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SUB: - ENGLISH

CLASS: IX

F M -80

TIME: -3 hrs.

General Instructions:

1. This question paper comprises 11 questions. All questions are compulsory.
2. The Question Paper contains THREE sections
 - ❖ Section:- A: READING SKILLS
 - ❖ Section:- B: GRAMMAR & WRITING
 - ❖ Section:- C: LITERATURE
3. Attempt question based on specific instructions for each part.

(1) Read the following passage carefully,

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ROBOTS ASSIGNED TO CHECK ENGLISH ESSAYS IN UK

- (1) The owner of one of England's three major exam boards is to introduce artificial intelligence-based automated marking of English exam essays in the UK very soon.
- (2) All three exam boards are now investing heavily in e-assessment but none has yet perfected a form of marking essays using computers-or "robots"-that it is willing to use in mainstream exams.
- (3) John Bangs, head of education at the National Union of Teachers, said that computers could be useful in many areas of assessment but cautioned against their use in English exams: "I'm very concerned that it would constrain the nature of the questions being asked. You won't pick UP nuances by machine and it will trigger a trend to answering narrower questions. It could be a disaster waiting to happen. "
- (4) A Pearson spokesman told the Times Educational Supplement (TES) that its system produced the accuracy of human markers while eliminating human elements such as tiredness and subjectivity.
- (5) Other exam boards said the adoption of computers to mark beyond their current use in multiple choice tests was inevitable. Tim Oates, director of research for Cambridge Assessment, which owns the exam board OCR, said: "It's extremely unlikely that automated systems will not be deployed extensively in educational assessment. The uncertainty is 'when' not 'if. But all systems need to meet exacting quality criteria."

TYPE-1 (Multiple Choice Questions)

Answer the following questions by selecting the most appropriate options from the ones given below.

1. John Bangs isabout using robots to mark English essays.
(a) enthusiastic (b) excited (c) sceptical (d) clueless
2. Which of the following conclusions can be safely drawn from paragraph 37
(a) human examiners can mark English essays better than robots
(b) computers can mark English essays better than robots
(c) computers can pick up finer points that human examiners often overlook
(d) human examiners can mark English essays faster than robots
3. "It could be a disaster waiting to happen". Here 'it' refers to
(a) use of computers in exams
(b) use of computers in marking English essays
(c) use of computers in place of human beings
(d) tendency to answer narrower questions
4. Tim Oates is uncertain
(a) how automated systems will be used in exam assessment
(b) why automated systems will be used in exam assessment
(c) when automated systems will be used in exam assessment
(d) whether automated systems will be used in exam assessment

5. The word 'exacting' in paragraph 5 can be replaced by

- (a) inaccurate (b) satisfactory (c) correct (d) strict

TYPE-II (Sentence Completion Questions)

On the basis of your reading of the passage, complete the following sentences as briefly as possible.

- (a) No exam board is willing to use computers for their mainstream exams as yet because.
(b) John Bangs is against the use of computers for marking English papers for the following two reasons: (1).....(2).....
(c) Pearson's system of e-assessment scores over human markers as it.....but.....
(d) Human exam markers are likely to oppose the proposal of e-assessment because.
(e) A word in paragraph 3 of the passage that means the same as 'finer differences' or 'minute details' is.....

(2) Read the following passage carefully

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HAVE YOUR LUXURIES, BUT SPARE A THOUGHT FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

- (1) Amazing cars, huge houses, lots of servants and expensive furniture show that we love extravagance. But we all would like to see a green and clean world, where breathing is a healthy and pleasing thing to do, rather than a necessity you would avoid if you could. How do we achieve that elusive balance between extravagance and environmental-friendly living? By being aware, of course.
- (2) You want to buy that incredibly expensive car, buy it. But also include walking in your routine. Walk to your grocery store. In fact, why don't you chart a mental map? Walk to all those places that are 10-15 minute walk from your house. When you go shopping, try parking your car five minutes away from the mall and walk. Saves that much petrol, and stops that much pollution.
- (3) Can't be bothered to turn off all lights and fans when not in use? Turn one light off? By doing that, you save that much energy.
- (4) Too cool to carry your own cloth bag to the grocery store? Ok, don't. But you can at least make sure they put everything in one or two bags, rather than using too many bags. It saves that much of plastic.
- (5) Oh yes, go ahead and spend all the money you have on all the luxuries you can buy. Just make sure that you save wherever you can. That is all you need to do. So stop feeling guilty about all the harm you are causing society, and get involved in some any planet-saving activity. The smallest gesture makes a difference. And the word is 'awareness'.

TYPE-1 (Multiple Choice Questions)

Answer the following questions by selecting the most appropriate options from the ones given below.

1. Our love for wonderful cars, big houses, lots of servants and expensive furniture exposes our
(a) awareness (b) love for extravagance (c) wealth (d) carelessness
2. Breathing can be a healthy and pleasing thing to do if we have
(a) luxurious life (b) awareness (c) wealth (d) clean and green environment
3. We can save both petrol and pollution by
(a) walking to places within 10-15 minutes of walking distance
(b) parking cars some distance away from malls
(c) charting a mental map
(d) driving in expensive cars
4. One ideal way to save energy is to
(a) keep fans and lights turned off (b) turn off at least one light
(c) turn off fans and lights when not in use (d) be bothered when lights and fans are on
5. The word that means the same as 'difficult to find or achieve' is
(a) extravagance (b) gesture (c) elusive (d) incredibly

TYPE-II (Sentence Completion Questions)

On the basis of your reading of the passage, complete the following sentences as briefly as possible.

