

ENGLISH

Time : 3 hrs.]

Class IX

[M.M. : 80

General Instructions—

(i) This paper is divided into three sections :

Section A : Reading 20 Marks

Section B : Grammar & Writing 20 Marks

Section C : Literature 40 Marks

(ii) All the questions are compulsory.

(iii) Do not exceed the prescribed word limit.

SECTION-A : READING SKILLS

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1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow— 10

(1) A nuclear family consists of husband, wife and their children. The concept of a joint family where all the family members like aunt, uncle, cousins and grandparents live together contrasts with the idea of a nuclear family.

(2) The most important advantage that attracts people to nuclear families is that the couple can have their privacy in their own home. People can live their own way and can do whatever they want to. There are no boundaries set by the elders to follow. In a joint family, the elders restrict youngsters not to do certain things because they think it is not good for them. But today's generation is very smart. They know what is good and bad for them and have enough analytical power, so they don't like to restrict themselves. Instead, they want their freedom so that they can do and achieve whatever they want in their life.

(3) The advantages of joint families are many. You get the complete support of family members whenever needed. You don't have to ask for help from others if all family members are living together. Your children will not be

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left alone at home when you go to a job. Many burglaries take place during the daytime because nobody is present in the home, so if there is a joint family, burglary cases also decrease. You can share your joys and sorrows with them. Each and every member of the family shares their opinions and the family take a decision together. One member is not burdened with the responsibility of decision and it becomes a joint responsibility.

- (4) The basic pillar of a joint family is to have healthy and selfless moral values for all members. In a joint family, one always gets guidance from older people. They are more experienced. They can take care of grandchildren rather than depending on outside help. In a joint family, the elders are always there to guide and encourage us in every decision we take and their experiences make us grow wiser and become a better person. But again, it revolves around how considerate we are — how we listen to other's point of view before considering our own. Keeping an open mind, accepting our faults and moving ahead is the best way to make a joint family an ideal family.
- (i) Why do elders restrict youngsters to do certain things (40 words)? 2
- (ii) How can one create an ideal joint family (40 words)? 2
- (iii) Find a word in the passage which means the opposite of 'rejecting'. (Para 4) 1
- (iv) Choose another word of the same meaning for 'restrict' from the following— 1
- (a) refuse (b) deny
- (c) limit (d) expand
- (v) Explain the statement 'If there is a joint family, burglary cases also decrease'. 1
- (vi) What does a 'nuclear family' mean? 1
- (vii) Mention any two advantages of a joint family. 1

(viii) Choose another word which is opposite of 'considerate' from the following— 1

(a) hospitable

(b) compassionate

(c) selfless

(d) inconsiderate

2. Read the given passage carefully and answer the questions that follow— 10

The Digital Detox Movement

In an era dominated by screens and constant connectivity, a counter-movement is gaining momentum; the digital detox. This movement encourages individuals to take intentional breaks from their digital devices, aiming to reduce stress, improve mental well-being and foster real-world connections.

The primary drive behind the digital detox movement is the growing realization of the adverse effects of excessive screen time. Studies have shown that prolonged exposure to screens can disrupt sleep patterns, reduce attention spans and even contribute to feelings of loneliness and depression. By consciously unplugging, individuals can recalibrate their relationship with technology and rediscover the joys of face-to-face interactions.

However, embracing a digital detox is not without its challenges. In a world where work, social interactions, and even leisure often revolve around digital platforms, disconnecting can feel daunting. There's also the fear of missing out (FOMO) on important updates or news. Yet, with structured breaks and setting clear boundaries, many find the transition to be rejuvenating.

Beyond individual benefits, the digital detox movement has broader societal implications. Schools are introducing tech-free days, companies are promoting device-free meetings and retreats are offering unplugged experiences. These initiatives aim to create a balanced digital ecosystem, where technology enhances rather than dominates our lives.

