



FACULTY HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL
SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER 2019-20
SUB-: ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE
CLASS-IX

MARKS-50

General Instructions :

The question paper is divided into three sections :

Section A : Reading **10 Marks**

Section B : Writing and Grammar **20 Marks**

Section C : Literature **20 Marks**

All questions are compulsory.

Marks are indicated against each question.

SECTION : A (READING SKILLS)

10 MARKS

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

It has been that the best way to judge a person's character is to see how he behaves when there is nobody to see him. The motorist who speeds through a red light when there are no traffic policemen to stop him; the man who slips a bribe under the table; the parent who helps his child cheat in the exam; the teacher who does not put his heart and soul into teaching his class so that they may come to him for private tuition . All to these and many more such instances we see all around us only too frequently everyday, are morally corrupt and deserve to be censured.

As we go through life, there will be numerous occasions when we will be drawn towards the easy way out, the temptation of earning a fast rupee or attracted to something we know is wrong because 'everyone is doing it ' or a friend is particularly insistent. The way in which you are able to resist all these temptations is the true test of your moral integrity.

The person who tolerates injustice is as much a sinner as a person who is unjust in his dealings with others. Have the moral courage to speak up against wrong even if it does not personally concern you. If you see someone being abused or exploited, it is your duty to make your voice heard.

If the law no longer exists for my neighbor, it will not exist for me either when I need it. So it is upto each one of us to ensure – if for nothing but our own selfish interests – that the moral fibre of our society remains intact. No matter how many styles change or how much people alter their perspectives and goals, truth will never go out of fashion.

In the fast changing world today, people are sacrificing moral values in their pursuit of quick success and easy money. This is a major cause of the stress and stress-related diseases that we can see all around us today, affecting both young and old.

It is important to understand that the age-old moral values of truth, honesty and hardwork are as relevant and essential today as they were in the age of the Ramayana. The path of moral uprightness leads to lasting happiness, peace and prosperity.

Choose the right answer from the given options : A , B , C or D

(1x5=5)

- (i)** The best way of judging a person's character is to see how he behaves when-
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| A. there is God to see him | B. you are reminded of your parental values |
| C. there is nobody to see him | D. he is given an opportunity |
- (ii)** The way in which you are able to resist all temptations is the true test of –
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| A. integral totality | B. your attitude |
| C. moral courage | D. moral integrity |
- (iii)** The person who tolerates injustice is as much a sinner as a person who is-
- | | |
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| A. unjust in his dealings with others | B. just in his dealings with others |
| C. fair in his dealings with others | D. selfless towards moral fibre of the society |

- (iv) In the fast changing world today, people are losing moral values in their pursuit of –
 A. quick decision
 B. hard earned money
 C. quick success or easy money
 D. truth, honesty and hard work
- (v) The path that leads to lasting happiness is –
 A. of age-old moral values
 B. of moral uprightness
 C. of peace and prosperity
 D. of the Ramayana

SECTION : B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR)

20 MARKS

Answer the following in one word(s) :**(1x5=5)**

- (vi) Give the synonym of 'a sum of money offered for returning of something'.
- (vii) What is the synonym of 'many' in para 2 ?
- (viii) Give the antonym of 'always'.
- (ix) Trace the noun form of 'happy' from the passage.
- (x) Give the synonym of the phrase 'out of fashion'.

2. ***People throw empty bottles and wrappers on the roads which not only hurt the passersby but also soil the roads. People are conscious of their rights but forget their civic duties. Write an article on the topic 'Importance of Civic Sense' in about 100 words*** (5 Marks)
3. ***You feel that most of our youngsters are not focused. They do not have strong will power and clear cut goals before them. Express your views in a diary entry regarding the significance of having goals in students life in not more than 100 words.*** (5 Marks)
4. ***Complete the passage by choosing the most appropriate alternatives from those given below:*** (1x3=3)

Nobody knows (a)..... but we all need to. There are no rules about (b)..... but the average adult sleeps for seven hours twenty minutes. Babies need sleep between 14-18 hours everyday, whereas the elderly need less than they did (c)..... but often take a nap during the day.

- (a) i. why we sleep
 ii. when we sleep
 iii. whether we sleep
 iv. where we sleep
- (b) i. sleep is not necessary
 ii. how much sleep is necessary
 iii. how we should sleep
 iv. where to sleep
- (c) i. when they are young
 ii. when they were young
 iv. when they were old
 v. when they are old

5. ***In the following passage one word has not been edited in each line. Write the incorrect word along with the correct word in the space provided.*** (1x4=4)

	Incorrect	Correct
A fox fall into a deep well and could	e.g. <i>fall</i>	<i>fell</i>
not find a way to get out. A thirsty goat comes	(a).....	
to drink at the same well but saw the fox	(b).....	
"friend fox", the goat said to surprise	(c).....	
"What are you doing down there?"	(d).....	

