



**FINAL EXAMINATION  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE**

Class: IX  
Date: 18-02-2024

SET I

Time: 3 Hours  
Max. Marks: 80

**General Instructions:**

- (i) The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE
- (ii) Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.
- (iii) This question paper comprises 11 questions. All questions are compulsory.

**Section A: READING SKILLS (20 marks)**

**Reading Comprehension Through Unseen Passages**

1	Read the following text	10 M
(1)	Nature is our mother, our first teacher. The greatest lesson that she teaches us is to maintain an equilibrium in life. We learn to maintain composure through our joys, sorrows and fears. In fact, there are a thousand lessons that nature can teach us, provided we look for them.	
(2)	With time, a sapling grows into a full-grown tree; something so tiny and delicate, develops into a strong tree capable of supporting others. No matter how tall it grows, how much it may flourish, or how many animals and birds it may support, its roots are firmly buried from where it once rose. That's a lesson -to keep ourselves grounded, respect and embrace our roots, and give something back to those humble beginnings that nurtured us into who we are.	
(3)	Then there is the message of peaceful coexistence. 'I am because we are.' Nature provides every creature a chance to exist. However, the existence of one creature or being depends on the existence of the other. The tiger eats the antelope; without the antelope, the tiger wouldn't survive. Likewise, without tigers, the over-abundance of antelopes would cause them to starve to death.	
(4)	I wonder if you have noticed that when birds or squirrels see a predator, they give out an alarm call to their fellow creatures, of the lurking danger. They put themselves in danger to save the lives of others. Many animals, like the salmon, usually die after they spawn, but this doesn't stop them. One life extinguished for the betterment of others is a small price to pay.	
(5)	The snow melts in the warmth of spring to give birth to fresh green leaves. In autumn these leaves age into shades of gold only to be buried in the cold grave of winter. Change is inevitable; the sooner we embrace this, the better it is for us. We must also understand that even in pain there is growth. If you cut a hole in the tree, it will grow around it. No matter what may come in its way, a river will continue to flow. Similarly, no matter what grief may break your heart, nature teaches us that life goes on.	
(6)	Keep in mind life isn't about making lists and trying to be one step ahead of others. Life is to live. Take a break; stop being a workaholic, and smell the roses, do whatever makes you feel happy and most of all spend some time with nature to pick up invaluable lessons.	

<b>Answer the following questions, based on the passage above</b>		
i.	Choose the option that best conveys the message in —'I am because we are.' (a) Tigers are dependent on antelope. (b) Antelope are dependent on tigers (c) Humans are dependent on animals (d) Everyone is dependent on each other	1
ii.	Fill in the blank by selecting the correct option. The birds and squirrels display _____ qualities when they warn others of possible danger. (a) Observation skills and alertness. (b) Tendency to get easily frightened. (c) Selfless assistance to help others. (d) Determination to protect themselves.	1
iii.	List any two lessons that nature teaches us.	2
iv.	Portmanteau words like smog (smoke + fog), is a blend of words in which parts of multiple words are combined into a new word. From the options given below, select a Portmanteau word that appears in the para 6. (a) coexistence (b) workaholic (c) full-grown (d) flourish	1
v.	Select the qualities from paragraph III, that the author wants us to imbibe. Being— (1) acceptive (2) passionate (3) emotional (4) resilient (5) perceptive (a) (2), (4) and (5) (b) (1), (3) and (4) (c) (1), (4) and (5) (d) (3), (4) and (5)	1
vi.	State whether the following sentence is TRUE or FALSE. According to the author, emotional balance is the greatest lesson being taught by nature.	1
vii.	Find a word in para 4 which means 'being present secretly'	1
viii.	What is the tone of the writer in the given lines from paragraph (6)? Rationalise your response in about 40 words. <i>Keep in mind life isn't about making lists and trying to be one step ahead of others. Life is to live.</i>	2
2.	Read the following text	10
(1)	Over 80% of fatalities in road accidents in India occurred due to speeding and dangerous or careless driving, a comparative analysis of National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) data since 2014 shows. While this corroborates the popular perception of how people drive on the road in a country where getting a driving license is often said to be too easy, experts said most of the	

