

Specimen Paper

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

English Paper - 1

Class - 9

Maximum Marks:80

Time allowed: Two hour (inclusive of reading time)

ALL QUESTIONS ARE COMPULSORY.

The marks intended for questions are given in brackets [].

Question-1 Write a composition (300-350 words) on any of the following: [20]

- (a) Write an original short story in which a poor tailor wins an award which changes his/her life.
- (b) Narrate an incident when impatience and haste caused a lot of embarrassment to you.
- (c) 'Social networking has a bad effect on teenagers.' Express your views for or against this statement.
- (d) If you were asked to choose between - money and a peaceful life - what would you choose and why?
- (e) Study the picture given below. Write a story or an account of what the picture suggests to you. Your composition may be about the subject of the picture or may take suggestions from it.

Picture

Question 2 Select any one of the following. (10)

A. : Some taps in your locality are left open all day, resulting in a tremendous waste of water. Write a letter to the Municipal Commissioner of your town/city complaining about the problem. Suggest ways in which this waste of water can be prevented.

B. Your grandfather has recently celebrated his ninetieth birthday. Write a letter congratulating him for the way he has lived his life.

Question 3. Attempt both the question

A. Your school is hosting an Inter - School Singing Competition on patriotic songs. Write a notice for your school notice board inviting students from classes IX to XII to submit their names if interested. Give necessary details.(5)

B. Write an e-mail to the principal of your neighbouring principal requesting him/her to send his/her music teacher to judge the Singing Competition. (5)

Question 4

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Father was standing in the small courtyard, wearing a dhoti and a banian, the dress which, for its very homeliness. Swaminathan detested to see him in; it indicated that he did not intend going out in the near future.

"Where are you going?"

"Nowhere."

"Where were you yesterday at this time?"

"Here."

"You are lying. You were not here yesterday. And you are not going out now."

"That is right," Mother added, just appearing from somewhere, "there is no limit to his loafing in the sun. He will die of sunstroke if he keeps on like this."

Father would have gone on forever without Mother's encouragement. But now her words spurred him to action. Swaminathan was asked to follow him to his 'room' in his father's dressing-room.

"How many days is it since you have touched your books?" Father asked as he blew off the fine layer of dust on Swaminathan's books, and cleared the web that an industrious spider was weaving between a corner of the table and the pile of books.

Swaminathan viewed this question as a gross breach of promise.

"Should I read even when I have no school?"

"Do you think you have passed the B.A.?" Father asked.

"I mean, Father, when the school is closed, when there is no examination, even then should I read?"

"What a question! You must read."

"But Father, you said before the examinations that I needn't read after they were over. Even Rajam does not read." As he uttered the last sentence, he tried to believe it; he clearly remembered Rajan's complaining bitterly of a home tutor who came and pestered him for two hours a day thrice a week.

Father was apparently deaf to Swaminathan's remarks. He stood over Swaminathan and set him to dust his books and clean his table. Swaminathan vigorously started blowing off the dust from the book covers. He caught the spider carefully, and took it to the window to throw it out. He held it outside the window and watched it for a while. It was swinging from a strand that gleamed in a hundred delicate tints.

"Look sharp! Do you want a whole day to throw out the spider?" Father asked. Swaminathan suddenly realized that he might have the spider as his pet and that it would be a criminal waste to throw it out. He secretly slipped it into his pocket and, after shaking an empty hand outside the window, returned to his duty at the desk.

"Look at the way you have kept your English text! Are you not ashamed of yourself?" Swaminathan picked up the oily red-bound Fourth Reader, opened it, and banged together the covers in order to shake off the dust, and then "Get a piece of cloth, boy. That is not the way to clean things. Get a piece of cloth, Swami," Father said, half kindly and half impatiently.

Swaminathan looked about and complained, "I can't find any here, father."

"Run and see."

This was a welcome suggestion. Swaminathan hurried out. He first went to his grandmother.

"Granny, get me a piece of cloth, quick."

(a) For each word given below choose the correct meaning (as used in the passage) from the options provided:

(i) detested. (1)

1. detention

2. detained

3. hateful

4. hated

(ii) pestered: (1)

1. tiny insect

2. botheration

3. annoyed

4. annoyance

(iii) violently: (1)

1. cruelly

2. with great energy

3. loudly

4. with a lot of noise

(b)

(ii) How did mother encourage father?(2)

(ii) What did the dust on Swami's books indicate?(1)

(iii) In what way was Rajam situation similar to that of Swami's?(2)

(iv) What attracted Swami to the spider?(2)

(v) What does Swami do with the spider?(2)

(c) In not more than 50 words describe how Swami dealt with the spider?(8)

Question 5

Example: (0) launched

Chandi Prasad Bhatt.....0....(launch) a public campaign, ... 1.... (know) as the 'Chipko Movement, to protect the trees against the axe. In this movement, village women...2.... (play) an active role. They took up their positions with each...3....(hug) a tree by enveloping the trunk in their arms. This ... 4...(do) to warn the contractors that if they wanted...5... (cut) down a tree, they would have to attack the protestors first. Bhatt himself....6....(surprise) at the success of the movement and at the protectors' positive participation to prevent the felling of trees. This unusual movement was successful as it ...7....(base) on the principle of non-violence and....8....(focus) on the sentimental feelings of the local inhabitants who treated trees as their family members.

