



**Summative Assessment – I, 2011
English Language and Literature
Class - IX**

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Maximum Marks: 90

Time – 3 hours

Instructions:

The question paper is divided into four sections.

Section A: Reading	20 marks
Section B: Writing	20 marks
Section C: Grammar	15 marks
Section D: Literature	35 marks

All Questions are compulsory.

Marks are indicated against each question.

**Section-A
(Reading – 20 Marks)**

Q1. Read the passage given below and write the options that you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheets : (5x1= 5 marks)

EARTHQUAKE - PROOF BUILDINGS

A TEN PERCENT extra cost if added to construction budget for any building can make it safe and sound for earthquake. The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Roorkee, recommended as such at a workshop. Emeritus professor of the institute, Padamshree A S Arya said that it is not possible to stop earthquake from taking place or predict it accurately. But, the losses, mainly of human life, can be reduced considerably, if we are well aware about any structure or building.

In Indian context, only a 10 percent extra cost, if added to a final budget of building construction, can give remarkable safety with negligible losses during an earthquake.

Therefore, every building should be raised on strict building construction codes assessing soil's nature and its geo-history.

Around 12 percent of country's total area falls under very seismic vulnerability. And approximately one million dwelling structures are raised on those lands. But, hardly 5 percent structures are constructed with codes.

In Gujarat, earthquake had wreaked havoc over those areas, mainly in the form of human - life losses, where structures were raised on 'ignored' building codes. The result of it was that more than Rs. 20,000 crore was spent on rescue and

disaster-management programmes to maintain the normalcy in the affected areas, he pointed out.

The workshop was meant for 'retrofitting' of structures to discuss possible aspects of earthquake with regard to find out a technological based solution of disaster.

The IIT - Roorkee is the only institution of its kind where a course on earthquake engineering is run at the graduation level.

For a safe and sound building, the necessity of an RC beam, in the foundation area of any building, was advocated by expert participants with a view that every building must be connected well with the 'beams' horizontally and vertically.

The experts suggested that the experienced engineer must calculate sustaining capacity of earth's vibration first before constructing any building.

- (1) Earthquake cannot be _____.
- (i) stopped
 - (ii) predicted precisely
 - (iii) both (i) and (ii)
 - (iv) neither (i) nor (ii)
- (2) In Gujarat earthquake, so much havoc was caused since the buildings were _____.
- (i) constructed with sub stranded material
 - (ii) made without permission from government
 - (iii) constructed without following the construction codes.
 - (iv) None of these
- (3) _____ statement / statements is true about India.
- (i) 12% of its total area falls under very seismic vulnerability zone
 - (ii) 1 million houses are in very seismic zone
 - (iii) Hardly 5% buildings in very seismic vulnerability zone are built according to construction code.
 - (iv) All the above.
- (4) In order to make a building earthquake proof _____ is required.
- (i) an RC beam
 - (ii) well connected horizontal and vertical beam

- (iii) Both (i) and (ii)
- (iv) Neither (i) nor (ii)

(5) The word which means 'a set of rules' is

- (i) code
- (ii) predict
- (iii) negligible
- (iv) dwelling

Q2. Read the passage given below and write the option that you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheets: (5x1= 5 marks)

Coconut water is said to be the purest liquid in nature apart from rain water. Here are some of the health benefits of coconut water .

Coconut water is known to help in regulating body temperature, to keep one's body cool especially in the summers. It rehydrates the body well .It contains no cholesterol and is low in calories and fat. It also has a good balance of potassium, sodium and calcium. It has antifungal , antimicrobial and antiviral properties which are important to prevent infections in the body. People with kidney stones can drink coconut water to help break up to the stones and flush them out.

It provides relief from nausea and vomiting and should be taken for diseases that show these symptoms like typhoid, malaria etc. it is a good detoxifying agent. It helps to control diabetes.

