

Dr.M.K.K Arya Model School

Class: IX

Time : 3 Hours

Sample Paper : English

M.M 80

The question paper has been divided into three sections :

Sections A: Reading 20 marks

Sections B : Writing & Grammar 30 marks

Section C : Literature & Long Reading Text 30 marks

SECTION 'A' : READING (20 MARKS)

Q.1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. (1 X 8 =8)

1. A noble purpose gives meaning to one's own life and benefit to others. I realized this when researching on and writing about the life of Jamsetji Tata. What gave one man living in a colonized country the vision to advance it in the community of nations? He not only gave India the power of steel and hydroelectric energy, but also an institute of research.
2. He sent an educationist to Europe and the United States to report on what should be the best model for India. The Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore was recommended as the Model. But Jamsetji made it a point to see that his name was not associated with the university. After his death, his dream came true with the establishment of the Indian Institute of Science in Bangalore. It was to be the fountainhead of Science in the decades to come.
3. There are others too whose purpose in life has made a difference to society. Mother Teresa had a comfortable life at Loretto Convert, Kolkata. On a train journey to Darjeeling, she felt her 'calling' and wanted to give up her comfortable life in the convent and serve the poor and the needy.
4. After that, she took a three-month nursing course and returned to Kolkata. She devoted her time to the sick and the homeless. Touched by her sacrifice, some of her students joined her and work began. Not everyone has such a strong calling. When I

asked her how one could be sure of one's calling, she replied, "Deep down in our hearts we know exactly what our calling is, if we are sincere."

5. One's purpose shaped over a period of time, but every noble purpose is based on a feeling for the suffering of others and a desire for alleviating that condition. Some years ago, in Kerala, a young man saw his father join Gandhiji and fight for opening temples to the Harijans. When he grew up, the boy decided to take up agricultural studies, because he had seen the havoc caused by the Bengal Famine. He went to Europe and studied agriculture. On his return to India, he spearheaded the Green Revolution. Dr. M.S. Swaminathan demonstrates how purpose intensifies with time.

Read the given questions and write the answer in a sentence. (1x8=8)

- a. Bring out the unique character traits of Jamsetji Tata.
- b. Why did he send an educationist to Europe and the USA?
- c. Mention two things about Indian Institute of Science?
- d. How did Mother Teresa start working for the poverty-stricken people?
- e. What was the first step that Mother Teresa took?
- f. How can we find our calling?
- g. Is it possible to find one's calling within a short period? Why/Why not?
- h. What do we learn from the life of people like M.S. Swaminathan?

Q.2 . Read the following passage carefully:

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1. Science and technology not only dominate the psyche of humanity but also the whole biosphere. How does science influence civilization and how is it related to human happiness.
2. The Original, cosmic evolution of the biosphere was one that promoted, supported, nourished, sustained and enhanced life. Life went on adding to the evolution with newer species and ecosystems, even more beautiful and vibrant than the ones before. Our biosphere accommodated a pleasant weather cycle and climate system to support these newer species, keeping everything in dynamic equilibrium.
3. Now the biosphere is overburdened and ailing. Some of our ecosystems have already collapsed, while others are at death's door. Ever increasing pollution coupled with over exploitation of natural resources and greenhouse gas emission is driving several

species towards extinction. This is not a phenomenon that has occurred by itself, and neither has it been caused by, human beings alone. But it definitely has been spurred by so-called advances in technology.

4. In this millennium, we no longer live in a, biosphere – we are inhabitants of a technosphere. A technosphere is an impaired biosphere that has no affinity with values of life nor with sustainability and evaluation of life. Although technology had empowered civilization, it has also reduced it to being a mere toll of science and technology. And when the whole civilization turns technocratic, science and technology are bound to dominate, causing life to shrink. The intensifying climate crisis is but a symptom of the biosphere's illness and life's gradual collapse.

5. We've reached a point where we are intolerant of anything remotely "unscientific" in our contemporary world. Scientists look for alternatives, but even these solutions are sought in the same domain that has caused these problem. In short, we are stewing in a soup of our own making.

6. So, what would be meaningful for the welfare of humans?

7. Naturally something that would enhance life, serve to integrate ecosystems and cleanse our environment.

8. Enhancement of life includes betterment of human life and vice versa. If life shrinks, we cannot blossom.

9. Science and technology by themselves are neutral; it is the way we use them that has either a positive or negative impact on our lives and environment. And when we use science in a manner that increases un-sustainability and unhappiness in our lives, how can we rely blindly on science for our happiness.