Survey on Digital Detox (Total number of participants 400)

No.	Survey statements	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree
1.	Excessive screen time can lead to mental health issues	230	110	40	10	10
2.	Digital detox improves sleep quality	210	130	40	10	10
3.	Unplugging from devices is challenging	190	140	50	10	10
4.	Schools should have tech-free days	200	120	50	20	10
5.	The fear of missing out (FOMO) is a barrier to digital detox	220	110	50	10	10
6.	Device-free meetings are more productive	205	120	55	10	10

Based on your understanding of the passage answer the following questions—

(i) The digital detox movement encourages individuals to take breaks from their _____ 1

(ii) One of the adverse effects of excessive screen time is the disruption of _____ patterns. 1

(iii) Which of the following is a primary reason for the rise of the digital detox movement? 1

(a) Aesthetic appeal

(b) Economic viability

(c) Improving mental well-being (d) Promoting new gadget sales

- (iv) What can be inferred about the challenges of a digital detox ? 1
- (a) They are universally easy
- (b) They are primarily financial
- (c) They involve the fear of missing out and societal norms
- (d) They are promoted by tech companies
- (v) According to the survey, which statement had the most 'strongly agree' responses ? 1
- Refer to the table
- (a) Statement 1 (b) Statement 2
- (c) Statement 3 (d) Statement 4
- (vi) Choose another word of the same meaning for 'rejuvenating' from the following— 1
- (a) wearing out (b) eroding
- (c) recalling (d) refreshing
- (vii) Why is the digital detox movement considered beneficial for individuals ? (40 words) 2
- (viii) Elaborate on the challenges individuals face when trying to reduce screen time. (40 words) 2

SECTION-B: WRITING & GRAMMAR

3. Attempt any ten of the following twelve questions— 10×1=10
- (1) Read the following dialogue and then complete the given sentence—
- Detective : What were you doing yesterday between 10-10:30 pm ?
- Mayank : I was walking my dog in the park ? In response to the question about his activity yesterday Mayank said that _____
- (2) Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line—
- Rohit _____ English for the last twelve years.
- (a) has taught (b) has been teaching
- (c) is teaching (d) was teaching

(3) (Fill in the blank with a suitable modal ~~you~~ ^{you} _____ not eat here. It's prohibited:

- (a) must (b) could
(c) can (d) dare

(4) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line—

They checked his bag thoroughly and than allowed him to enter the hall

Options	Error	Correction
(a)	his	him
(b)	thoroughly	thorough
(c)	than	then
(d)	enter	enters

(5) Identify the error and supply correction for the line given below—

The new craze among teenagers is the inclination in fast food

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

(6) Choose the correct option to fill the blank in the following sentence—

We _____ (finish) our breakfast an hour ago.

- (a) finished (b) will finish
(c) have been finishing (d) finishes

(7) Report the dialogue between a grandson and a grandmother by completing the sentence—

Grandson : Who is your favourite actor ?

Grandmother : I do not watch movies.

In reply to the question about favourite actor, grandmother said that _____.

(8) Identify the error and supply correction for the line given below—

The teacher said that moon was earth's only natural satellite.

OR

- (B) You recently went bungee jumping. Write a descriptive paragraph of the event on the basis of the following clues in about 120 words.

Venue for the sport - description of the surrounding - enquiry that occurred - weight and height measurement - protection measures - the exhilarating experience

5. Attempt any one from A and B given below—

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- (A) You recently visited the crafts mela at Surajkund, Faridabad. It was a Mini India assembled at one place. Using the hints, make a diary entry of what you saw and experienced there in about 120 words.

More than 20 states of India represented – Gujarat – the theme state – participation of foreign countries – cultural programme – food courts catering all kinds of food – arts and handicrafts from the awarded artisans.

OR

- (B) Given below is the beginning of a story. Develop a story in about 150 words with the following beginning. Give a suitable title to the story.

You were playing cricket in a park suddenly, you saw an old man, just collapsing on the track while walking. You all rushed to him _____

SECTION-C : LITERATURE

40

6. Reference to the context—

Attempt any one of the two extracts given—

- (A) Hours later when grand mother had wrapped her in a shawl and rocked her in the rocking chair the child clung to her soft body.

“What did God make Father’s for?” She gobbled

“Here’s a clean hanky darling. Blow your nose. Go to sleep, pet; you’ll forget all about it in the morning. I tried to explain to father but he was too upset to listen tonight.”