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- (1) Which is the purest liquid in nature ?
 - (a) coconut water
 - (b) sea water
 - (c) lake water
 - (d) river water
- (2) Coconut water is known to help to regulate -----
 - (a) headache
 - (b) body pain
 - (c) body temperature
 - (d) eye pain
- (3) Which patients are greatly helped by coconut water -----

- (a) heart patients
 - ~~(b)~~ kidney stone patients
 - (c) brain fever patients
 - (d) cancer patients
- (4) Coconut water gives relief from -----
- (a) nausea and vomiting
 - ~~(b)~~ malaria
 - (c) cold and fever
 - (d) viral infection
- (5) The word /phrase from the passage which is similar in meaning as 'to remove' is -----
- (a) rehydrate
 - (b) cholesterol
 - (c) infection
 - ~~(d)~~ flush

Q3. Read the poem given below and answer the questions that follow:

(5 Marks)

He was found by the Bureau of Statistics to be,

One against whom there was no official complaint.

And all the reports on his conduct agree.

That, in the modern sense of an old fashioned word, he was a saint,

For in everything he did he served the greater community.

Except for the war till the day he retired.

He worked in a factory and never got fired.

But satisfied his employers, Fudge Motors Inc.

Yet he wasn't a scab or odd in his views.

For his union reports that he paid his dues,

(our report on his union shows it was sound).

And our social psychology workers found

That he was popular with his mates and liked a drink.

The Press are convinced that he bought a paper everyday
That his reactions to advertisements were normal in every way.
Policies taken out in his name prove that he was fully insured.
And his Health card shows that he was once in hospital but left it cured.
Both Producers Research and High - Grade Living declare.
He was fully sensible to the advantages of Instalment Plan .
And has everything necessary to the Modern Man.

- (a) The citizen was called a saint because _____ great community.
- (b) He never 'got fired' means _____.
- (c) According to his union reports, he _____.
- (d) Social psychology workers found that he was popular _____.
- (e) The word which means the same as 'companions' is _____.

Q4. Read the passage given below and complete the sentences that follow. Write your answers against the correct question numbers in your answer sheet : (5x1= 5 marks)

There are three main groups of oils : animal, vegetable and mineral. Great quantities of animal oil come from whales; those enormous creatures of the sea which are the largest remaining animals in the world. To protect the whale from the cold of the Arctic seas, nature has provided it with a thick covering of fat called blubber.

When the whale is killed, the blubber is stripped off and boiled down, either on board ship or on shore. It produces a great quantity of oil which can be made into food for human consumption. A few other creatures yield oil, but none so much as the whale. The livers of cod and the halibut, two kinds of fish, yield nourishing oil. Both cod liver oil and halibut liver oil are given to sick children and other invalids who need certain vitamins. These oils may be bought at any chemist's.

Vegetable oil has been known since antiquity. No household can get on without it, for it is used in cooking. Perfumes may be made from oils of certain flowers. Soaps are made from vegetable and animals oils.

- (a) The largest animal in the world is _____.
- (b) _____ protects the whale from the cold of the Arctic seas.
- (c) Oil which are given to sick children are _____.
- (d) Oil which is used in cooking is _____.
- (e) The word in the passage which means the same as 'old times esp before

the Middle Ages' is _____

Section-B
(Writing – 20 Marks)

- Q5.** The rainy season has set in. It brings various mosquito-spread diseases with it. Write a letter in 120-150 words to your cousin suggesting him / her some precautions to prevent the spread of dengue, malaria etc. You are Alok / Ankita of B-4, Chandan Nagar, Delhi. **(8 marks)**

OR

Write a letter to the editor of a national daily voicing your concern about the growing pollution levels in your city and how survival is becoming very difficult these days. You are Mohit/ Mohita of Shadara Delhi. (120-150 words)

- Q6.** Polythene bags or plastic bags are being used daily. It is a big hazard to environment. Write an article on 'Hazards of Polythene Bags' in about 120 words using the following verbal input : - **(8 marks)**

Polythene or plastic bags poisoning a great hazard to our environment-increasing day by day thrown away after use spread disease spoil fertility of soil break down the sewage nonbiodegradable harmful production manufacturing should be checked

OR

Last week, you attended a seminar on 'Environment' in International School, New Delhi, where problems related to depletion of ozone layer were discussed. Write a speech in about 120 words for your morning assembly telling about the ill-effects of the depletion of ozone layer and its causes by taking the verbal stimulus as given below.