2. 1. Read the given questions and write the answer in about 30-40 words. (2*4=8)

a. How did the biosphere evolve over a period of time?

b. How has this equilibrium got disturbed now?

c. What is the difference between biosphere and techno sphere?

d. Man needs to use 'science and technology' in a sensible manner. Explain.

2. 2. Choose the correct option that is closest in meaning to the words given below. (1*4=4)

a. Psyche

(i) Mind (ii) Thinking (iii) Inner self (iv) Mental

b. enhance

(i) improve (ii) increase (iii) remove (iv) Lower

c. collapsed

(i) broken (ii) disappeared (iii) removed (iv) taken away

d. Affinity

(i) dislike (ii) love (iii) bonding (iv) natural liking

Section-B (Writing and Grammar) (30 Marks)

Q.3. Your team has won the first place in the inter-school Debate competition. Write a diary entry expressing your feelings after winning competition for the first time. (8)

Q.4. Complete the story on basis of the given hints (10)

The Grocer very greedy-mixed stones in pulses.

– Sand in spices - sold to the poor villagers

– Turned a deaf to their complaints

– Only grocery store in the village.....

Q.5. Choose the most appropriate option from the ones given below to complete the following passage. Write the correct answer in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. Do not copy the whole paragraph. (1*4 =3)

Dear Anil

I was very (a) _____ to receive your invitation to spend the winter

break(b) _____ you. But I (c) _____ do that. My Uncle has not(d) _____ keeping well for the past week.

a. (i) satisfied (ii) calm (iii) shocked (iv) pleased

b. (b) (i) without (ii) with (iii) through (iv) along with

c. (c) (i) will (ii) will not (iii) cannot (iv) may

d. (i) been (ii) be (iii) being (iv) done

Q.6. Read the following passage carefully. There is a one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction against the correct blank number as given in the example. (1/2x 8=4)

	Incorrect	Correct
We should also developed nice	Eg. Developed	develop
table manner. Some people	(a) _____	
talk too much while they eat.	(b) _____	
This is a unhealthy practice.	(c) _____	
some people also makes too	(d) _____	
much sound though they take	(e) _____	
their food. It amount to bad	(f) _____	
manners. The food may be		
chewed without make too much	(g) _____	
noise. Remember to rinse our mouth well after the meal.	(h) _____	

Q.7. Rearrange the given words and Phrases into meaningful sentences. (1x4=4)

- as/work/a/to/student/hard/you/to/must/be/successful
- who/my/can/in/beat/work/me?
- always/helps/others/she/in need.
- sandalwood/to be/many Indians/ is considered /sacred by.

Section C : (Literature) (30 Marks)

Q.8. Read the extract given below and answer the following question . (1x4=4)

My toothbrush is a thing that haunts me when I'm traveling and makes my life a misery. I dream that I haven't packed it, and wake up in a cold perspiration and get out of bed and hunt for its. And, in the morning, I pack it before I have used it, and have to unpack again to get it, and it is always the last thing I turn out of the bag, and then I repack and forget it, and have to rust up stairs for its at the last moment and carry it to the railway station, Wrapped in my pocket-handkerchief.

- Who is the speaker here?
- Why does the speaker repack the bag?

c. Why does he always carry a toothbrush in his hand to the railway station?

d. Find the word in the passage that means 'sweat'.

OR

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth.

- a. Name the poem and the poet.
- b. How many diverging roads were there?
- c. What was the poet sorry about?
- d. What did he keep looking at?

Q.9 Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each.

(2*5=10)

- I. How did Tommy describe the old kind of school?
- II. Why does world remember Einstein as a "world citizen"?
- III. Why was Kezia afraid of her father?
- IV. What happened when Toto grinned at the ticket-collector at Sahranpur railway station?
- V. How did Mahendra react to Ishwaran's story of the ghost woman?

Q.10 Childhood experiences and lessons learnt in the class left a lasting impression on Kalam. He became one of the most famous achievers of India. Elaborate.

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OR

Describe Ustad Bismillah Khan's contribution to the world of music.

Q.11 What change do you notice in the Happy Prince's appearance towards the end of the story? What has caused the change?

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OR

Prashant did not let adversity overpower him rather he took it as a challenge and become a beacon of hope for the victims of the cyclone which hit Orissa. Do you agree?