



DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL, CHANDIGARH

Summative Assessment-I, Session 2012-13
Class : IX - Subject : English (Sample Paper)

Time: 3 hours

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- *Set number should be written on the title page of the answer book by the candidate.*
 - *Please check that this question paper contains 16 questions.*
 - *All the sections are compulsory.*
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This paper consists of 5 sections.

A.	Reading	15 marks
B.	Writing	20 marks
C.	Grammar	15 marks
D.	Literature	20 marks
E.	Long Reading Text	10 marks

Section – A (Reading)

Q.1 Read the following passage carefully:

1 Perhaps the concept of a holiday is as old as the creation of man itself. The Bible tells that God created the world for 6 days and took rest on the 7th day. Since God created man in his image man also thought it worthwhile to earmark one day of the week as a day for rest the Sabbath. Jews observe Sabbath religiously.

2 Apart from religious considerations, holidays have always charmed the mankind in all countries and all cultures of the world. One day weekend or two days weekend in a week may be inventions of the modern man in an industrial age, but days of festivities following the sowing or harvesting of crops are regularly enjoyed by agricultural communities since times immemorial. Many dances and folk songs have evolved around such festivities. When we mention holidays we usually refer to summer, autumn and winter vacation enjoyed by the students or weekends or spans of leave enjoyed by working people away from their day-to-day work. Such holidays work as a wonderful tonic to fight mental fatigue. Torn away from the workplace, mind finds rest and recuperation in pleasant and congenial surroundings. Some people undertake excursions to pleasure resorts on hills or beaches while others visit places of historical importance or pilgrimage. Still others visit their relations or friends to renew ties and bonds of affection and to spend time together in groups or play. Whatever be the mode of spending holidays if it is spent in open, healthy surroundings and in company of agreeable people, it surely breaks the monotony of daily existence and refreshes the mind. It induces a sense of enthusiasm and vitality in one's outlook.

3 If imaginatively planned, holidays can be a source of great pleasure and excitement. Most of the city dwellers lead a regimented and mechanical existence shuttling between place of work or study and the residence. They have very few intimate friends or relations to mix with and get emotional sustenance from. Holidays provide an excellent opportunity to visit intimate friends and relatives. Picnics and excursions can not only bring you relaxation but can also cement the bonds of affection by engaging in collective activities.

4 During holidays, you can change the routine of waking up and going to sleep. Summer noon can be spent partly in catching up with your sleeping time. You can get up early and go for long walks if possible by the river-side or near some park. You may like to spend part of your holidays in a planned inactivity. You can while away time looking at flowers or birds. You may read fiction for pure delight.

1.1 On the basis of your reading of the above passage, complete the following statements as briefly as possible. (6)

- a) The Jews observe Sabbath religiously because.....
- b) Holidaying is very old in agricultural communities as
- c) Holidays work as a wonderful tonic.....
- d) Holidays are spent in.....
- e) Life in the city is often.....
- f) Other than relaxation picnics and excursions can help us

1.2 Find words in the passage which mean the same as the following: (2)

- a) allocate (para 1)
- b) strictly controlled (para 3)

Q.2 Read the following poem carefully:

MRS STEIN

I'm so happy my teacher's sick!
 And, boy, I'm feeling fine
 When someone kicks the door right in,
 And there stands FRANKENSTEIN.
 She's six foot eight, her dress is black,
 She's wearing combat boots.
 I start to gasp, she growls and says,
 I'll be your substitute.
 The teacher's pet is whimpering;
 She doesn't stand a chance.
 The smart kid stares and points and faints.
 The bully wets his pants.

My name is Mrs. Stein, she says,
 And every student cringes.
 She leans the door against the wall,
 She's knocked it off its hinges.
 Now let's begin. You there! Stand up!
 She looks me in the eye.
 I try to move, my legs won't work.
 I know I'm going to die!
 Now get up to the board, she says.
 I'd like to see some action.
 Pick up the chalk, explain to us
 Division of a fraction.
 I think and think and croak,
 Invert and multiply. My turn is through.
 She points at each and pokes us out,
 Now you. Now You. Now You.
 We all get nailed this awful day,
 There's nowhere we can hide
 The lunch bell rings, we cannot eat,
 We simply crawl outside.
 Our world is not the same without our teacher
 So listen to her and pray her health be fine,
 Or one day soon you'll hear the words :
 My name is MRS STEIN.