- Ozone layer- shields the earth from harmful ultra violet rays - protects against skin cancer, sunburns, cataracts etc.
- Rare species could become extinct
- Ozone depletion -melting of Arctic Seas ice
- Causes- pollution from chemicals, plastic foams of aerosol sprays which have accumulated in atmosphere.

- Q7.** You are Shikha of 9th B. Your school organized the district level debate competition. Write a report in about 80 words of the same giving the details like - venue, time allotted to each debater, number of participating schools and the winners. **(4 marks)**

OR

Here is a story that is to be published in the school magazine. It has been left unfinished. Complete the story by adding a few points of your own:

Sarita was going to Kashmir with her classmates. She made all preparations. She packed her bags for 10-day tour. Unfortunately she left her purse at home and then she had no money. She _____.

SECTION C
(GRAMMAR – 15 MARKS)

Q8. Choose the most appropriate options from the ones given below to complete the following passage. Write the answers in your answersheet against the correct blank numbers. Do not copy the whole passage. (1×3 = 3 marks)

Scientists (a) _____ that the earth's supply of fresh water is fast running out. Attempts have been made to convert sea water (b) _____ fresh water (c) _____ it has proved to be a costly affair.

- (a) (i) warn (ii) have warned
(iii) warned (iv) will warn
- (b) (i) into (ii) in
(iii) on (iv) at
- (c) (i) and (ii) but
(iii) while (iv) till

Q9. Complete the following passage by choosing the correct forms of the verbs given in brackets from the alternatives given. Write your answers in the answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. (1×3 = 3 marks)

On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti a blood donation camp (a) _____ (organise) in our city last year. The donors (b) _____ (ask) to inform in advance. Over 100 units of blood (c) _____ (collect) to be sent to various hospitals.

- (a) (i) organized (ii) was organized
(iii) will organize (iv) had organized
- (b) (i) were asked (ii) were asking
(iii) had asked (iv) asked
- (c) (i) was collected (ii) collected
(iii) had collected (iv) have collected

Q10. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. (1×3 = 3 marks)

Write the incorrect word and the correction as given in the example against the correct blank number in your answersheet. Also underline the correct word that you have supplied.

	Error	Correction
Maricha changed him into a charming deer.	e.g. him	<u>himself</u>
The deer wandered around an ashram	(a)	_____
playfully in order to draw sita's attention. Sita is	(b)	_____
gathering flowers, near the ashram when sudden	(c)	_____
she saw the deer. Enchanted by a charming	(d)	_____
beauty of the animal, she calling out to	(e)	_____
Rama and Lakshmana and asked him to look	(f)	_____
at the exquisite animal.		

Q11. Read the dialogue given below and complete the report that follows.

1x3=3

Mother : Rahul, how was school today ?

Rahul : It was fun .We had 2 free periods.

Mother : Why did you get free periods ? Was the teacher absent ?

Mother asked Rahul (a)_____.

Rahul replied happily that (b)_____.

Mother , concerned asked him (c)_____.

Q12. Look at the words and phrases given below. Rearrange them to form (1x3 = 3 marks) meaningful sentences as shown below.

Ex: Gandhiji's / political / was / fast/ first / made / Africa / return / from /soon after/ his.

Gandhiji's first political fast was made soon after his return from Africa.

- this was / when /labourers / mills /were /on strike /of Ahemedabad / the poor
- he /against /did not /the mill owners / fast
- was / it / to strengthen / of / the strikers /the /determination.

Section D
(Literature – 35 Marks)

Q13. A. Read the extract given below and complete the sentences that follow. Write your answers against the correct question number in your answer sheet. (4 marks)

Tommy screamed with laughter. "You don't know much, Margie. The teachers didn't live in the house. (They had a special building and all the kids went there.)"

'And all the kids learnt the same thing?'

'Sure, if they were the same age.'

