

CITY SCHOOL OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE, PANDHURNA

OPEN BOOK EXAMINATION 2020-21

Class-9th

Subject- English

Time – 3 hour

Max. Mark– 100

General Instructions:-

1. All questions are compulsory.
2. Section A carries 30 marks.
3. Section B carries 30 marks.
4. Section C carries 15 marks.
5. Section D carries 25 marks.

SECTION :A (READING)

Q.1 Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: (8 Marks)

I know poverty and misery and I quite appreciate by personal experience what it is to be poor, what it is to have no clothes, what it is to have no books, what it is to struggle through life, what it is to walk through the streets without an umbrella, without conveyance along miles on dusty roads. I have been through it all and I can understand the difficulties that most of you graduates have to face today. I am speaking from a long experience of 60 years. Please do not imagine that all the 60 years are milk and roses. To be able to accomplish something, I want to tell you that you have to go through such experiences.

I admit success in life is not always to be intelligent or be strong, and it is to some extent a bit of a gamble, but those who got their minds right and those who know their job sooner or later, will sooner perhaps than later make their way in life. But they should not be disappointed if they do not, they have to face up life and take it as they find it.

What I say is that the great things in life are not really great things in life. What I love is to enjoy the common things of life. I am happy that I am still able to sleep at night provided I have three miles walk in the evening. I am still able to enjoy a good lunch or a good dinner. I am still able to look at the blue sky and like it. I still like to walk in the open fields and like the smell of the Ragi or the Jowar.

We think that happiness consists of going to pictures and seeing thrilling films and technicolor dramas. Not at all, the great things in life are the God-given things which cost nothing. What you need is the desire to appreciate them. If you have your minds and hearts open, you have around your things which give you joy. There is the butterfly jumping about in flourishing colors on all sides. Look at the wonderful thing that God has given for our enjoyment.

We have to love nature and appreciate nature and appreciate her wonderful gifts, of nature's marvelous ingenuity, its resourcefulness, and infinite variety. It is the same thing that has inspired me all my life.

1. How had C.V. Raman's childhood been difficult?

- i. He had lived life as a poor
- ii. He had access to books only
- iii. He had to run on the streets
- iv. He never drank milk as a child

2. Why has life been termed as a gamble?

- i. It disappoints you always
- ii. Life is good to only hardworking people
- iii. Even an intelligent or strong person is unsure of success
- iv. CV Raman has lost money in this gamble

3. How does C.V. Raman's speech inspire us?

- i. He told us easy ways to enjoy life
- ii. He told us one needs to be poor to succeed in life
- iii. He told us to work day and night
- iv. He told us that life is never easy

4. What according to C.V Raman consists of happiness?

- i. Seeing thrilling films and technicolor dramas
- ii. Things that cost money
- iii. God-given gifts which cost nothing
- iv. A graduate student's life

5. According to the text, what should we love?

- i. Life
- ii. Gamble
- iii. C.V Raman
- iv. Nature

6. Which smell did he like in the fields?

- i. Butterflies in fields
- ii. Ragi and Jowar
- iii. Dinner
- iv. Dusty Roads

7. What has inspired C.V Raman all his life?

- i. Gamble
- ii. Family
- iii. Nature
- iv. Films

8. How many years of experience does C.V Raman have?

- i. 6 years
- ii. 60 years
- iii. 16 years
- iv. 66 years

Q.2 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (14 Marks)

1. The word 'baby' is used for a young human being below the age of one year or 18 months. After this age, words such as 'toddler' and 'child' are used. The word 'baby' probably comes from 'baba', a sound made by many small babies.

2. Newborn babies may seem helpless, but they are not. They can suck strongly to drink milk from their mother's breast. They cry if they are hungry or uncomfortable. They can hear well

and usually recognize the voice of their mothers. However, a newborn baby depends on someone, usually the mother, for food and warmth and comfort.

3. Babies grow and change very quickly by six months. Most of babies have doubled their birth weight (around 3.5 kg to 7 kg). At one year, they may weigh 10 kg. Weight gain is quite a good indication of a baby's health. If a baby is not gaining weight over a period of several weeks, it may be ill.