Answer the following questions by choosing an appropriate option from those given below:

- (i) The poem is about the _____.
- (a) substitute teacher (b) plight of the poet
 (c) condition of the children (d) day the regular teacher punished children
- (ii) The child is happy because _____
- (a) he's well (b) the teacher is unwell
 (c) the teacher hasn't come (d) both (a) and (b)
- (iii) Mrs. Stein is _____
- (a) tall and strong (b) dangerous and unkind
 (c) strict and exacting (d) kind like their regular teacher
- (iv) To get nailed means _____
- (a) to be given a chance (b) to be forced to give an answer
 (c) to be severely punished (d) to be caught and made answerable

- (v) Children love _____
 (a) the substitute teacher (b) all teachers
 (c) their regular teacher (d) none of these
- (vi) The regular teacher is _____
 (a) strict (b) always partial
 (c) understanding and not too strict (d) hardly ever absent
- (vii) The word 'whimpering' means _____
 (a) crying (b) elated
 (c) happy (d) none of these

Section-B (Writing)

- Q.3 Read the following telephonic conversation between Nina and Sonal. Nina wants to talk to Sonal's brother, Akash but he is not at home. As Sonal has to go to her college, she leaves a message for Akash. Write this message in not more than 50 words and put it in a box. (3)

Nina : Hello! May I talk to Akash?

Sonal : Akash has gone for his music class. I'm Sonal, his younger sister. Who's on the line?

Nina : I'm Nina here. Please tell him that Ruskin Bond, the famous writer is here in Chandigarh today.

Sonal : That's great!

Nina : Tell him to reach the bookstore, 'The Browser' in Sector 8 at 6 p.m. sharp and wait for me as I have the entry pass.

Sonal : Sure, I'll tell him all that. Thanks for calling.

Nina : Bye!

- Q.4 Given below is a profile of Dr. M.S. Swaminathan Agriculture Scientist. Write a short bio-sketch of him in about 80 words using the clues given below. (5)

Dr. M. S. Swaminathan

Born : 7th August 1925 – Kumbakonam, Tamilnadu

Profession : Agriculture Scientist, Environmentalist
 Educator, Administrator, Social worker

Posts held : Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha)
 Chairman, MS Swami Nathan Research Foundation

Awards : 28 National Awards- Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan, Padma
 Vibhushan etc.

24 International Awards- Ramon Magsaysay Award for Community
 Leadership in 1971

Vision : To remove poverty and hunger from India

Q.5 Nitin of 8, Napier Town, Jabalpur is not happy with the sanitary conditions of his locality. He decides to write a letter to the editor of a national daily. Using the following notes write a letter for him.

No sweepers ___ heaps of garbage ___ drains blocked ___ people careless ___ no use of dustbins ___ water logging ___ breeding of mosquitoes ___ suggested supply of big polythene litter bags ___ regular visits of the authorities ___ meetings of the residents (6)

Q.6. The management of time is an art and needs discipline. It plays a very important role in the life of human beings. Without time management, no one can succeed in life. Using your own ideas and the hints given below, write an article in 120-150 words on the topic- 'The Importance of Time Management'. (6)

- Time : an expensive resource
- Cannot be conserved
- Postponing activities
- Impact on day-to-day life
- Leads to failure
- Create schedules
- Value time

Section-C (Grammar)

Q.7 The following passage needs to be edited. There is one error in each line against which you find a blank. Choose the most appropriate word from the options and write your answer in the answer sheet against the correct blank number. Do not copy the whole passage. ($\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$)

This is the one year that grades (a)
 inspite of marks were announced (b)
 by CBSE by class X. Though (c)
 a welcome move, but it is aimed (d)
 to ease stress among students, it is (e)
 been met with a mixed response. Students that (f)
 have scored high felt disappointed
 as the new system doesn't differentiate
 between high and average scorers.

Q.8 Re-arrange the following words and phrases into meaningful sentences: (3)

e.g. five/and still/sign of/intelligence/no real/I was/showed/now

I was now five and still showed no real sign of intelligence.

