

SAMPLE PAPER

Summative Assessment-1

Class – IX

Sub- English

Time allowed: 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 70

General Instructions:

- (i) The question paper is divided into three sections: A, B and C.
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| Section A: | Reading | 20 marks |
| Section B: | Writing and Grammar | 25 marks |
| Section C: | Literature and Long Text | 25 marks |
- (ii) Attempt all questions.

Section A (Reading: 20 marks)

1.

- a) Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

KEEPING YOUR BRAIN YOUNG

You probably don't give it much thought, but your brain needs good nutrition, workout, and good sleep, as much as any other major muscle group. These can help boost creativity, memory and keep the brain young. Excess dietary fat, especially saturated fat, usually clogs the arteries reducing the blood flow to the brain causing it to age prematurely. Conversely, the lower the saturated fat in your diet, the body will eventually flush out the excess fat from arteries restoring normal blood supply to the brain, for its rejuvenation. A healthy diet rich in colorful fruit, omega-3 fatty acids and whole grain aids improved functioning of the brain. Fruits and vegetables are rich in vitamins, minerals and antioxidants which benefit brain chemistry. Colored vegetables and fruits, walnuts, flax seeds, green tea, fish etc. are brain food in the real sense. Exercise seems to support the brain the same way as it helps cardiac health; by improving the blood flow which means more oxygen and nutrients reach the brain cells and sustain their optimal functioning. A good night's sleep is immensely de-stressing and good for your brain. Stress hormones which get released in response to mental stress can have a negative impact on the brain. Putting away all your gadgets – phone, remote tablet etc. – and enjoying a little time relaxing during the day is a good idea. Mental gamers are fun, challenging and competitive – a great way to exercise your mind. When it comes to brain fitness, the bottom line is 'to use it or lose it'.

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

- a) When the author says 'to use or lose it', he means that _____
- b) In order to distress, one must have _____
- c) Saturated fat it helps in lessening _____
- d) Lower the _____ keeps the brain young.
- e) 'ENORMOUSLY' is a synonym for _____
- b) Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

I am onto my third month at Yale and surprisingly my experience has been as much about motherhood as it has been about the fellowship. As I sit down to write after an evening of trick-or-treating on Halloween-a first for Vihaan and me- I feel a sense of joy and fatigue. We went house to house, with a bag, to be admired for Vihaan's spotted cow costume and rewarded with mini chocolates or a plastic spider. While he soaked in this new experience, we both disliked the fake spider webs enveloping porches of the houses with jiggling skeletons, and wondered why most children were dressed as ghosts and scary beasts. He already began to ask amusing questions – why are they scaring children? Why is it funny to look like you are dead? If chocolates are so bad, then why are they all giving us so many?

My typical day starts at 6 am, when I reply urgent mails, get ready myself, then get Vihaan to speed after negotiating through excuses to laze ground, and run to catch the Yale shuttle bus to the day care. From there I go to my classes, attend meetings, give a talk or screen a film, do whatever the day throws up. And when the clock strikes 5, I pick him up and we are back home where I cook, clean, bathe him, tell stories and put him to bed.

Answer the given questions briefly:

- a) Where did 'we' go with a bag?
 - b) What did the narrator dislike?
 - c) How does the narrator's day start?
 - d) What happens when the clock strikes 5?
 - e) Give the word from the passage which means 'soaked'?
2. Theme: "India's Tryst with Mars"
- a) Imagine you are a student-astronaut, who had participated in the Mars Mission. Write an article for you school magazine describing how you are trained before going on the mission.
 - b) The Mars mission can be visualized as a serious challenge. A lot of planning is done in conjunction with the defined objectives. What skills will be learnt from the mission?

Section - B

(Writing and Grammar: 25 Marks)

3. Materialism has engulfed the world. Parents have no time to be with their children because they are totally engrossed in worldly affairs. Getting and spending money has become their sole occupation. They provide comforts and luxuries to their children but they have no time to spare feelings and sentiments. Fulfilling the worldly needs of their children, they forget to fulfill their emotional needs. Write an article on "Parents should spend time with their children". (100-120 words)
4. Kareem felt a cold wet wave rush over his feet. He looked down. The entire floor was covered with water and more was pouring into the room.....
Complete the story in your own words. (About 150-200 words)
5. Choose the most appropriate options from the ones given below to complete the following paragraph.

She now realized that (a) _____ something was done, the whole world would be destroyed. One morning as the sun rose; she went out (b) _____ the open and threw

sand into the face of the sun. The sun transformed into great white cloud and stayed in the sky. From then on, there (c) _____ always been clouds protecting the earth from the sun's merciless rays.

- a) (i) till (ii) until (iii) unless (iv) as
 - b) (i) into (ii) in (iii) to (iv) inside
 - c) (i) have (ii) has (iii) had (iv) are
6. In the following passage one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the words before and after against the correct blank number.
- | | Before | Missing Word | After |
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| After the holy man had spoken Rama, | a) _____ | _____ | _____ |
| he told Rama's mother that should | b) _____ | _____ | _____ |
| be sent to pray the Kali temple in the village. | c) _____ | _____ | _____ |
| He promised that Goddess kali bless him. | d) _____ | _____ | _____ |
7. Read the conversation given below and complete the paragraph that follows. Write the answers against the correct blank numbers in your answer sheet. Do not copy the whole sentences.

Vipul : How are you?

Sumit : I am well, thank you.

Vipul : Have you come to this place recently

Vipul asked Sumit (a) _____. Sumit thanked Vipul saying (b) _____. Vipul then asked Sumit (c) _____.

Section – C

(Literature and Long Reading Text: 25 Marks)

Read one of the extracts given below and briefly answer the questions that follow:

8. I believe you want to convert me; save my soul, don't you call it? Well it's no good – see? I don't want any damned religion, and as for the Church – Bah! I hate the Church.
- Who is the speaker? Who is he speaking to?
 - Why did the listener want to save the speaker's soul?
 - What is the opposite of the word, 'condemned'?

Or

“Say”, said Pescud, stirring his discarded book with the hand, “did you ever read one of these best-seller? I mean the kind where the hero is an American swell – sometimes even from Chicago – who falls in love with a royal princess from Europe who is travelling under an alias and follows her to her father's kingdom or principality? I guess you have. They're all alike.

- What does Pescud think about all best sellers?
 - “They're all alike”. In this line what does 'they' stand for?
 - What is meant by 'principality'?
9. Answer the following questions in about 30 to 40 words each:
- Why was Persome angry when she learnt that the salt cellars had been sold?
 - Write in brief about the first interaction of the 'Professor' with Corporal Turnbull.
 - What does the expression, 'Crown of Ishtai' 'The Song of the Rain' mean?
 - How has Harold been described in the story?

10. Answer one of the following questions in about 80-100 words

In the context of the play, 'The Bishop's Candlesticks', justify that kindness and compassion can change the lives of the criminals for the better.

Or

Why is the Bishop harsh to his sister but soft in his approach to the convict? Elucidate your answer focusing on the values reflected in the Bishop's character.

11. Answer on the following questions in about 150-200 words. Gulliver was left alone with four days provision, what did he do?

Or

Attempt a character sketch of the young commander of the ship who gave a good fight at Actium.

Or

Describe the experience of the three friends when they were caught in incessant rain.

Or

The author, 'Jerome' is a lover of nature. Comment.