



901122 - C2

Class - IX

**ENGLISH**  
**(Communicative)**

Maximum Marks : 80

Time : 3 hours

Total No. of Pages : 12

The Question Paper is divided into **four** Sections :

Section A : Reading 20 Marks

Section B : Writing 20 Marks

Section C : Grammar 20 Marks

Section D : Literature 20 Marks

**General Instructions :**

1. All questions are **compulsory**.
2. Marks are indicated against each question.
3. An additional **15** minutes time has been allotted to read this question paper only.

**SECTION - A**  
**(Reading - 20 Marks)**

**1. Read the passage carefully.**

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In a democracy, the people choose their government. In order to make intelligent choices, the people need to know what those who are running the government are doing. They must be able to get news that is not controlled by the government. Newspapers and other news organizations must be able to report all the news. Freedom of the press is a very important part of any democracy.

Freedom of speech is just as important as freedom of the press. That means that all citizens should have the right to inform others of what they know and express their opinions. That doesn't mean being able to lock yourself in a closet and whisper. It means being able to get your thoughts out to as many people as possible. Beware of politicians who want to repress that right.

In a free society, people can practice their religious beliefs without fear. They may also elect to belong to no religion at all. Freedom of religions is safest in democratic nations.

In order for people to be able to exercise their rights, they must be able to work together. They must be able to form groups to give strength to their causes. That right is known as freedom of assembly.

**Answer the following questions by selecting the most appropriate option from the ones given below.**

1. The 'press' in the above lines means :
  - (a) To push
  - (b) A strong forward movement
  - (c) To keep asking
  - (d) News reporting organizations
2. The politicians want to repress the public. In other words they want to:
  - (a) Control, or hold down
  - (b) Push again
  - (c) Fight to protect
  - (d) Say again
3. In a free society people can \_\_\_\_\_ to belong to no religion at all.
  - (a) Vote
  - (b) Ask
  - (c) Find
  - (d) Choose
4. The right to 'freedom of assembly', in the above lines, refers to right to
  - (a) Vote
  - (b) Ask
  - (c) Find
  - (d) Choose

5. An appropriate title for this text would be :
- (a) Democracy and Religion
  - (b) Democracy and Freedom
  - (c) Importance of Newspaper
  - (d) Rights and Duties

2. Read the poem carefully.

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**The Quiet Life**

Happy man whose wish and care  
A few paternal acres bound.  
Content to breath his native air  
In his own ground.  
Whose herds with milk, whose fields with bread,  
Whose flocks supply him with attire ;  
Whose trees in summer yield him shade,  
In winter fire :

Blest; who can unconcernedly find  
Hours, days and years, slide soft away  
In health of body, peace of mind.  
Quiet by the day :

Sound sleep by night ; study and ease  
Together mixed, sweet recreation  
And innocence which most does please with meditation.  
Thus let me live, unseen unknown  
Thus unlamented let me die,  
Steal from the word, and not a stone  
Tell where I lie.

**Answer the following questions by selecting the most appropriate option from the ones given below.**

1. Which man wishes to live in his own native land ?
- (a) A man with large wishes.
  - (b) A man with small wishes.
  - (c) A rich man.
  - (d) A wealthy man.

2. Why does man described by the poet not have any worries about summer ?
  - (a) He lives in cold land.
  - (b) He keeps all facilities to keep away from heat.
  - (c) Trees shield him away from heat.
  - (d) None of the above.
3. What kind of death does the 'man' wish for ?
  - (a) Sorrowful.
  - (b) Contented.
  - (c) Lamented.
  - (d) Frustrated.
4. What is the rhyming scheme in the first stanza?
  - (a) bb aa.
  - (b) aa bb.
  - (c) ba ba
  - (d) ab ab.
5. Which word in the first stanza means 'clothes' ?
  - (a) Shade.
  - (b) Flock.
  - (c) Attire.
  - (d) Partner.

3. **Read the passage carefully.**

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Frank Towers, have you ever heard of him? He is the questionable figure who supposedly survived three doomed ships in the 1900's. Some consider him one of the luckiest men alive. He was touted to be middle aged fire man in the engine room. Some consider him an ordinary, hard working person, but he had the ability to avoid dying in some of the most horrendous ocean liner accidents ever recorded.