'But my mother says a teacher has to

be adjusted to fit the mind of each boy

and girl it teaches and that each kid

has to be taught differently.'

(a) What did Margie not know ?

(b) What does special building refer to ?

(c) Why was Margie surprised ?

(d) Find a word from the passage which means same as 'to change something slightly'

B. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write your answers against the correct question number in your answer sheet. (4 marks)

While Einstein was solving the most difficult problems in physics, his private life was unravelling. Albert had wanted to marry Mileva right after finishing his studies, but his mother was against it. She thought Mileva, who was three years older than her son, was too old for him. She was also bothered by Mileva's intelligence. "She is a book like you" his mother said. Einstein put the wedding off.

(A) While Einstein was solving the most difficult problems in physics what was happenig in his life ?

(B) What did Einstern want to do after finishing his studies ?

(C) Why did Einstein put off his wedding with Mileva ?

(D) When did Einstein want to marry Mileva ?

Q14. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the most appropriate option from those given. (Any two extracts) (3x2= 6 marks)

A. She had a scarlet cap on her head,

And that was left the same;

But all the rest of her clothes were burned

Black as a coal in the flame.

- (1) The clothes had become of _____ colour.
- (a) brown
 - (b) blue
 - (c) black
 - (d) white
- (2) The poem from which this stanza is taken is a _____
- (a) fable
 - (b) story
 - (c) sonnet
 - (d) ballad
- (3) The rhyming scheme of the poem is _____
- (a) b a c a
 - (b) a c b a
 - (c) a b c b
 - (d) a a b b

B. And both that morning equally lay

In leaves no step had trodden black.

Oh, I kept the first for another day!

Y'et knowing how way leads on to way,

I doubted if I should ever come back.

- (1) In the poem, 'both' refers to _____
- (a) chances
 - (b) opportunities
 - (c) roads
 - (d) hedges

(2) The poet is _____

- (a) in a happy stage
- (b) in a dejected stage
- (c) doubtful of his return
- (d) sure of his return

(3) The expression, 'In leaves no step had trodden' means _____

- (a) the road was travelled
- (b) the road was not travelled
- (c) the road was yet to be travelled
- (d) all of the above

C. And I shall have some peace there, for peace comes dropping slow

Dropping from the veils of the morning to where the cricket sings;

There midnight's all a glimmer, and noon a purple glow,

And evenings full of the linnet's wings.

(1) _____ is found singing in the morning.

- (a) Wings
- (b) Veils
- (c) Linnet
- (d) Cricket

(2) 'Veils of the morning' stand for _____.

- (a) night
- (b) evening
- (c) mist of the sky
- (d) stars in the sky

(3) The poet has painted different things at different times of day
_____ is not rightly given.

- (a) 'In the morning, peace drops from its veils'
- (b) 'At night, there is glimmer'
- (c) 'At noon, it is purple glow on the Island'
- ~~(d) 'Morning sky is full of flying linnets'~~

Q15. Answer any three of the following questions in 40-50 words each. (2x3 = 6 marks)

- (a) "Thinking about him alone was like thinking about a giant!" Why did Kezia think about her father so?
- (b) What name was given to the improved version of pungli and how?
- (c) When did Einstein receive the Nobel Prize? What was the reaction of the people and the press to it?
- (d) What kind of woman did the doctor think of marrying?

Q16. Answer one out of two of the following questions in about 80 words. (5 marks)
Write a character sketch of Kezia.

OR

What similarity do you find between the doctor and the snake?

Q17. Answer one out of two of the following questions in about 80 words. (4 marks)
Mahendra who did not believe in Ghosts began to sweat with fear on a full moon night. Describe what happened that night.

OR

What circumstances forced grandfather to sell Toto back to the tonga driver?

Q18. Answer any two of the following questions in about 40 - 50 words each. (3x2 = 6 marks)

- (a) In what way is Iswaran an asset to Mahendra?
- (b) What advice did the guru give to the disciple before going out of the city? Did the disciple agree?
- (c) For whom does the Prince send the sapphires and why?