

CLASS IX (2019-20)
ENGLISH (CODE 184)
LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE
SAMPLE PAPER-7

Time Allowed : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 80

General Instructions :

- (i) This paper is divided into three sections: A, B and C. All questions are compulsory.
- (ii) Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.
- (iii) Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions

SECTION -A READING 20 MARKS

- Q1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow. [8]
- Life cannot be imagined without water, but clean and adequate water is still not accessible to most of the people in India. India receives 90 percent of the water from major or medium rivers. It has 14 major rivers each having catchment area of 20,000 sq. km and above; while there are 44 medium rivers with a coastline between 2000-20,000 sq. kms. Then there are 53 small rivers each with catchment area of 2000 sq. kms.
- According to the 2011 census, annual per capita water availability in the country decreased to 1545 cubic meters from 1816 cubic meters as per the 2001 census. At present, this situation is even more worrisome. Scientists believe that by 2050 there will be a 30 percent decrease in the availability of water per person. The World Health Organization (WHO) recommends the availability of 200 litres of water per person per day in urban areas. On the contrary, 140 litres of water is supplied per person per day in the country.
- Water resources in India are predominantly dependent on the monsoon. India receives an average rainfall of 4000 BCM (Billion Cubic Meter) every year from the rain, but most of it is vapourized and goes down the drains. Statistics show that a dearth of storage procedure, lack of adequate infrastructure, inappropriate water management have created a situation where only 18-20% of the water is actually used. The remainder just gets wasted, aggravating the problem of ground water depletion.
- Our country's economy primarily rests on agriculture. Agriculture contributes 40 percent to the GDP of the country, and accounts for 60 percent of the total export revenues. Also, 60 percent of the country's population is engaged in agriculture and related work. One of the major reasons for water crisis in the country is that as the area of irrigated land has increased, the level of groundwater has declined. Currently, India has a gross irrigated crop area of 82.6 million hectares (215.6 million acres), which is the largest in the world. As the population increases, the water storage capacity of ponds decreases. In fact, wells and ponds go dry after the water decreases at the ground level.
- On the basis of your reading and understanding of the above passage, answer the following :
- (i) What is the minimum catchment area of the 14 major rivers of India ?
 - (ii) From which category of river does India get 10 percent of the water it uses ?
 - (iii) According to 2001 census, the annual per capita water availability was cubic meters.
 - (iv) A person in the urban area should be supplied 60 more litres of water than what he or she uses now. (True/False)
 - (v) What aggravates the problem of ground water depletion ?
 - (a) wastage of rain water
 - (b) increase in population
 - (c) both (a) and (b)
 - (d) inappropriate water management
 - (vi) As a sector, agriculture contributes to the country's economy by
 - (a) contributing 40 percent to the GDP of the country.
 - (b) contributing 60 percent of the total export revenues.
 - (c) employing 60 percent of the country's population.
 - (d) all of the above
 - (vii) The problem of ground water depletion cannot be resolved to a large extent unless
 - (a) rain water storage procedure is not improved and enhanced.
 - (b) people use less water.
 - (c) digging of wells stops.
 - (d) land under irrigation is not decreased.

(viii) Which of the following about availability and use of water in India is correct ?

- (a) India doesn't depend on monsoon for water.
- (b) Less water will be available to the people of India by 2050.
- (c) Population increase is not a reason for ground water depletion.
- (d) Most of the rainwater is not available for use as it is either vaporised or goes into the drains.

Q2. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

[2 × 4 + 1 × 4 = 12]

Sloping hills, green, winding roads through rolling tea gardens, mists slowly enveloping the hills, silver oaks dancing in the wind, smell of cardamom in sprawling spice gardens and scenic resorts overlooking the valley; these are some of the scenes from Munnar, the breathtakingly beautiful hill station of Kerala. Wherever you go through the winding roads, you will find rolling grasslands and velvet beds of tea gardens all around you. Recently trimmed patches alongside brown cropped slopes and freshly grown tea, make Munnar the Eden of tea gardens. I'm not exaggerating; you really won't find a greater variety of tea gardens elsewhere in India.

But that's not all, Munnar also has lots of other things to offer—the Neelakurungi flower [the flower that lights up its forests once in 12 years], the Nilgiri Tahr [a rare breed of mountain goat that is found only in Munnar] and the Anamudi [the highest peak in South India].

Munnar derives its name from the Tamil words munu [three] and aaru [river]. The town is situated at the confluence of Mudrapuzha, Nallathani and Kundala rivers. It is located near the Tamil Nadu border and is close to both Coimbatore and Kochi, making it a preferred weekend spot for those residing there. But its beauty lures people from far and beyond—it's also a popular destination of foreign tourists coming to India. It used to be the favourite summer resort of the English, when the British ruled India. And why not? The town and its surroundings vary in height from 1700m – 2700m above sea level and offer stunning views of hills and valleys. It has a salubrious climate round the year, which makes it a pleasurable place to spend your vacation. Even in summer, the temperature varies from 8 degrees – 16 degrees Celsius.

In summer, the sudden showers turn its tea gardens into magical carpets and bestow an ethereal look to the landscape. No wonder many good resorts have cropped up in the area. A four or five night stay in these resorts can give you everything from recreational activities and tours to ayurvedic massages and treks—a total rejuvenation package. We booked ourselves into a resort near a tea garden. And as far as the eye could see, there was mist and miles of tea gardens. The main town is a little congested though.