He was said to have once been a crew member on the *titanic* at the time that the ship hit the ice berg. Two years later, he was working on the *Empress of Ireland* when she collided with the *Storstad*. Over one thousand people died in that disaster. He was then employed in May of 1915 on the *Lusitania* when it was hit by U- 20 torpedo. He apparently lived through that without a scratch as well. If you are beginning to doubt this man's existence, you are probably not too far from the truth. No records have been found ever listing a man by Frank Towers working on any of the three ships.

The legend of Frank Towers seems to be another case of an urban folk tale, humanity's desire to see triumph over a tragic situation. Fact or fiction, Frank Towers is one of the multiple characters that help colour the history books.

**Answer the following questions by selecting the most appropriate option from the ones given below.**

1. In this statement from the article, "He was touted to be a middle-aged fireman in the engine room." Touted means:
  - (a) Publicized.
  - (b) Demeaned.
  - (c) Set-up.
  - (d) Sighted.
2. This passage sheds doubt on :
  - (a) The fact that three ships sank.
  - (b) The thought that America was at war with other countries.
  - (c) Frank Towers causing the ships to sink.
  - (d) Urban folk tales are not always based on real people.
3. The title of this article could be :
  - (a) 'Frank Towers, a man of mystery'.
  - (b) 'Surviving the impossible'.
  - (c) 'The Legend of Frank Towers debunked.'
  - (d) 'How to survive doomed ships' ?
4. According to this passage, which of the following phrases best captures the intent of the article ?
  - (a) A stitch in time saves nine.
  - (b) Don't believe everything you read.
  - (c) Luck by chance.
  - (d) There are many layers of an onion.
5. The article states that urban folk tales are created because :
  - (a) They are fun to hear.
  - (b) Humanity likes to see someone triumph over tragedy.
  - (c) They trick people into believing lies.
  - (d) People do not remember details clearly.

**4. Read the poem carefully.**

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**Thank You Sincerely**

Thanks for the start to the lives that we've had.  
Thanks for the nights that you went without rest.  
So many memories, most happy, some sad;  
If you weren't perfect, you still passed the test,  
Holding our hands, holding back all the fears.  
Thank you sincerely for all of those years.

So many hours that you worked to provide  
Multiplied by all the days that we grew,  
When we behaved and the times we defied,  
Never a doubt we could still count on you,  
Making our laughter and drying our tears.  
Thank you sincerely for all of those years.

Thanks for the rules that we wished were not there.  
Thanks for the wisdom we sometimes denied.  
All the attention and all of the care,  
All the forgiveness and all of the pride,  
Pointing out faults but then calling out cheers.  
Thank you sincerely for all of those years.

For the examples you set every day,  
Teaching with actions, those lessons hold tight.  
We hardly knew just how much you could say  
Simply by doing what you knew was right.  
Now that we're older, the logic appears.  
Thank you sincerely for all of those years.

Thank you for love not required to be earned,  
Not ever fading as time moves along.  
You have to know that the love is returned,  
Not always showing, but always so strong.  
And you still care as your golden time nears.  
Thank you sincerely for all of the years.

Love, Bob

**Answer the following questions by selecting the most appropriate option from the ones given below.**

1. The poet is expressing his thanks to :
  - (a) His parents.
  - (b) His friends.
  - (c) His teachers.
  - (d) God.
2. Though the narrator wishes there were no rules, he expresses his :
  - (a) Unhappiness over them.
  - (b) Thanks for them.
  - (c) Anger for them.
  - (d) Outrage for them.

3. The narrator has been \_\_\_\_\_ a number of times for his faults.
  - (a) Punished
  - (b) Blamed
  - (c) Forgiven
  - (d) Implicated
4. Find the word from the text which means same as “disobey” :
  - (a) Defied
  - (b) Denied
  - (c) Fade
  - (d) Ride
5. The phrase “Your golden time nears” means :
  - (a) You are in prime of your life
  - (b) Your end is near
  - (c) You are very rich
  - (d) You are very happy

