iv) Our forefathers had lifestyles based mainly on the concept of simple living and high thinking.

(e) Choose the option that correctly states the two meanings of 'cushioning', as used in the passage. (1 Mark)

- A. Sharpening B. Shielding C. Intensifying D. Softening E. Irritating

- (i) A, E (ii) B, D (iii) C, E (iv) A, C

(f) Fill in the blank

(1 Mark)

The provided a proper environment for the child to grow up.

(g) Substitute the word 'intermingled' with the most appropriate option from the following. (1 Mark)

- (i) Divided (ii) Blended (iii) Scattered (iv) Detached

(h) Select the option that makes the correct use of 'sorts', as used in the passage, to fill in the blank space. (1 Mark)

- (i) Policemen have to know all of different things.
- (ii) The machine it all out.
- (iii) The computer the words into alphabetical order.
- (iv) He always the books according to the author's name.

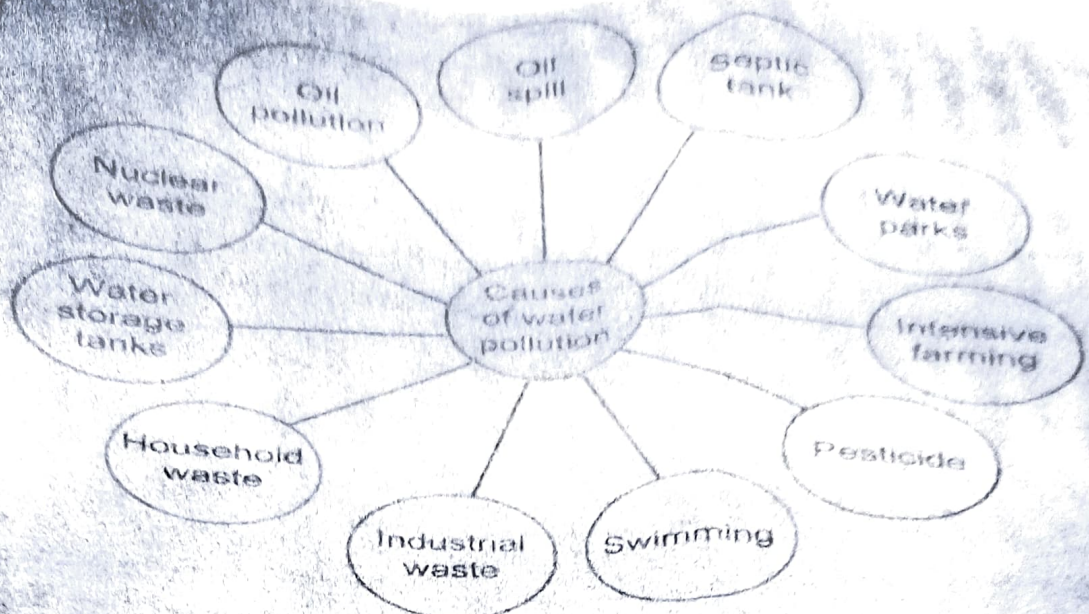
2. Read the following passage carefully.

(1) Unsafe water kills more people each year than war and all other forms of violence combined. Meanwhile, our drinkable water sources are finite: less than 1 percent of the Earth's freshwater is actually accessible to us. Without action, the challenges will only increase by 2050, when global demand for freshwater is expected to be one-third greater than it is now.

(2) Water is uniquely vulnerable to pollution. Known as a 'universal solvent', water is able to dissolve more substances than any other liquid on Earth. Water pollution is the release of substances into subsurface groundwater or into lakes, streams, rivers, estuaries, and oceans to the point where the substances interfere with beneficial use of the water or with the natural functioning of ecosystems. In addition to the release of substances, such as chemicals, trash or microorganisms, water pollution may also include the release of energy, in the form of radioactivity or heat, into bodies of water. The key causatives of water pollution in India are urbanization, deforestation, industrial effluents and agricultural run-offs with the use of insecticides and pesticides. The other causes are social and religious offerings in water bodies and the use of detergents and fertilizers.

(3) Water pollution can have disastrous consequences on the ecosystem. Furthermore, toxic chemicals can travel through the food chain and get into our bodies, causing diseases and death.

(4) There is no single or simple answer to stop the water pollution crisis. However, there are many solutions to prevent water pollution, both in our daily lives and within industries. They are wastewater treatment, reducing plastic waste and water conservation. In addition to this, we must have water-efficient toilets, stormwater management and ozone wastewater treatment.



Major Causes of Water Pollution

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.

(a) Infer one reason for the following, based on information in para 1. (1 Mark)
 Less than 1 percent of the Earth's freshwater is actually accessible to us.

(b) Select the appropriate option to fill in the blank. (1 Mark)
 Water is uniquely vulnerable to.....

