

CLASS IX (2019-20)
ENGLISH (CODE 184)
LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE
SAMPLE PAPER-8

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]

On February 2, 1971, the convention of wetlands was adopted in Ramsar, Iran, on the shores of the Caspian Sea. Also called the Ramsar Convention, the World Wetland Day marks the date of the signing of the Convention on Wetlands.

World Wetland Day was celebrated for the first time in 1997. The day is observed to raise public awareness of wetland values and benefits in general and the Ramsar Convention in particular. Since 1997, the Ramsar Secretariat provides outreach materials to help raise public awareness about the importance and value of wetlands. For World Wetlands Day in 2016, the theme is 'Wetlands for our Future: Sustainable Livelihoods'. As per the Ramsar Convention, this theme is selected to demonstrate the vital role of wetlands for the future of humanity and specifically their relevance towards achieving the new Sustainable Development Goals. More than a billion people make a living from wetlands. Livelihoods ranging from fishing and rice farming to travel, tourism and water provision all depend on wetlands. Wetlands also host a huge variety of life, protect our coastlines, provide natural sponges against river flooding and store carbon dioxide to regulate climate change.

Water purification, flood control and releasing vegetative matter into the rivers are some of the key roles played by the wetlands. The world is fast losing its mangroves, swamps and marshes and it's not a good sign. Since 1900, 64 per cent of our wetlands have disappeared. The US has lost more than half of its wetlands to drainage and conversion to farmland. As per National Wetland Atlas, 15.26 million hectares are under wetlands in India. The list of Ramsar sites in India comprises Indian wetlands deemed to be of 'international importance' under the Ramsar Convention.

India has around 26 wetlands of international importance as defined by the Ramsar Convention for the conservation and sustainable utilization of wetlands. Dal Lake, Wular Lake, Harike Lake, Sunderban and Chika Lake are a few threatened wetlands in India.

On the basis of your reading and understanding of the above passage, answer the following :

- (i) is the convention of wetlands adopted in Ramsar, Iran, on the shores of the Caspian Sea on February 2, 1971.
- (ii) World wetland Day is observed to raise public awareness of wetland values and benefits in general and the Ramsar Convention in particular. (True/False)
- (iii) Why was the theme 'Wetlands for our Future: Sustainable Livelihoods' selected to observe the World Wetland Day 2016 ?
- (iv) Give three examples of wetlands.
- (v) Reason which led to the loss of wetlands in the US are
 - (a) drainage
 - (b) construction of buildings
 - (c) conversion of wetlands to farmland
 - (d) both (a) and (c)
- (vi) Wetlands are
 - (a) home to many flora and fauna.
 - (b) sources of livelihood to billions.
 - (c) regulators of climate change.
 - (d) all of the above
- (vii) Wetlands in India are spread across
 - (a) 15.26 million hectares
 - (b) 15.26 billion hectares
 - (c) 15.26 trillion hectares
 - (d) 15.26 thousand hectares

(viii) India has around 26 wetlands of international importance as defined by the Ramsar Convention for the conservation and sustainable utilization of wetlands.

Q2. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow. [2 × 4 + 1 × 4 = 12]

Jesse Owens was a track and field star. His most famous moment came in the 1936 Olympics when he won four gold medals — much to the annoyance of Adolf Hitler and the Nazi party who hoped the Olympics would be a showcase for Aryan supremacy. In his later life, Jesse Owens became a goodwill ambassador for America and athletics.

Jesse Owens was born in Alabama and, aged 9, the family moved to the Granville section of Cleveland. His early life was marked by poverty, and he was forced to take many menial jobs such as delivering goods and working in a shoe repair shops. However, he was able to develop his passion for running and athletics; from an early age, he was identified as having great potential talent. In later life, he gave much credit to Charles Riley, his high school coach who encouraged him and made allowances for his difficulty in making evening training sessions because Jesse had to work in a shoe repair shop.

Jesse Owens rose to national prominence in 1933, when he equalled the world record (9.4 seconds) for the 100 yard dash. He attended Ohio State University but, without a scholarship, he had to continue working part time. In the 1930s, America was a highly segregated society, and when travelling with the team, Jesse had to suffer the indignities of eating at separate restaurants and staying in different hotels.

One of his great athletic feat occurred in 1935; during one particular track meet, he broke three world records. This included the long jump (Owen's record stood for 25 years), 220 yards and 220 yards hurdles. He also equalled the record for 100 yards. Jesse Owen's finest moment came in the 1936 Berlin Olympics. He won Olympic gold in the 100m, long jump, 200m and 4*100 metres relay. (An achievement not matched until Carl Lewis in 1984). It was a convincing rebuttal to the Nazi's hopes of displaying 'Aryan superiority'. Hitler gave medals to German athletes on the first day, but, after Owen's victories, decided not to give any more medals. Albert Speer later wrote that Hitler was annoyed that the negro, Jesse Owens had won so many gold medals.

With great irony, Jesse Owens was treated well during his stay in Germany; he didn't experience the segregation that he did back home in the United States and many Germans sought his autograph.

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

- (i) When was Jesse Owens passion for athletics identified? How did Charles Riley help Owens ?
- (ii) How did the American society treat Owens ?
- (iii) How did Hitler express his annoyance against Owen's victories?
- (iv) Why did America choose Owens as its goodwill ambassador ?