**SECTION - B**  
**(Writing - 20 Marks)**

5. **Complete the following dialogue in about 80 words :** 4

**Jimmy :** We should have the events like the Commonwealth Games in our country.  
**Sangita :** Don't you think that we should use all this money that we spend on such events, for the upliftment of the poor people of our country ?  
**Jimmy :** You are absolutely right, but (a) \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Sangita :** (b) \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Jimmy :** (c) \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Sangita :** (d) \_\_\_\_\_.
6. You were one among the six chosen by the National Sports Channel for an Indian expedition to Mt. Everest. Before the expedition, you underwent arduous training at Mountaineering Institute. Taking ideas from the unit on 'Adventure', together with your own ideas, write a letter in about **150 words** to your friend recounting your experiences at the Institute and your final selection. 8
7. **With the help of given outline write an article in about 150 words on 'Morning Walk'.** 8

Walking in the open—the best exercise for a student—needs no apparatus—simple and healthy—natural beauty enlivens the eye and cheers the mind—a companion makes it more enjoyable—can give surprising results.

**SECTION - C**  
**(Grammar - 20 Marks)**

8. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs given in the brackets. Choose the correct option. 4
- Once, in a forest, there (a) \_\_\_\_\_ (live) a lion and his lioness. One day the lioness (b) \_\_\_\_\_ (give) birth to twins. It was the duty of the lion to bring food. So he (c) \_\_\_\_\_ (kill) a deer that (d) \_\_\_\_\_ (come) in his way and gave it to the lioness.
- (a) (i) living  
(ii) is living  
(iii) was living  
(iv) lived
- (b) (i) gave  
(ii) given  
(iii) had given  
(iv) was given
- (c) (i) killed  
(ii) had killed  
(iii) has killed  
(iv) was killing
- (d) (i) come  
(ii) came  
(iii) had come  
(iv) is coming
9. Look at the following headline of a newspaper. Complete the sentences choosing the correct option given below : 4
- (a) **RECOVERY OF ANCIENT SHIP :**  
An ancient ship, over 500 years old, \_\_\_\_\_ off the coast of Kerala.
- (i) recovered  
(ii) has been recovered  
(iii) had been recovered  
(iv) was recovered
- (b) **NEW TRAIN INTRODUCED :**  
According to the Railway Minister \_\_\_\_\_ from Delhi to Bombay from sixth of this month.
- (i) a new train will be introduced  
(ii) there's a new train  
(iii) a new train introduced  
(iv) a new train have been introduced



(c) **M.P. ENGLISH TEACHERS ATTEND SEMINAR :**

\_\_\_\_\_ a seminar from the M.P English Teachers.

- (i) The education department is holding
- (ii) The education department is going to hold
- (iii) The education department will hold
- (iv) The education department will be holding

(d) **DIRECTOR INAUGURATES BANK EXTENSION COUNTER :**

The Managing Director of the Syndicate Bank \_\_\_\_\_ of the 'Heart and Lung Institute' in Kolkata yesterday.

- (i) inaugurated a bank extension counter
- (ii) inaugurated bank's extension counter
- (iii) inaugurated an extension counter of the bank
- (iv) inaugurated extension counter

10. **Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs given in the brackets.**

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(a) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) the entire day, I was fatigued. While (b) \_\_\_\_\_ (return) home. I met an old woman. Her (c) \_\_\_\_\_ (tatter) clothes and (d) \_\_\_\_\_ (worry) looks showed that she was badly in need of help.

- (a)
  - (i) Working
  - (ii) To work
  - (iii) Worked
  - (iv) Having worked
- (b)
  - (i) returning
  - (ii) having returned
  - (iii) to return
  - (iv) will return
- (c)
  - (i) tattered
  - (ii) tattering
  - (iii) to tatter
  - (iv) was tattered
- (d)
  - (i) worried
  - (ii) worrisome
  - (iii) worrying
  - (iv) to worry

**11. Fill in the blanks with appropriate determiners.**

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I was going to Haridwar. On (a) \_\_\_\_\_ way I met (b) \_\_\_\_\_ European. He was the disciple of (c) \_\_\_\_\_ Indian religious Guru who had been living in (d) \_\_\_\_\_ hermitage near the Ganga for the last five years.