- (i) Why did Kezia cling to her grand mother's soft body ? 1
- (a) she got beaten up by her father
- (b) she found her grandmother's lap very comforting
- (c) she wanted to get pampered
- (d) she was too attached with her grand mother
- (ii) The grand mother tries to _____ Kezia's emotions. 1
- (a) pacify (b) control
- (c) ~~intensity~~ intensify (d) balance
- (iii) Find a word in the passage which means the same as 'cried while taking in sudden, sharp breaths'. 1
- (iv) Why did Kezia say to her Grand mother "What did God make fathers for"? Explain this statement while highlighting her emotions. 2

OR

(B) A large kitchen kettle had been left on the fire to boil for tea and Toto, finding himself with nothing better to do, decided to remove the lid. Finding the water just warm enough for a bath, he got in, with his head striking out from the open kettle. This was just fine for a while, until the water began to boil. Toto then raised himself a little; but finding it cold outside, sat down again. He continued hopping up and down for sometime, until grand mother arrived and hauled him, half boiled, out of the kettle.

- (i) What used to be a winter treat for Toto ? 1
- (a) ~~sub~~ bathing (b) delicious winter sweets
- (c) ~~sun~~ warm-water bathing given by grand mother
- (d) A cosy afternoon nap
- (ii) Toto was rescued by _____ 1
- (iii) This adventure of Toto proves that _____ 1
- (a) he had no brains (b) he was overly mischievous
- (c) he was careless (d) all of the above
- (iv) What happened to Toto on the fateful day ? 2

7. Attempt any one of the two extracts given—

(A) He won't do what you tell him

So, come, let's build strong homes

Let's joint the doors firmly

Practice to firm the body

Make the heart steadfast

Do this, and the wind will be friends with us.

(i) Name the poem and the poet. 1

(ii) The poetic device used in the first line of the extract is _____ 1

(iii) 'He' refers to _____ 1

(a) the God (b) the wind God

(c) the wind (d) the poet

(iv) What should we do in order to be friend the wind ? 2

OR

(B) Two roads diverged in a yellow wood

And sorry I could not travel both

And be one traveller, long I stood

And looked down as far as I could

To where it bent in the undergrowth

(i) Who does 'I' refer to ? 1

(ii) What do the two roads represent ? 1

(iii) What do you understand by 'undergrowth' ? 1

(a) Dense growth of plants (b) Short bushes

(c) Unwanted plants down the road

(d) All of the above

(iv) Why does the poet feel sorry? Why did the poet stand there for long? 2

8. Answer any four of the following in about 40-50 words—

4×3=12

(i) What is the effect of the sound of the rain on the poet ? (Rain on the roof)

- (ii) Why is the poet deeply attached with the Lake Isle of Innisfree ? Explain.
- (iii) Where did Bismillah Khan play the shehnai on 15 August 1947 ? Why was the event historic ? (The sound of music II)
- (iv) Kezia's efforts to please her father resulted in displeasing him very much. How did this happen ? (The Little Girl)
- (v) How was Albert Einstein an unusual child ? How was he different from others in many ways ? (A truly beautiful mind)

9. Attempt any two of the following in about 40-50 words— 2×3=6
- (i) How was Iswaran different from any other domestic help ? (Iswaran the story teller)
- (ii) Describe the fun at the dining table ? (The adventure of Toto)
- (iii) Describe the reaction of the boy when he realized that he was lost ? (The lost child)
10. Attempt any one of the following in about 100-120 words— 1×6=6
- Technology has its own advantages as well as disadvantages. Why did Margie hate school ? Why did she think the old kind of school must have been fun ? (The fun they had)

OR

Describe how Evelyn hears music ? How is she an inspiration for the specially abled people in the world ? (The sound of Music I)

11. Attempt any one of the following in about 100-120 words— 1×6=6
- (A) Wisdom and far-sightedness were the most important qualities of the Guru's character. Discuss with reference to the lesson 'A kingdom of fools'.

OR

- (B) "The company of parents is more important than the things of pleasure"
Elaborate. (The lost child)