(b) fill in the blanks with suitable word.

(i) They protested.....the new rules.

(ii) The release of the film has been held.....due to controversy.

(iii) We are hoping.....a victory in the finals.

- (iv) She is too miserly to part any money.
- (v) Please fill..... the form neatly.
- (vi) Don't put your elbows.....the table.
- (vii) He took the child..... his hand and helped him up.
- (viii) Do you play any other sports..... basketball?

(c) Choose the correct option to join the following sentences without using and, but or so. [4]

- (i) The train arrived. All the vendors began shouting.
 - 1. Before the train arrived, all the vendors began shouting
 - 2. Unless the train arrived, all the vendors began shouting
 - 3. When the train arrived, all the vendors began shouting.
 - 4. While the train arrived , all the vendors begin shouting

(ii) I fell ill. I was absent for a week

- 1. Though I fell ill, I was absent for a week. 2 Since I fell ill, I was absent for a week.
- 3. While I fell ill, I was absent for a week.
- 4. I was absent for a week because I fell ill.

(iii) The handwriting was illegible. The teacher had to correct the paper.

- 1. As the handwriting was illegible, the teacher had to correct the paper.
- 2. Provided the handwriting was illegible, the teacher had to correct the paper.
- 3. Unless the handwriting was illegible, the teacher had to correct the paper.
- 4. Until the handwriting was eligible, the teacher had to correct the paper.

(iv) The rain stopped The children resumed play.

- 1. After the rain stopped, the children resumed play.
- 2. Before the rain stopped, the children resumed play.
- 3. Unless the rain stopped, the children resumed play.
- 4. While the rain stopped, the children resumed play.

(d) Read each sentence with its instructions. Choose the correct answer from the options provided beneath each:

(i) He came to the party.

(Add Question tag)

- 1. Isn't it?
- 2. Didn't he?
- 3. Wasn't it?
- 4. Wasn't he?

(ii) The teacher said, "Akhtar, why were you absent yesterday?"

(Begin: The teacher asked Akhtar...)

1. The teacher asked Akhtar why he was absent yesterday.
2. The teacher asked Akhtar why were you absent yesterday.
3. The teacher asked Akhtar why are you absent yesterday.
4. The teacher asked Akhtar why he was absent the previous day.

(iii) In spite of the water logging the traffic was heavy.

(Begin: Despite...)

1. Despite the water logging the traffic was heavy.
2. Despite of the water logging the traffic was heavy.
3. Despite the traffic being heavy there was water logging.
4. Despite of water logging there was heavy traffic.

(iv) As soon as the whistle blew, the game stopped.

(Begin: No sooner...)

1. No sooner did the whistle blow, the game stopped.
2. No sooner than the whistle blew, the game stopped.
3. No sooner did the whistle blew, than the game stopped.
4. No sooner did the whistle blow, than the game stopped.

(v) Mother was too angry to argue with the shop keeper.

(Remove 'too').

1. Mother was too angry so that she could not argue with the shop keeper.
2. Mother was so angry to argue with the shop keeper.
3. Mother was so angry that she could not argue with the shop keeper.
4. Mother was so angry not to argue with the shop keeper.

(vi) Everybody put up their hands.

(Begin: There was nobody...)

1. There was nobody who put up their hands.
2. There was nobody who did not put up their hands.
3. There was nobody whom put up their hands.
4. There was nobody who should put up their hands.

(vii) We celebrated grandfather's hundredth birthday.

(Begin: Grandfather...)

1. Grandfather's hundredth birthday was celebrated by us.
2. Grandfather celebrated his hundredth birthday.
3. Grandfather was celebrated on his hundredth birthday.
4. Grandfather's celebration was on his hundredth birthday.

(viii) Kaushik has the best handwriting in the class.

(Begin: No one...)

1. No one has the better handwriting than Kaushik in the class.
2. No one has the better handwriting in the class than Kaushik.
3. No one in the class has better handwriting than Kaushik.
4. No one's handwriting in the class is better than Kaushik.