4. A newborn baby cannot even hold up its head and has to be supported at all times. At about six to eight weeks it is able to follow things with its eyes and starts to smile. At around three months it will be able to raise the head. By seven months it will be able to sit up with some support and hold things in the hand, and also babble simple sounds without any real meaning.

5. During the remainder of the year a baby learns to crawl and pull itself up into a standing position. By about 15 to 18 months a baby is able to walk by itself and say a few words, such as 'mama'.

6. All the ages mentioned above are averages. Not all babies develop at the same speed. Some are able to crawl or walk earlier than usual, others are a little late. This is not important and has no bearing on how clever or athletic the baby will be in the future.

Questions:

(a) On the basis of your reading of the article, answer the following questions as briefly as possible.

(i) Find one paragraph from the article, which deals mainly with the weight gain of growing children. Write the first four words of the paragraph.

(ii) 'This is not important' (Para 6) what does 'this' here refer to?

(iii) What is the usual weight of a newborn baby?

(iv) Find a word in Para 1 which means 'almost certainly'.

(v) Find a word in Para 3 which means 'sign'.

(vi) Find a word in Para 4 which means 'talk' in a way that is difficult or impossible to understand.

(vii) Find a word in Para 5 which means 'remaining times'.

(viii) Should a mother be worried if her baby is not developing at the same speed as the baby of another woman? Why?

(ix) What is the surest indication of a child's good health?

(b) Complete the following table by supplying the missing information:

Q.3 Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:(8 Marks)

Eid-ul-Fitr is celebrated on the first day of Shawwaal, the tenth Lunar month of the Islamic calendar, Ramzaan, the ninth month is a month of daily fasts. Each daily fast is called Roza. Nothing is eaten or drunk between sunrise and sunset. Food is taken in the wee hours of the morning and again after night fall.”

Fasting helps one to experience pangs of hunger and thus, understand the plight of those who do not have enough to eat. The Muslims believe in offering alms to the poor on the sacred month of Ramzaan. It is necessary to give a minimum of two and a half kilograms of wheat, or any other grain, dates or grapes as Fitr or alms. The Quran, the holy book of the Muslims, was revealed in the month of Ramzaan.

It is a festival that symbolises goodwill and brotherhood. All feelings of enmity and malice are forgotten on this day and people greet each other warmly saying, ‘Eid-Mubarak’. It is a joyous occasion which reinforces the bond of humanity that we share with all fellow human beings, irrespective of caste, creed, state or religion.

Questions:

(I) Choose the correct alternatives and write them in your answer book:

(i) The Quran was revealed:

- (a) in the sixth Lunar month of the Islamic calendar
- (b) in the seventh Lunar month of the Islamic calendar
- (c) in the ninth Lunar month of the Islamic calendar
- (d) in the tenth Lunar month of the Islamic calendar

(ii) During Ramzaan, the Muslims, who fast, take food:

- (a) at dusk (b) at dawn
- (c) in the afternoon (d) at midnight

(II) Find out the word from the passage having similar meaning of the following:

- (a) sorry circumstances (b) desire to injure

(III) Give the Verb form of the following words

- (a) food (b) appreciative

(IV) What is the purpose of fasting during the month of Ramzaan?

(V) What is Eid-ul-Fitr’s significance?

SECTION - B (WRITING)

Q.4. You are Darpan, a senior prefect of your school. Your school is going to arrange a painting competition on coming Monday. Draft a notice for the students and ask them to get registered themselves with you before Friday. (6 marks)

Q.5. Read the following telephone conversation which took place when Suresh was staying with his uncle. Write the message from Suresh to his uncle, using not more than, 50 words. (5 Marks)

Seshu : Hello! Hello! This is Seshu from Lucknow. Can I speak to Mr. Rao, please? I am a friend of his Son, Madhav Rao.

Suresh : This is Suresh Rao. My uncle is not here at the moment. We heard about the earthquake. Is Madhav all right?

Seshu : Yes, yes, He's okay now. But he had a bad fall during the earthquake and he broke his left leg. It was a fracture, but there's nothing to worry about now.

Suresh : Is he in hospital?