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| (a) | (i) the | (ii) a  | (iii) an   | (iv) some  |
| (b) | (i) an  | (ii) a  | (iii) few  | (iv) some  |
| (c) | (i) a   | (ii) an | (iii) the  | (iv) every |
| (d) | (i) the | (ii) a  | (iii) some | (iv) every |

**12. Read the flowing conversation and fill in the blanks with the most appropriate one given below :**

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Sir : Why are you late today ?

Boy : I am not feeling well.

Sir : What is the trouble with you ?

Boy : I am suffering from cold and cough.

The teacher asked the boy (a) \_\_\_\_\_ . The boy replied (b) \_\_\_\_\_ .

The teacher again asked (c) \_\_\_\_\_ . The boy said he (d) \_\_\_\_\_ .

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| (a) | (i) why was he late again that day           |
|     | (ii) why he was late again that day          |
|     | (iii) that why he was late again that day    |
|     | (iv) he was late why again that day          |
| (b) | (i) that he was not feeling well             |
|     | (ii) he was not feeling well                 |
|     | (iii) I was not feeling well                 |
|     | (iv) that I was not feeling well             |
| (c) | (i) what was the trouble with him            |
|     | (ii) that what was the trouble with him      |
|     | (iii) what the trouble was with him          |
|     | (iv) what had been the trouble with him      |
| (d) | (i) was suffering from cold and cough        |
|     | (ii) is suffering from cold and cough        |
|     | (iii) has been suffering from cold and cough |
|     | (iv) have been suffering from cold and cough |

SECTION - D  
(Literature - 20 Marks)

13. Read the following extracts and answer the questions by choosing the most appropriate alternative from the ones given below. Attempt any two. 3+3=6

(A) "And both that morning equally lay  
In leaves no step had trodden black.  
Oh! I kept the first for another day!  
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,  
I doubted if I should ever come back."

- (1) The poet decided that :
- (a) he would take the second road and leave the first one for some other day.
  - (b) he would take the frequently trodden road.
  - (c) he would go back and decide later on.
  - (d) he would take the first road.
- (2) 'Leaves no step had trodden black' implies :
- (a) that the road was not taken by anyone.
  - (b) that it was not a safe road.
  - (c) that the poet was not interested in taking the road.
  - (d) None of the above.
- (3) 'Should ever come back' shows that the poet was :
- (a) confident
  - (b) indecisive
  - (c) optimistic
  - (d) pessimistic

(B) "Out spoke the hardy highland wight  
I'll go, my chief - I'm ready:  
It is not for your silver bright,  
But for your winsome lady."

- (1) "the hardy highland wight" in the first line refers to :
- (a) Lord Ullin
  - (b) the Chieftain
  - (c) the boats man
  - (d) Lord Ullin's daughter
- (2) "the hardy highland wight", promised to help the chieftain because :
- (a) he was greedy
  - (b) he respected his chief
  - (c) he was impressed by the beautiful beloved of the chief
  - (d) he was very co-operative

- (3) The speaker of the above stanza is :
- (a) the boats man
  - (b) the chieftain
  - (c) Lord Ullin
  - (d) Lord Ullin's daughter

(C) **"By thirty hills I hurry down,  
Or slip between the ridges,  
By twenty thorpes, a little town,  
And half a hundred bridges."**

- (1) The stanza describes the brooks' journey \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) from hills to a town
  - (b) from mountains to a valley
  - (c) from hills to plains
  - (d) from valley to plains
- (2) These lines tell us that the brook \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (a) moves slowly
  - (b) moves silently
  - (c) moves very fast and swiftly
  - (d) moves with lot of noise
- (3) The significance of the numbers mentioned is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) to let the reader count the number of places visited by the brook
  - (b) to show the expanse of the Brook's passage or journey
  - (c) to help the brook count
  - (d) none of the above

14. Answer any four of the following questions.

2x4=8

- (a) How could the poet hear the song of the Solitary Reaper, when it could be heard no longer ?
- (b) What problems did Chuck present when he returned to the company headquarters ?
- (c) Give any two personality traits of Jeanne. Support your answer with examples.
- (d) How does Sudha react on hearing her Grandmother's desire to become literate ?
- (e) Describe the two roads that the author finds ? Which road does he chose ?

15. After coming home you realize that the villa was not actually bought and your husband has fooled you. Write your feelings in the form of a diary entry.

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OR

Compare and Contrast the character of Grandmother with Juliette.

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