- (a) The author's mantra for a balance between extravagance and environment-friendly living is.....
(b) Parking the car a little distance from the shopping mall and walking will not only..... but also.....
(c) While shopping, the best way to avoid using unnecessary plastic is.....
(d) The author is not against.but opposes.
(e) "The smallest gesture makes a difference" (Paragraph 5). The gesture here refers to

SECTION-B (Writing & Grammar) 20 Marks

3. Write a letter in about 120 words to your father/mother seeking his/her permission to join an educational trip. 3

In your letter you should

- describe what kind of trip it is its destination, duration and cost
- explain why you wish to join it
- request him/her to grant you the permission and send you the money

4. As the **Head Boy** of Tagore Middle School, Kanpur write a letter to the Principal suggesting to her/him some improvements that you would like to be made in the school. 3

In your letter you should

- 1. introduce yourself and state the purpose of your writing
- 2. give some suggestions for improvements in the school
- 3. express hope that these improvements will be introduced in the school soon

5. Suppose you are Kanika Khosla, the Head Girl of St. Thomas High School, Pathankot. You have been asked by your Vice-Principal to write a notice for the students of classes vii and VIII about the Story Telling Competition to be held on 10th November 4

Include the following details in the bio-sketch.

- Name and age of the peon
- Physical features
- Family-spouse and kids
- Income
- Various duties
- Popularity among staff and students
- Education
- Personality

OR

Write a story in your own words with the help of cues mentioned in the outline.

Outline: Window displays in toy shop-----Diwali season-----theft-----alarm sounded-----
-----no clues found-----police non-plussed-----little boys Spots the difference in Window
displays leading to arrest.

Grammar Section

6. **Do as directed the following.**

- (a) Fill in the blank with suitable determiner.

-----watches have you got?

- (a) some/any (b) how much (c) How many (d) Many/several

- (b) Fill in the blank choosing most appropriate option one for a deaf child.

- (a) for (b) of (c) in (d)

- (c) Read the following dialogues and then fill in the blanks in the paragraph.

1. Prerna :Are you going for the picnic?

Ram : No, I can't because my father is unwell.

Prerna : I will pray to God for his speedy recovery.

Prerna wanted to know from Ram(a) ----- . To this Ram answered that he could not go because (b) ----- . Further, Prerna said that(c) ----- .

- (d) Fill in the blanks with Simple Past or Present Perfect forms of the verbs given in the brackets.

"----- they----- (finish) painting the home? "

"No, they haven't. They----- (paint) just one room so far."

- (e) Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction.

"People of diverse cultures lives in India."

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction
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(f) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line.

"MV Ganga Vilas cruise didn't gets stuck and the reports claiming so are absolutely false."

Option No.	Error	Correction
(i)	didn't	don't
(ii)	gets	get
(iii)	claiming	claim
(iv)	are	is

Section-C(Literature) 40 Marks

6. Read the following EXTRACT carefully and answer the questions that follow.

"She never stuttered with other people had quite given it up-but only with Father, because then she was trying so hard to say the words properly."

"What's the matter? What are you looking so wretched about? Mother, I wish you taught this child not to appear on the brink of suicide... Here, Kezia, carry my teacup back to the table carefully." He was so big his hands and his neck, especially his mouth when he yawned. Thinking about him alone was like thinking about a giant.

(a) The reason for Kezia's terrible stuttering was -----.

- (i) her fear of darknes
- (ii) her fear of her father
- (iii) her overwhelming desire to speak clearly
- (iv) she was a timid child

(b) Kezia looked so wretched that her father thought that-----.

- (i) she was going to run away
- (ii) she was going to cry
- (iii) she was going to Kill herself
- (iv) she was going to faint

(c) State any one inference about the father from the given context. 'Mother, I wish you taught this child not to appear on the brink of suicide...'

(d) State True or False.

"Kezia only stuttered with other people."

(e) Which phrase would correctly substitute 'on the brink of suicide'?

- (i) on the end of suicide
- (ii) on the verge of suicide
- (iii) on a variety of suicide
- (iv) on a variegated suicide

7. Then took the other, just as fair, And having perhaps the better claim, Because it was grassy and wanted wear; Though as for that the passing there Had worn them really about the same.

(a) The other road had a better claim because-----.

- (i) it was more grassy
- (ii) it wanted wear
- (iii) it seemed more adventurous
- (iv) all of these

(b) Which road did the poet finally choose?

- (i) the first one
- (iv) he went back ho

(c) Fill in the blank.

The words 'the other' refer to one of the two roads which the poet found in a-----.

(d) Why did the poet choose the other road?

(e) Name the figure of speech used in 'wanted wear'.

- (i) Pun
- (ii) Metaphor
- (iii) Simile
- (iv) Alliteration

8. Answer the following questions in about 30 words.

2×4=8

- (a) How does he describe the old kind of teachers?
- (b) Why did Evelyn say, "Men with bushy beards give me trouble"?
- (c) Why did Einstein write a letter to Franklin Roosevelt?
- (d) Compassion and pity can bring positive changes in a human being .How does the story "The Bagger" prove it?

9. Answer the following questions in about 40-50 words.

3×4=12

- (a) What did the doctor think when the snake was Looking into the Mirror?
- (b) State one reason why the author characterised the Mayor and Councillors as unfeeling and pompous.
- (c) According to you, why was the child happy when he was on the way to fair? Was it attraction of fair or the natural beauty that he enjoyed on the way?
- (d) Why does the intruder say, "They can" hang me twice"?

10. Answer the following questions in about 100-120 words.

2×5=10

(a)How did Abdul Kalam earn his First wages? How did he feel at that time? Explain.

11. (a) Why could, according to you, the Happy Prince not See the misery of People when he was alive? What does it Show about his character?

OR

Write a brief character sketch of the author. What impress you the most?