

Std.: IX

Marks: 20

Date: 3/ 6/ 2014

ENGLISH

Time: 40Min

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- This paper consists of four sections:

Section A – Reading	(5Marks)
Section B – Writing & Grammar	(8Marks)
Section C – Literature & Long Reading Text	(7Marks)

All sections are compulsory.
- Separate instructions are given for each section and question wherever necessary. Read the instructions carefully and follow them.

SECTION A: READING

(5)

I. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

My childhood had always been a sheltered one. My parents along with my teachers, tried to instill good ethics in me. But ‘sharing’ was one moral value which I was never comfortable with. —Why should I give? It was my question.

I was at the railway station with my parents, during one vacation to my hometown. Two small children, perhaps siblings, were seeking alms nearby. Though they appeared at ease, I was shocked by their overall untidiness. When they approached us, my father promptly gave the older one, a girl, some money. Those were the days when I was constantly reminded of the virtues of ‘sharing’ things with others. So, when my mother nudged me, I knew why and the look my mother gave me, confirmed. I had a pack of my favourite chocolates in my pocket and, even though I pretended to have forgotten about it, she remembered them. I was devastated. With a heavy heart I fished out one and placed reluctantly on the outstretched hand of the girl. She flashed a smile and the duo moved on. But my gaze never left them as I wanted to know about the fate of my chocolate.

After a while I saw her unwrap it. Without a moment’s hesitation, she put the chocolate in her brother’s mouth and watched his face brighten up as he savoured it. Her action puzzled me. Why did she not eat it herself? Regret and shame overcame me when I realized that I had deliberately given only one chocolate.

I quickly decided to give her one more chocolate voluntarily. Strangely, my action made me feel better than I had thought. As our train approached the station, the girl rushed to give me something. It was a small paper doll which she had made with the wrapper of the chocolates. I was speechless. Was she trying to convey a ‘Thank you’? That little girl taught me the joy of sharing and also answered one big question of ‘Why should I give’? Sharing is all about loving. Happiness abounds when shared. Years have rolled by and I still cherish that valuable lesson I learnt during that vacation. Sometimes life teaches us things we fail to learn from classrooms.

a. Answer the following questions based on the poem:

(3)

- i. From whom did the writer learn moral values as a child?
- ii. How did the little girl derive happiness?
- iii. What lesson did the author learn from the incident?

b. Choose the right answer from the options given below them:

(2)

- i. The word which mean the opposite of ‘not acting on one’s own free will’:

1. deliberately	3. cherish
2. strangely	4. voluntarily

- ii. The word which means 'keep alive in memory' is-----.
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| 1. share | 3. cherish |
| 2. abounds | 4. savoured |

SECTION B: WRITING & GRAMMAR

(8)

II. You are Megha/Meghnath, Co-ordinator of the Science Exhibition to be held in your school campus. Write a notice to be put up on the school notice board requesting the class leaders of Standards IX to XII to attend a meeting for the forthcoming exhibition to discuss and plan the programme. Give necessary details. (4)

III. In the passage given below, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and after it, in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. underline your answer. (2)

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| (a) Man's efficiency increases hard work | (a) _____ |
| (b) If he does work hard, his practice suffers | (b) _____ |
| (c) The lawyer is judged by cases that | (c) _____ |
| (d) he wins. The writer's is examined by the number of readers he has. | (d) _____ |

IV. In the passage given below, some words are missing. Choose the correct word from the given options to complete the passage meaningfully : (2)

Perhaps no animal on earth has enjoyed the kind of publicity received by the giant panda. Unknown (a) _____ the western world till as late as 1869, the panda (b) _____ familiar to the Chinese for over 4,000 years. At one time the animal inhabited vast areas of South China (c) _____ today it finds itself restricted to small areas of some parts of China. For (d) _____ years the panda was believed to belong to the bear family.

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| (a) (i) for | (ii) in | (iii) at | (iv) to |
| (b) (i) has been | (ii) had been | (iii) was | (iv) being |
| (c) (i) till | (ii) and | (iii) but | (iv) that |
| (d) (i) many | (ii) some | (iii) few | (iv) various |

SECTION C: LITERATURE & LONG READING TEXT

(7)

V. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. (2)

And both that morning equally lay
 In leaves no steps have trodden black
 Oh, I kept the first for another day
 Yet knowing how way lead to way
 I doubted if I should ever come back.

- What does the phrase 'no step had trodden black' mean?
- What is the doubt of the poet?

VI. Answer the following questions in about 40 words: (3)

- How did Hooper take the first step after the accident?
- How does the poet of *Road Not Taken* resolve the dilemma he was in?

VII. Answer the following question in about 60 words: (2)

- How did Gulliver defeat the Blefuscians?