- (i) season (ii) pollution (iii) water bodies (iv) extreme weather conditions

(c) Complete the following analogy correctly with a word/phrase from paragraph 1: (1 Mark)
 vulnerable: resilient:: artificial:.....

(Clue: Just as resilient is the opposite of vulnerable, similarly the opposite of artificial is.....)

(d) Mention any two major causes of water pollution. (2 Marks)

(e) Fill in the blank by selecting the correct option: (1 Mark)
 One of the solutions to prevent water pollution is.....

- (i) building industries near water bodies
- (ii) ~~water conservation and reducing plastic waste~~
- (iii) avoiding swimming
- (iv) ~~reducing farming~~

(f) Substitute the word 'causative' with one word similar in meaning in the following sentence: (1 Mark)
 The key *causative* of water pollution in India must be addressed.

(g) What is water pollution, according to the writer? (2 Marks)

(h) Select the most suitable title for the passage from the following: (1 Mark)

- (i) Water Pollution - A Concern
- (ii) Unsafe Water - A Menace
- (iii) Universal Solvent - Water
- (iv) ~~Global Concern - An Urgent Need~~

SECTION B: WRITING SKILLS AND GRAMMAR

(20 Marks)

GRAMMAR

3. Complete ANY TEN of the following 12 tasks, as directed. (1x10=10 Marks)

(i) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the update on the school's chess team.
 It is a victorious day! Our school's chess team _____ the interschool chess championship.
 (a) has been won (b) will winning (c) was winning (d) has won

(ii) Complete the sentence by filling in the blank with the correct option.
 The opportunity to volunteer at the local food bank made me _____ the challenges faced by underprivileged communities.
 (a) realising (b) ~~was realise~~ (c) realised (d) realise

(iii) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction.
 The study examines the association among exposure to sunlight and vitamin D levels in the body

Option No.	Error	Correction
(a)	examines	examine
(b)	to	for
(c)	among	between
(d)	levels	level

(iv) Complete the line from a song by filling in the blank with the correct option.
 The whispering leaves tell your tail,
 The silent stones _____ your journey,
 The sun casts light on your path,
 Leading you towards tomorrow's glory.
 (a) have echoed (b) echo (c) echoes (d) shall echo

(v) Identify the error and supply correction for this sentence.
 The relationship of the country's inflation rate and the GDP growth was analysed.

Error	Correction

(vi) Complete this slogan by filling in the blank with the correct option.
 When it gets really hot, rain _____ a blessing.
 (a) should be (b) will be (c) must be (d) ought to be

(vii) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the weather warning given by the IMD.
 IMD on Sunday _____ a 'thunderstorm' alert for some districts in coastal Maharashtra in view of the extremely severe cyclonic storm 'Biparjoy' over the Arabian Sea.
 (a) will issue (b) will be issuing (c) issued (d) is issuing

(viii) Complete the disclaimer given before a documentary film by choosing the correct option.
 The film has been created by taking creative liberties and dramatising the events _____ cinematic expressions.

Fill in the blank with an appropriate verb that agrees with the subject:
The bouquet of flowers.....(is/are) beautiful on the table.
(x) One of the books..... (was/ were) missing from the shelf.

Fill in the blank with suitable determiners:
(xi) She didn't bring(any/ some) snacks for the picnic
(xii)(Each /Every) student in the class must submit their project by Friday.

WRITING SKILLS

(10 MARKS)

4. Describe a place that holds special significance for you, focusing on its physical features, atmosphere, and the emotions it evokes when you visit. (120 words) (5 Marks)

OR

Describe a person who has had a significant impact on your life, highlighting his/ her appearance, personality traits, and the influence they have had on you. (120 words)

5. Write a diary entry about a recent event or experience that made you feel particularly happy. Reflect on what happened, how you felt during the event, and any lessons or insights you gained from it. (120 words) (5 Marks)

OR

Write a diary entry about your visit to a science museum. Detail your observations and reactions to the exhibits, any highlights or disappointments, and how the experience impacted your thoughts or feelings about science. (120 words)

SECTION C: LITERATURE TEXTBOOK AND SUPPLEMENTARY READING TEXT

(40 Marks)

6. Attempt any one from the given below: (1x5=5 Marks)

(A) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :

"Kezia," Mother would call to her, "if you're a good girl you can come down and take off father's boots." Slowly the girl would slip down the stairs, more slowly still across the hall, and push open the drawing-room door. By that time he had his spectacles on and looked at her over them in a way that was terrifying to the little girl.

