



V & C Patel English School
YEARLY EXAM

Std: IX
Subject: English

Max. Marks: 80
Date: 16-03 -2018
Time: 3 hours.

General Instructions :

(i) The question paper is divided into three sections.

Section A : Reading 20 marks

Section B : Writing & Grammar 30 marks

Section C : Literature 30 marks

(i) All Questions are compulsory

(ii) You may attempt any section at a time.

(iii) All questions of that particular section may be attempted in the correct order.

SECTION A READING (20 marks)

Q 1 Read the passage carefully. (10)

1 Perhaps the environmental crises at hand has not yet touched your life, but the time is shortly to come. Recent NASA reports of a 60% loss of ozone over the Arctic provide an explanation for increased severity in the world's weather patterns which has only begun to affect us whether directly or indirectly. The social, political and economic implications are difficult to imagine as our ozone layer continues to thin, forests disappear and desertification is occurring at an alarming rate.

2 Today, almost 1 million acres of forest disappear each week. This alarming rate of deforestation is forcing many world economies to rethink their business and manufacturing practices. A seventy-foot tree cut for its lumber takes 65 years to replace. A seventy-foot bamboo cut for the market can be replaced in less than 3 months and bamboo is officially recognized as the world's fastest growing plant. Some species can grow 3 feet per day!

3 Driven by the constantly growing consumer demand for environmental friendly products, bamboo is gaining momentum as a reliable source of high quality and durable green building material over traditional non-sustainable products. Bamboo is known to produce 30% more oxygen than a hardwood forest of comparable size, while preventing erosion, restoring soil, providing sweet edible shoots and removing toxins from contaminated soil. Ecologists tout bamboo as a logical, renewable source of building material. Many promote bamboo planting for prevention of erosion and to reverse the effects of global warming. Being a grass, bamboo regenerates without replanting harvesting.

4 Traditional hardwood lumber trees such as oak, maple and birch take 40-50 years to regenerate. In the meantime, there is less oxygen produced, less carbon dioxide consumed and more soil runoff in the spot where those trees were harvested – all producing negative environmental effects. Our planet is suffering from resource depletion, habitat loss, species extinction and ecosystem pollution. The choice of bamboo as a building material will greatly help reverse those negative trends.

***On the basis of reading of the above passage complete the sentence**

- (a) According to NASA reports, there has been a loss of _____ ozone over the Arctic.
- (b) Use of bamboo is gaining momentum because _____.
- (c) The greatest advantage of bamboo is that it _____.
- (d) Traditional hardwood lumber trees _____.
- (e) 'More soil run off in the spot' means _____.
- (f) The antonym for the word 'reliable' is _____.
- (g) The problems troubling the earth are _____.
- (h) The author is promoting the use of _____ as a building material.
- (i) Bamboo is known to produce _____.
- (j) Find a word from the passage which means poisonous substances produced by the biological processes of biological organisms - _____

Q2 Read the given passage carefully.

1 Now a days people generally think that there is nothing which is either right or wrong and the action which is best suited to the situation must be taken. They don't worry whether their actions are moral or not. Their only concern is social and economic acceptability. Each one of us, at one time or the other, has heard the statement, "Okay, have it your own way" and so this is the way that many in the world live.

2 Righteousness is very simple. In every situation that we confront in life, there is either a right way or a wrong way to proceed. If we choose the right way, we are sustained in our actions by the principles of righteousness, in which there is power from the heavens above. If we choose the wrong way and act on that choice, there is no such heavenly power, we are alone and destined to fail.

3 The question arises. How do we know which is right and which is wrong? The system of prayer is organized as a communication system to transmit concepts of truth into the minds of human beings. God, through our conscience, 'ruh' or spirit enlightens our minds and gives us clarity of understanding of the concepts of truth. This is the way God teaches us to distinguish right from

wrong. If we are willing to learn his ways and follow them, we will never have to guess and will always know for sure the difference between right and wrong.

4 Each one of us lives with his or her unique situation. There are challenges related to health, money, literacy, singleness, loneliness, oppression, abuse, transgression and a never-ending list of existing conditions. The solution to all these challenges is righteousness, there is the fulfillment of faith and hope. Every blessing that God has promised to his children is predicated upon obedience to his laws and commandments. Obedience to his laws and commandments is what makes us righteous and that righteousness qualifies us to be worthy of the promised blessings.

5 In his benevolence, God has given us the law of repentance. Whenever there is disobedience to God's laws and commandments, the option of repentance is open to us. If we act upon this marvelous law, we will be forgiven for our disobedience and we can decide to become more righteous; thus repentance leads us to righteousness. In fact, most of the challenges that we have in mortality can be solved by repentance and finally by righteousness. All religions in the world teach this very basic truth.