6. Rearrange the words or phrases to form meaningful sentences : (1x3=3)

Example: boys/prize/each/a/the/given

Each of the boys was given a prize

- a) prizes/number/a/display/on/of/were
- b) these/costly/was/of/prizes/each
- c) athletes/competitions/part/were/the/many/in/taking

SECTION : C (LITERATURE) 20 MARKS

7. Read the stanza/extract below and answer the questions that follow: (1x4=4)

*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 evening's full of linnet's wings.*

- a) Why did the poet want to go to Innisfree ?
- b) Why does it shine during mid-night ?
- c) Write the rhyme scheme of the poem.
- d) Name the poem of the stanza.

OR

*He won't do what you tell him.
So, come, let's build strong homes,
Let's joint the doors firmly.
Practise to firm the body.
Make the heart steadfast.*

- a) What does the poet advise its readers ?
- b) 'He won't do what you tell him' means the wind
- c) What does the poet wish to convey in the above stanza ?
- d) What should we practise ?

8. Answer any five from the following questions in 30-40 words: (2x5=10)

- a) Why did Tommy call a real book a waste ?
- b) What happened when Kezia had a nightmare ?
- c) How did the headmaster opine about the boy Albert ?
- d) Is there any similarity between the doctor and the snake ? If so, what is it ?
- e) What do both the roads signify in "The Road Not Taken"?
- f) What did St. Peter ask the old lady for ? What was the lady's reaction ?

9. Answer the following questions in about 100 words : (6 Marks)

In spite of having travelled all over the world, why does Ustad Bismillah Khan find Dumraon and Benaras the most wonderful towns in the world ?

OR

Different things bring different memories to our mind. In the poem, "Rain on the Roof", the poet is reminded of his mother by listening to the patter. Relate any one such scene which comes to your memory.

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SECTION : A (READING SKILLS)

Multiple Choice Answer: (1x5=5)

1. *(i) C. there is nobody to see him*

One word/words Answer: (1x5=5)

(vi) Bribe

SECTION : B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR)

2. **Article Writing** (5 Marks)

IMPORTANCE OF CIVIC SENSE

By - xyz

It is really painful to watch the roads covered with empty bottles and wrappers. This pathetic sight hurts the passersby and it also soils the roads. People are conscious of their rights but forget their civic duties. We hold a very big civic responsibility to keep the city clean. We as students should begin by keeping our school clean. Neat surroundings are a blessing. We can form volunteer groups to help in educating the slum dwellers next to our schools regarding the importance of cleanliness. We can act as responsible citizens by popularizing the use of dustbins and carrying our waste products to the dustbins.

This campaign can be successful, if we form action groups to tackle the problem of pollution on the roads, factories and industries. Thus public awareness can be created by arranging rallies or public talks to take preventive measures. If civic sense is installed in the core of our heart then such problems can be solved very efficiently.

3. ..

4. **Gap-filling:** (1x3=3)

(a) i. why we sleep

(b) ii. how much sleep is necessary

(c) ii. when they were young

5. ..

6. ..

SECTION : C (LITERATURE)**7. Extract based answer:****(1+1+1+1=4)**

- a) The poet wants to go to Innisfree to have some rest and peace there.*
- b) It shines during mid-night because of the presence of the glow worm.*
- c) The rhyming scheme of the poem is abab.*
- d) The poem is 'The Lake Isle of Innisfree'.*

8. 30-40 words answer :**(2 Marks)**

- a) Tommy called the real book a waste because like a telebook it does not contain a million books. So, Tommy thought that once you go through the book, it is no use as it does not contain plenty of books like his television screen.*

9. Long answer:**(6 Marks)**

Ustad Bismillah Khan's life and art has a long association with Dumraon and Benaras. He was born in Dumraon and he perfected his music in the temple of Balaji, Mangala Maiya and the banks of the Ganga at Benaras. Ustad Bismillah Khan has been to several countries. He was honoured everywhere. Once a student of his suggested that he should settle in the United States and head a shehnai school there. He promised to recreate the temples of Benaras too. But Bismillah Khan declined the offer by asking him if he could be able to transport River Ganga as well. He is a true Indian and cannot remain away from the Ganga. He added that whenever he is in a foreign country, he keeps yearning to see Hindustan. When he is in India he thinks of only Benaras and the holy Ganga.