- (i) How would the father speak once he's back from office?
- (ii) Mother would call Kezia down to.....
- (iii) How would the little girl reach her father and why?
 - (a) Hurriedly as she is afraid of him ...
 - (b) Quickly as commanded by the mother
 - (c) Slowly as she doesn't want to go to her father
 - (d) None of the above
- (iv) Why would Kezia feel scared of her father ?
 - (a) The father might scold her for reaching late.
 - (b) The father always finds excuses to scold Kezia.
 - (c) Father would wear spectacles and give a terrifying look to Kezia.
 - (d) All of the above
- (v) The way Kezia reaches the drawing-room shows her.....towards her father.
 - (a) disinterest
 - (b) indifference
 - (c) disrespect
 - (d) disillusionment

OR

(B) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

They turned the pages, which were yellow and crinkly, and it was awfully funny to read words that stood still instead of moving the way they were supposed to on a screen, you know. And then when they turned back to the page before, it had the same words on it that it had had when they read it the first time. "Gee," said Tommy, "what a waste. When you're through with the book, you just throw it away, I guess. Our television screen must have had a million books on it and it's good for plenty more. I wouldn't throw it away."

"Same with mine," said Margie. She was eleven and hadn't seen as many telebooks as Tommy had.

(i) The word 'crinkly' means

- (a) old and torn (b) uneven and untidy (c) with folds and lines (d) tarnished

(ii) Complete the following sentence:

The book appeared funny to the children as.....

(iii) 'They' in the extract refers to.....

- (a) Margie and Tommy (b) Margie and her grandfather (c) Tommy and his father (d) None of the above

(iv) They found the book

- (a) interesting (b) handy (c) difficult (d) impractical

(v) Why hadn't Margie seen as many telebooks as Tommy had?

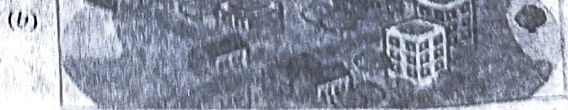
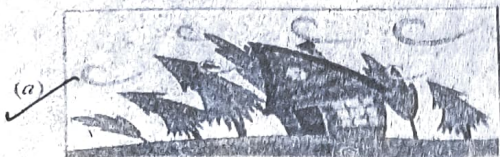
7. Attempt any one from the given below:

(1x5=5 Marks)

(A) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :

Frail crumbling houses, crumbling doors, crumbling rafters, crumbling wood, crumbling bodies,
crumbling lives, crumbling hearts
the wind god winnows and crushes them all.

(i) Which of the following images is most relevant for the essence of the extract ?





- ... poetic device is used in the first three lines?
- (a) 'winnowing' ->
- (i) To sort things
 - (ii) To destroy the harmful stuff
 - (iii) To get rid of impurities
 - (iv) To store the desirable things of life
- (v) The wind is symbolic of
- (a) strength and energy
 - (b) challenges and destruction
 - (c) calamity and calmness
 - (d) tortures and tremor

(vi) The wind is compared to god because

OR

(B) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow

Now in memory comes my mother,
 As she used in years agone,
 To regard the darling dreamers
 Ere she left them till the dawn:
 O! I feel her fond look on me
 As I list to this refrain
 Which is played upon the shingles
 By the patter of the rain.

- (i) The poet's mother is.....
- (ii) This poem is written by.....
 (a) Coates Kinney (b) Robert Frost (c) Subramania Bharati (d) Douglas James
- (iii) The memories of the past are refreshed by.....
 (a) the sadness of the raindrops (b) darling dreamers
 (c) pitter-patter of the soft rain (d) starry spheres
- (iv) The word 'shingles' means.....
 (a) rectangular wooden tiles used on roofs (b) the loud sound
 (c) heavy raindrops (d) the memories of the past
- (v) The phrase 'darling dreamers' uses the poetic device

8. Attempt ANY FOUR of the following questions in about 40-50 words. (3x4=12 Marks)

- a. "What a waste!" What does Tommy's expression reflect about tech-savvy kids?
- b. Why was Evelyn "nervous yet excited" as she felt the vibrations of the train?
- c. Describe Kezia's feelings for her father.
- d. What message does the wind's action on the fire convey to humans?
- e. What was the original use of the shehnai, and how did Ustad Bismillah Khan expand its role?

9. Attempt ANY TWO of the following questions in about 40-50 words. (3x2=6 Marks)

- a. The child undergoes a dilemma in 'The Lost Child'. Explain.
- b. Grandfather was a true animal-lover. Justify with evidence from 'The Adventures of Tom'.
- c. How is Evelyn 'a shining inspiration' for deaf children?

10. Attempt ANY ONE of the following questions in about 80-100 words: (6 Marks)

(a) Justify the title "The Road Not Taken." Does it relate to real life?

OR

(b) Why is Einstein remembered as a world citizen?

11. Attempt ANY ONE of the following questions in about 80-100 words: (6 Marks)

(a) Why did the child lose interest in everything after getting lost in the fair? (The Lost Child)

OR

(b) Sketch the character of Iswaran. (Iswaran the Storyteller)