	fatal accidents are recorded by police under speeding and dangerous driving categories in the FIR as there are no other provisions in the Indian Penal Code (IPC) for such offences.																					
(2)	According to the latest NCRB report on accidental deaths, 83.2% of road fatalities were on account of these two types of violations and the rest 16.8% of fatalities were due to reasons including drunk driving, bad weather conditions and mechanical defect. In 2014, when such causes of fatal crashes were first compiled, 89.4% of the deaths were due to speeding and dangerous or careless driving as per the police records and this was the highest ever.																					
(3)	“We face a host of challenges ranging from poor system of issuing driving licenses to almost zero scientific investigation of fatal crashes, which are provided in the law. Most of our national highways and state highways, which pass through villages, have no pedestrian crossings. On the top of this, in all fatal cases, police automatically register them under section 279 (negligent driving resulting death) of the IPC,” said road safety expert Rohit Baluja, who has been a regular guest faculty at Indian Police Academy, Hyderabad.																					
(4)	Confirming this, traffic adviser in Punjab government, Navdeep Asija said in case of all fatal accidents, the provisions of IPC are slapped. “In IPC, any crime or offence has to be lodged against a human being and hence there cannot be any charge against a road, vehicle or any other object. That’s why police data may not indicate the exact reason of crashes. But it is also a fact that violation of traffic rules is rampant on roads and only electronic surveillance can put a check on them,” he added.																					
	<p>The bar chart displays the number of road deaths in India from 2014 to 2019, measured in crores. It compares deaths due to speeding (dark grey bars) and deaths due to rash driving (light grey bars). The Y-axis represents the number of deaths in crores, ranging from 0 to 100. The X-axis represents the year. The data shows a consistent increase in total road deaths over the period, with speeding consistently being the leading cause of fatalities.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>Deaths due to speeding (%)</th> <th>Deaths due to rash driving (%)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2014</td> <td>48,654 (47.9)</td> <td>42,127 (41.5)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2015</td> <td>60,969 (41)</td> <td>48,093 (32.3)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2016</td> <td>68,704 (45.2)</td> <td>53,392 (35.1)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2017</td> <td>81,952 (54.6)</td> <td>39,010 (26)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2018</td> <td>84,346 (55.2)</td> <td>41,653 (27.3)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2019</td> <td>86,241 (55.7)</td> <td>42,557 (27.5)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Year	Deaths due to speeding (%)	Deaths due to rash driving (%)	2014	48,654 (47.9)	42,127 (41.5)	2015	60,969 (41)	48,093 (32.3)	2016	68,704 (45.2)	53,392 (35.1)	2017	81,952 (54.6)	39,010 (26)	2018	84,346 (55.2)	41,653 (27.3)	2019	86,241 (55.7)	42,557 (27.5)
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(5)	Baluja said there is a need to define what is dangerous driving and the norms for fixing speed limits. “In Delhi, the speed limit is same across major roads, residential areas and markets during day time and at night as well. No authorities are held responsible for deficiencies on their part,” he pointed out. Though the amended Motor Vehicle Act has included a provision to hold road owning agencies, contractors and consultants in case of fatal accidents due to faulty road construction or design, the government is yet to notify the process for this. (Source: Times of India)																					

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.		
i.	Fill in the blank by selecting the correct option. In the line “..... the norms for fixing speed”, the word “norm” DOES NOT refer to: (a) a model (b) a standard (c) usual (d) exception	1
ii.	Complete the following analogy correctly with a word/phrase from paragraph 5: Japan: Tokyo :: India : _____	1
iii.	Based on the reading of the passage, write about the most common causes of road fatalities in about 40 words?	2
iv.	As per the amended Motor Vehicle Act, who among these are also held responsible for fatal road accidents? (a) Road contractors (b) Road consultants (c) Both (a) and (b) (d) Neither (a) nor (b)	1
v.	List the two points that the given data represents.	2
vi.	In which year were the causes of fatal crashes first compiled.	1
vii.	According to the traffic adviser in Punjab government, any crime of offence must be lodged against.....	1
viii.	State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE: <i>The data displays that the largest number of deaths due to rash driving took place in 2016.</i>	1