(a) no apparent/in things/I showed/interest

(b) the kitchen/to lie/on my/back/time in/all the/I used

(c) a family/that loved/surrounded by/I was/me

Q.9 Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct option and complete the following passage:

($\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$)

One day after his meal, Gandhiji sat to make a book-shelf. He (a).....(work) for seven hours and (b).....(finish) the shelf reaching right up to the ceiling. A path leading to the ashram (c).....(need) metalling but he (d).....(not have) enough money to meet the cost. He (e).....(begin) to collect small stones on his way back to the ashram from his regular daily walks. His companions (f).....(follow) his example and, in a short time, a pile of stones for paving the path had piled in the yard.

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| a) | (i) works | b) | (i) finished |
| | (ii) worked | | (ii) has finished |
| | (iii) was working | | (iii) had finished |
| | (iv) had been working | | (iv) was finishing |
| c) | (i) needs | d) | (i) does not have |
| | (ii) needed | | (ii) did not have |
| | (iii) will need | | (iii) was not having |
| | (iv) had needed | | (iv) had not had |
| e) | (i) begins | f) | (i) follow |
| | (ii) has begun | | (ii) were following |
| | (iii) began | | (iii) had followed |
| | (iv) had begun | | (iv) followed |

Q.10 Read the conversation given below and complete the paragraph. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. Do not copy the whole passage. (3)

Dilip : I've been watching the sea. There hasn't been any trace of a ship.

Ralph : I told you yesterday too that we'll be rescued, so have patience.

Dalip said (a)..... and further added (b)..... Ralph replied (c)..... and so asked him to have patience.

Q.11 Read the following conversation and choose the most appropriate options to complete the sentences given below. Do not copy the whole sentences (3)

Renu : How (a) _____ such beautiful dolls?

Meenu: It is an art which has to be learnt.

Renu : Where (b) _____ it from?

Meenu: I (c) _____ classes.

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| (a) | (i) have you make | (ii) can you make |
| | (iii) would you make | (iv) should you make |

- (b) (i) had you learnt (ii) did you learn
 (iii) did you learnt (iv) have you learn
- (c) (i) have attended Art and Craft (ii) had attended the Art & Craft
 (iii) attended the Art & Craft (iv) attend the Art and Craft

Section-D (Literature)

Q.12 Read the following extracts and answer the questions that follow: (3x3=9)

- A. Two roads diverged in a yellow wood
 And sorry I could not travel both
- (a) The phrase 'yellow wood' here refers to _____.
- (b) The poet regrets because _____.
- (c) The poet finally chooses the road _____.
- B. "My grandmother, Krishtaka, never went to school, so she could not read. Every Wednesday, the magazine would come and I would read the next episode of this story to her."
- (a) What magazine is referred to here?
- (b) Which story is referred to here?
- (c) Why did Krishtaka take interest in the story?
- C. "To start off with, why isn't the price marked on the signboard? You French people have a cute way of doing business."
- (a) Who is the speaker of the above lines?
- (b) What does the speaker complain about?
- (c) What is the attitude of the speaker towards the French people?

Q13. Answer any TWO of the following questions in 30-40 words each. (2x3=6)

- (a) Wordsworth did not understand the words of the song sung by the reaper. However, he raises a few possibilities - what are these?
- (b) How does the grandmother fulfil her desire to read?
- (c) Why does Lord Ullin's wrath change into wailing on seeing his daughter?

Q.14 Answer any ONE of the following questions in about 120 words. (5)

You are Mrs. Juliette. You lament that the villa has not been sold yet despite the board announcing its sale that has been hanging for over a month. Write about your feelings and apprehensions regarding the sale of the villa as a Diary Entry.

OR

You are Chuck Hooper's wife, Marcy. You are so moved by the death of Duke that you decide to write a letter to your friend Victoria on the role played by Duke in making your husband walk normally and also what a loving pet he had been.

Section-E (Novel / Long Reading Text)

- Q.15 Through the book from Chapter 1 to 10 have a number of situations which make us laugh. But the story of Uncle Podger is full in itself and is all humourous. Describe it in about 100 words. (5)
- Q 16. Write the character sketch of Jim in about 100 words. (5)

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