2.1 On the basis of your reading and understanding of the above passage, answer the following: [2×4=8]

- (i) What does one see everywhere in Munnar? Why is Munnar named as the Eden of tea garden ?
- (ii) How did Munnar get its name? What was Munnar famous as during the British rule ?
- (iii) What makes Munnar a popular tourist destination throughout the year ?
- (iv) Rain enhances the beauty of Munnar in summer. How ?

2.2 Answer the following questions :

[1×4=4]

(v) The antonym of the word 'winding' in para 1 is

- (a) meandering
- (b) convoluting
- (c) straight
- (d) curvaceous

(vi) The antonym of the word 'salubrious' in para 3 is

- (a) inclement
- (b) agreeable
- (c) risky
- (d) unstable

(vii) Give a word that can replace the word 'lures' in para 3.

(viii) Give an expression that can replace the expression 'ethereal look' in para 4.

SECTION B - WRITING & GRAMMAR (30 MARKS)

Q3. Write an article on the problems of having extra classes after school hours in 100-150 words. You are Manoj/Maya. [8]



OR

You made a presentation in the class despite many obstacles. The teacher appreciated you. Make a diary entry in 100-150 words about your experience. You are Samir/Shalu.

- Q4. Write a short story based on the given outline or cue/s in about 150-200 words. [10]
It was a dark and desolate street. The unexpected drizzles made Anju a little nervous. She stood at the parking lot thinking if she should leave her bicycle and take the next bus. Suddenly, a hand softly rested on her left shoulder. She felt ...

OR

Your cousin was in a beach town recently. He formed a group to clean the beach. You think his story should be told. Taking help from the hints given below, write your cousin's story in 150–200 words to inspire others and give a suitable title and moral to it.

Hints : The beach pollution repelled cousin - started picking up garbage - parents said it was futile - some people joined him or her -discussed and people agreed to form a group -'Clean Sand' is an inspiration for many

- Q5. Read the sentence given below and fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones that follow. 1×4=4
Now the police (i) evidence against Mr. Mathew. The miscreant (ii) sleepless nights to the police force. Mr. Mathew was caught (iii) the most unexpected of his hideouts. What left the police confounded was that Mr. Mathew (iv) manage to play the gratuitous double of the slain policeman for three months.
- (i) (a) has (b) had
(c) have (d) are having
- (ii) (a) had given (b) gave
(c) gives (d) has given
- (iii) (a) at (b) from
(c) inside (d) in
- (iv) (a) might (b) should
(c) would (d) could

- Q6. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the error along with its correction in the space provided. 1×4=4

	Error	Correction
The sarpanch was a chief guest.	a	the
The sweets eg.		
(i) were distributed among the two teams	_____	_____
(ii) who had reached the finals. Rural sports	_____	_____
(iii) events are promising in terms of identify	_____	_____
(iv) sports talents. The government may hold such events to encourage the rural children and youth.	_____	_____

- Q7. Rearrange the jumbled words and phrases into meaningful sentences. 1×4=4
- (i) in/found/Neelkurunji/are/flowers Munnar/only ?
- (ii) our/and/went through/made/newspapers/we/the/made cutting for/all/research.
- (iii) laughed/ audience/ the/ cried with/ and actor/ the.
- (iv) harder/better/had/worked/regret/you/than/after.

SECTION C - LITERATURE

(30 MARKS)

- Q8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. 1×4=4

**Fear no more the lightning-flash,
Nor the all-dreaded thunder-stone;
Fear not slander, censure rash;
Thou hast finished joy and moan:
All lovers young, all lovers must
Consign to thee, and come to dust.**

- (i) Name the poem and the poet.
- (ii) Who does 'thou' refer to here ?
- (iii) Is the poet trying to console 'thou'? How ?
- (iv) Explain 'Consign to thee, and come to dust'.

OR

**All day long he flew, and at night time he arrived at the city.
"Where shall I put up?" he said. "I hope the town has made preparations.
"Then he saw the statue on the tall column.**

- (i) Who flew all day long and why ?
- (ii) What 'preparations' is 'he' talking about ?
- (iii) Whose statue was it and why was it sad ?
- (iv) How long did the friendship between the Swallow and the happy prince live ?

- Q9. Answer any five of the following questions in 30-40 words. 2×5=10
- (i) Describe the room where the doctor stayed ?
 - (ii) What does the sign outside Pashupatinath temple proclaim? What expression does the author use to describe the atmosphere at Pashupatinath temple ?
 - (iii) What was Gerrard's profession? Do you think Gerrard's profession had influenced him or become a part of him ?
 - (iv) What was James Blade's opinion about Evelyn Glennie ?
 - (v) 'I can't draw the curtain for I need the light.' Who said this? What does 'light' symbolise ?
 - (vi) Was Ishwaran a well-read man? How do you know ?
 - (vii) Why was the government plan to set up institutions for widows and orphans resisted by Prashant and the youth?

- Q10. Answer any one of the questions in 100-150 words. [8]
- What does Ustad Bismillah Khan's life exemplify ?

OR

Have you also travelled like Vikram Seth? What are the similarities and differences between Vikram Seth and you ?

- Q11. Answer any one of the questions in 100-150 words. [8]
- Is it right to say that children are different from adults in the context of the story 'The Lost Child'? Analyse it.

OR

Is humour the only quality or emotion that the story 'The Accidental Tourist' expresses or endorse. Analyse.

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