SECTION B: WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR (20 marks)

GRAMMAR		10
3	Complete <b>ANY TEN</b> of twelve of the following tasks, as directed (1x10 =10)	
i	Read the conversation between a doctor and his patient. Complete the sentence by reporting the dialogue. Inspector: What are the arrangements made by the school for feeding these children? Principal: Each one of the students is given a nutritious mid-day meal every day. To the query of the inspector about the arrangements made by the school to feed the children, the Principal replied that _____.	1
ii	Complete the given sentence, by filling in the blank with the correct option: Rohit _____ when we arrived at the party. (a) had already left (b) has already left (c) have already left	1

	(d) was already left																
iii	Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line. _____ orchestra band that you called has arrived. a. an b. a c. the d. some	1															
iv	Fill in the blank with the correct option to complete the sentence.  If we had seen you, we _____ have stopped.  a) should b) would c) can d) may	1															
v	Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following sentence:  A regiment of soldiers are well-equipped by the country.  <table border="1" data-bbox="321 913 1047 1228"> <thead> <tr> <th>Option No.</th> <th>Error</th> <th>Correction</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>(a)</td> <td>are</td> <td>is</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(b)</td> <td>equipped</td> <td>equip</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(c)</td> <td>that</td> <td>those</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(d)</td> <td>of</td> <td>at</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Option No.	Error	Correction	(a)	are	is	(b)	equipped	equip	(c)	that	those	(d)	of	at	1
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vi	Complete the sentence using the correct form of the verb given in the bracket. They _____ the work when the teacher entered the class. (finish)	1															
vii	Complete the given sentence, by filling in the blank with the correct option: Do you remember _____ of the questions asked in the interview? (a) little (b) every (c) any (d) several	1															
viii	Choose the sentence in which the subject and verb agree.  A) Either Cassie or Marie pays the employees this afternoon.  B) Either Cassie or Marie pay the employees this afternoon.	1															
ix	Transform the following direct speech into reported speech:  He asked, "Will you be coming?"	1															

x	Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence. The bridge is being _____ at the moment, it can't be used. (a) repaired (b) repairing (c) repair (d) repairs	1
xi	Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between Radha and Shikha. Radha: Do you know how to swim? Shikha: Yes, I know. I have learnt it during this summer vacation. Radha asked Shikha if/whether she knew how to swim. Then Shikha replied in affirmative and also added that _____. (a) she had learnt it during that summer vacation (b) she has learnt it during the summer vacation (c) she have learnt it during the summer vacation (d) she had learn it during the summer vacation	1
xii	Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence. Danny is clever. He _____ read when he was five. (a) must (b) should (c) could (d) will	1

WRITING		10
<b>Note: All details presented in the questions are imaginary and created for assessment purpose.</b>		
4 A	Write a paragraph in about 150 words describing your school library which has been recently renovated.	5
OR		
4 B	You recently participated in the All India CBSE National Quiz competition and reached the finals. The final round was telecast over the national channel where you and your team won the quiz. Describe your feelings in about 100-150 words through a diary entry.	5
5A	Write a short story in 150-200 words, with the help of the cues given below. Give a suitable title to the story. <i>Travelling in metro.....tunnel.....lights went out.....general panic.....pushing and shoving.....screams.....phone flashlights switched on.....an old man... ..</i>	5
OR		
5 B	Complete the story in 150-200 words which begins as the following. <i>Satish was standing on the balcony watching the last rays of the sun. Loud and angry voices in the street below distracted his attention. He ran down the stairs to see what had happened ... ..</i>	5