2.2 Answer the following questions : [1×4=4]

- (v) In a 'highly segregated society'
 - (a) all are treated equally.
 - (b) people are categorised on the basis of caste and race.
 - (c) all are from the same cultural and racial background.
 - (d) people don't face humiliation because of their caste and race.
- (vi) The word 'menial' in para 2 can be replaced with the word
 - (a) lowly
 - (b) unskilled
 - (c) routine
 - (d) boring
- (vii) Give the antonym for the word 'rebuttal' in para 4.
- (viii) Give a word which can replace the word 'Feat' in para 4.

SECTION B - WRITING & GRAMMAR (30 MARKS)

Q3. Describe the person whose life exemplifies the benefits of patience and perseverance in 100-150 words. [8]



OR

You spent a week at an old age home few days back. Make a diary entry of 100-150 words on your feelings and experience of spending time with the 'grandparents'. You are Parth/Parul.

Hints : school asked to choose a place to spend a week - chose old age home - I convinced the manager to allow me - a bond started growing after the first two days - talked, played, fought, cooked, sang, danced, solved problems and many more with them - a tearful goodbye with a promise to go back again.

- Q4. Write a short story based on the given outline or cue/s in about 150-200 words. [10]
We all waited with baited breath but little hope for the Principal. Last year's accident had made it difficult for the Principal to decide. The senior teachers were also critical about the matter. As the Principal started speaking...

OR

You have started a campaign to collect worn out clothes and stationary from your society and nearby societies to donate them to an orphanage and a slum. Share your story of hurdles and hope in 150-200 words with the help of the hints given below and your own ideas.

Usable things dumped in the society backyard- can be given to the needy - started a donation campaign - people were both doubtful and supportive - atleast 200 families donate every month

- Q5. Read the sentences given below and fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones that follow. 1×4=4

She (i) read 300 words per minute which is more than the average reading speed. It's a wonder. A group of teachers (ii) critical about her. Then we met Maurice (iii) strategies works like magic wand (iv) help Nova start reading.

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| (i) (a) could | (b) shall |
| (c) can | (d) will |
| (ii) (a) were | (b) are |
| (c) is | (d) was |
| (iii) (a) who | (b) that |
| (c) which | (d) whose |
| (iv) (a) for | (b) to |
| (c) in | (d) at |

- Q6. In the following paragraph, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after it against the correct blank number. The first one has been done for you. 1×4=4

	Word before	Missing word	Word after
There four constituents of our physical world eg.	There	are	four
(i) the mineral world all inert objects; the plant	_____	_____	_____
(ii) kingdom; the animal kingdom finally, the	_____	_____	_____
(iii) human world. All worldly manifestations	_____	_____	_____
(iv) three distinct components of physical body, mind and intellect.	_____	_____	_____

- Q7. Rewrite the sentences according to the given instructions. 1×4=4

- (i) Rani cannot choose both the sundae and the mousse. (Rewrite the sentence using either...or)
 (ii) He said to me, "Don't you dare open this door." (Change the sentence in reported speech.)
 (iii) It started raining heavily the moment she stepped into the store. (Rewrite the sentence beginning it with 'No sooner')
 (iv) Come soon or you will have to travel alone. (Rewrite the sentence using 'lest')

SECTION C - LITERATURE

(30 MARKS)

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

I've got (freedom to gain. As for myself, I'm a poor hunted rat. As Vincent Charles Gerrard I'm free to go places and do nothing. I can eat well and sleep and without having to be ready to beat it at the sight of a cop.

- (i) Who speaks the above lines and where ?
 (ii) Why does the speaker compare himself or herself to a 'poor hunted rat' ?

- (iii) What does the expression 'beat it' mean ?
(iv) Did the listener irritate the speaker? How ?

OR

**They tell them a curious story —
I don't believe it's true;
And yet you may learn a lesson
If I tell the tale to you.**

- (i) Who tells a story to whom ?
(ii) Who is the poet? Why does the poet share the story with his or her readers when he doesn't believe it ?
(iii) Why was the saint in the story provoked ?
(iv) What lesson did you learn from the story ?

- Q9. Answer any five of the following questions in 30-40 words. 2×5=10
(i) What truth does the poem 'Fear no more' try to establish ?
(ii) Did Tommy and Margie have the same attitude towards the printed book in the beginning ?
(iii) When and why did the doctor smile feebly at himself ?
(iv) Who initiated Kalam into catching bundles of newspaper and why ?
(v) What made Iswaran a great storyteller ?
(vi) Who went in search of the goldsmith? Who accused the goldsmith and why?
(vii) What made the mother risk the fire and rush to the house?

- Q10. Answer any one of the questions in 100-150 words.
Is 'No men are foreign' an anti-war poem? Cite instances from the poem to support your answer. [8]

OR

Given a chance to design your mechanical teacher or robot, how would you like it to be? Why? Explain with reference to the story 'The fun they had'.

- Q11. Answer any one of the questions in 100-150 words.
Would you like to play the role of the happy prince or the swallow? If yes, whose role and why? If no, give reasons ? [8]

OR

According to you, which mischief of Toto was the most notorious? Why ?

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