Seshu : Yes, he's at the Tata Memorial Hospital here. Would you please inform his family?

Suresh : Of course I will, thank you for calling.

Q.6 You are Manager of a Book Co. You wanted to distribute the books for students in reduction price. So draft an advertisement for the local newspaper.

(5 marks)

Q.7 Write a short biography of Jawaharlal Nehru under the following headings:

(7 Marks)

- (a) Parentage and education
- (b) Contribution in Indian freedom struggle
- (c) Jawaharlal Nehru as a Prime Minister

Q.8 Write a Essay (any one)

(7 marks)

- i. My School
- ii. Greate Leader Mahatama Gandhi
- iii. Wonder Of Science

SECTION - C (GRAMMAR)

Q.9 The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each of the lines. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet as given below against the correct blank number. (5 Marks)

The Band-Aid was invent in New Jersey, Dickson was fretted as his wife Josephine who cut herself again and again on working in the kitchen. One day while he was wrapping his wound once again on a bulky bandage of gauze and tape, he was struck by a idea. He put some guaze on a strip of the medical tape and a Band-Aid was born. Billion of cuts and scrapes later the Band-Aid is celebrating their 75th birthday. Longer before Newton, Aristotle and Galileo have done a lot of research on the subject of gravity.

Q.10 Look at the words and phrases below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences. The first one has been done as an example. Write the correct sentence in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. (10 Marks)

- (a) is a / ice-cream / that / tough business / selling / he feels
- (b) now-a-days / in the market / there are just / selling / too many brands / ice-creams / of
- (c) there were / varieties / just two or three / different / a decade ago / to choose from
- (d) try / some people / a new brand / who / come back / again and again / for it
- (e) it's the King cones / hotcakes / sell like / that
- (f) The minister told / that the Nawab / had set / Gopal/ task / him an impossible
- (g) Then Gopal / to ask the Nawab / to give him / this difficult task / and one year / a million rupees / to complete / told the minister
- (h) Gopal promised / after one year / that he would / with the results / the minister / go to the Nawab.
- (i) themes / timeless / such / this / because / are / is /
- (j) stories / a / all / have been / animal / favourite / groups / with / age /

SECTION - D (LITERATURE)

Q.11 Read Stanza and Answer the following Questions Carefully. (8 Marks)

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveller, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;
Then took the other, just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same.

1. Where does the traveller find himself? What problem does he face?
2. Discuss what these phrases mean to you.
 - (i) a yellow wood
 - (ii) it was grassy and wanted wear
 - (iii) the passing there
 - (iv) leaves no step had trodden black
 - (v) how way leads on to way
3. Is there any difference between the two roads as the poet describes them
 - (i) in stanzas two and three?
 - (ii) in the last two lines of the poem?
4. What do you think the last two lines of the poem mean?

When the humid shadows hover
Over all the starry spheres
And the melancholy darkness
Gently weeps in rainy tears,
What a bliss to press the pillow
Of a cottage-chamber bed
And lie listening to the patter

Of the soft rain overhead!

1. What do the following phrases mean to you? Discuss in class.

(i) humid shadows

(ii) starry spheres

(iii) what a bliss

(iv) a thousand dreamy fancies into busy being start

(v) a thousand recollections weave their air-threads into woof

2. What does the poet like to do when it rains?

3. What is the single major memory that comes to the poet? Who are the “darling dreamers” he refers to?

4. Is the poet now a child? Is his mother still alive?

Q. 12 Answer the Questions (Any 2) (4 Marks)

i. What things about the book did she find strange?

ii. Why does the world remember Einstein as a “world citizen”?

iii. Who were Abdul Kalam’s school friends? What did they later become?

Q.13 Answer the Questions (Any 2) (8 Marks)

i.. Kezia’s efforts to please her father resulted in displeasing him very much. How did this happen?

ii. How does Evelyn hear music?

iii. How did Montmorency ‘contribute’ to the packing?

Q.14 When does he realize that he has lost his way? How have his anxiety and insecurity been described? (5 Marks)

OR

Why does grandfather take Toto to Saharanpur and how? Why does the ticket collector insist on calling Toto a dog?