- On the basis of the reading of the above passage answer the question in 30-40 words.

2.1 (a) When do we feel isolated and are likely to fall? (1)

(b) In which two ways can we face a difficult situation? (2)

(c) How can we make ourselves happy? (2)

(d) How can we say that God is benevolent? (2)

2.2 Fill in the blanks with appropriate words/phrases : (2)

(a) The only concern of people these days is _____.

(b) The solution to all the challenges in life is _____.

2.3 Find out the word that mean the same as under : (1)

(a) begin a course of action (para 2)

(b) remorse (para 5)

SECTION B (WRITING & GRAMMAR) (30 marks)

Q 3 Your locality does not have any sports complex where people can enjoy health and fitness activities. The private health clubs are very expensive and cannot be afforded by common people. Write a letter to the Director, North West Zone, Gandhinagar Development Authority urging him to provide a Sports complex Park in your area. Give reasons for such a need and specify the facilities required. Take ideas from the unit 'Sports and Games' from MCB. (5)

Q 4 You have experienced a very hot summer last year due to heat from streets and vehicles, exhausts from fumes and factories /homes/cars etc. Taking hint from the MCB unit 'Environment', write an article for your school magazine in not more than 150 words on 'Why it is warmer in the cities and What all can be Done to improve the Environment in the Cities'. (5)

Q 5 Write a story in 200-250 words based on the input given below: (8)

Travelling in metro—tunnel – lights went out – general panic – pushing and shoving –screams – phone flashlights switched on – an old man

Q 6 Do as directed**(5)**

- (a) Priti dresses up like a model. (Use 'as if')
- (b) Why have you not invited her to the party? (Change the voice)
- (c) They have known her. She was a child. (Use 'since')
- (d) He said, "Have you been to Chennai?" (Report the question)
- (e) She dare not speak to me. (Make it Interrogative)

Q 7 The following paragraph has not been edited. Write the incorrect word and the correction against the correct blank numbers.

(3)

	Incorrect word	Correct word
It was the amazing sight to see	(a) _____	_____
and the one I will never forgot.	(b) _____	_____
A sight which no one present in the occasion	(c) _____	_____
could help admiring in spite of the trouble it had caused us all.		

Q 8 Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences.

(2)

- (a) reward / its / is / honesty / own
- (b) teaches us / our dealings / honest / religion / in / to be

Q 9 Fill in the blanks using correct determiners.

(2)

When it comes to fun and games in (a) _____ Maldives, the Herathera Islands is (b) _____ ideal option. Look at this picture. It is one of the beaches of Herathera. In fact, Herathera has (c) _____ of the most divine white sand beaches in the world. This is me, in a snorkeling outfit. Snorkeling took so (d) _____ of my time that I had little left for anything else.

SECTION C(LITERATURE & LONG READING TEXT) (30 marks)

Q 10 Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the answer in about 30-40 words. (ATTEMPT ANY TWO)

(6)

1) Then took the other just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for the passing there
Had worn them really about the same.

- (a) Why did the second road have a better claim?
- (b) Which of the two roads did the poet take?

2) He was getting on. He was thirty-one, and he said himself that he would have to be chucking the game before it chucked him.

- (a) What game is being referred to here ?
- (b) What does 'He was getting on' mean in the above line?

**3) I touch gently at the windows with my
Soft fingers, and my announcement is a
Welcome song. All can hear but only
The sensitive can understand.**

- (a) What is the speaker's message in the above lines?
- (b) Name the figure of speech in the above lines?

Q 11 Answer the following question in 30-40 words. (ANY FOUR)

(8)

- (a) Why does Lord Ullin's daughter defy her father and elope with her lover?
- (b) How are Gaston and Jeanne poles apart?
- (c) Why does the poet's conscience get horribly pricked?
- (d) What guess does the poet have about the subject matter of the reaper's song?
- (e) Describe the scene in the cook house.

Q12 Attempt any ONE out of two long answer type questions in 100 -120 words

(6)

- (a) The bishop brought about a change in the convict. What was the change? How did he bring it about?

OR

- (b) "Good Luck to you Trevelyan," said the author to John when the latter got down at Coketown. Why did he call him "Trevelyan"?

Q13 Answer the following in about 200-250 words. (ANY ONE)

(10)

What was the outcome of Montmorency's chasing a large Tom cat? How did it affect Montmorency? What is Montmorency's significance in the novel?

Or

Do you think the narrator hated steam launches? Why? How did the narrator and his friends irritate the men in the steam launch?