SECTION C: LITERATURE TEXTBOOK AND SUPPLEMENTARY READING TEXT (40 marks)

6	Read the given extracts and answer the questions for <b>ANY ONE</b> of the two, given.	5
A.	“Given time, I’m sure he could have tied the torn pieces of your blazer into a rope and made his escape from the window!”  <p style="text-align: right;">(Adventures of Toto)</p>	
i.	Who said this to whom?	1
ii.	Why was Toto put away?	1
iii.	Where was he kept in hiding?	1
iv.	What mischief did he do? Answer in about 40 words.	2
OR		
B	“It was her first day at the prestigious Royal Academy of Music in London and daunting enough for any teenager fresh from a Scottish farm. But this aspiring musician faced a bigger challenge than most.”  <p style="text-align: right;">(Sound of Music)</p>	
i.	Who is referred to as the ‘aspiring musician’?	1
ii.	How old was this ‘aspiring musician’ when she went to the Royal Academy of Music?	1
iii.	What was likely to ‘daunt any teenager’?	1
iv.	Why did she face “a bigger challenge than most”? Answer in about 40 words.	2
7	Read the given extracts and answer the questions for <b>ANY ONE</b> of the two, given.	5
A.	I will arise and go now, and go to Innisfree, And a small cabin build there, of clay and wattles made: Nine bean-rows will I have there, a hive for the honeybee, And live alone in the bee-loud glade.	
i.	Name the poem and the poet.	1
ii.	Where does the poet wish to go? (a) school (b) the forest (c) Innisfree (d) friend’s house	1
iii.	What will he do there? Answer in about 40 words.	2
iv.	Who else will live with the poet there?	1
OR		
B	You’re very clever at poking fun at weaklings.	

	Frail crumbling houses, crumbling doors, crumbling rafters. crumbling wood, crumbling bodies, crumbling lives, crumbling hearts – the wind god winnows and crushes them all.	
i.	Who is considered clever in the above lines?	1
ii.	What destruction has the wind caused?	2
iii.	The figure of speech used in the extract is _____ (a) Simile (b) Alliteration (c) Anaphora (d) Metaphor	1
iv.	What does this expression ‘winnows and crushes them all’ mean?	1
8.	Answer <b>ANY FOUR</b> of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words. (4x3=12)	
i.	Why was Johnsy counting backwards while looking out of the window? <i>(The Last Leaf)</i>	3
ii.	Do you think the qualities of Kalam’s father made Kalam what he was? How? <i>(My Childhood)</i>	3
iii.	How did Kezia’s negative attitude towards her father change? <i>(The Little Girl)</i>	3
iv.	Why was Margie doing badly in geography? What did the county inspector do? <i>(The Fun They Had)</i>	3
v.	Explain the line, ‘Beneath all uniforms, a single body breathes’. <i>(No Men Are Foreign)</i>	3
9	Answer <b>ANY TWO</b> of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words. (2x3=6)	
i.	How did the kingdom become normal again? <i>(In the Kingdom of Fools)</i>	3
ii.	Draw a brief character sketch of the Happy Prince.	3
iii.	How does Iswaran describe the uprooted tree on the highway? What effects does he want to create in his listeners? <i>(Iswaran the Story Teller)</i>	3
10.	Answer <b>ANY ONE</b> of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. (1x6=6)	



A.	Compare and contrast the atmosphere in and around the Baudhnath shrine with that in the Pashupatinath Temple. (Kathmandu)	6
OR		
B.	How did Gerrard get rid of the Intruder in the play 'If I Were You'? What is the central idea of the play?	6
11.	Answer <b>ANY ONE</b> of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. (1x6=6)	
A.	What problems did Maria face as a child while she was being trained for tennis in the U.S.? What sustained her? (Reach for the Top)	6
OR		
B.	Compassion and pity can bring positive changes in human beings. How did Olga prove it? (The Beggar)	6