



Std.: IX
Date: / /2016

SET I
ENGLISH

Max. Marks: 20
Time: 40 Min.

General Instructions:

- This paper consists of three 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 questions wherever necessary. Read the instructions carefully and follow them.

SECTION A: READING

(5 Marks)

1. Read the following poem and answer the questions given below it:

(5)

HUMAN HAPPINESS

In wishing nothing we enjoy still most;
For ever our wish is in possession lost:
Restless we wander to a new desire,
And burn ourselves by blowing of the fire:
We toss and turn about our feverish will,
When all our ease must come by lying still:
For all the happiness mankind can gain
Is not in pleasure, but in rest from pain.

- (a) We can enjoy the most if we _____
(i) do not react (ii) have a lot of money (iii) have no wish (iv) have sincere friends
- (b) When one of our desires is fulfilled _____
(i) we feel satisfied (ii) thank the almighty (iii) wander to a new desire (iv) none of the above
- (c) Pick out the word which means the same as 'ownership'.
(d) According to the poet, how can man find happiness?
(e) What can be obtained by lying still?

SECTION B: WRITING & GRAMMAR

(8 Marks)

2. Overuse of the computer makes children lose out on outdoor games which are essential for developing a healthy body and a healthy mind. Taking ideas from the Unit "Children", together with your own ideas write an **article in about **80 words** on the topic "**Children and Computer Addiction**".**

(4)



3. Complete the passage given below by choosing the correct option. (2)

Fossil fuels (a) _____ increasingly becoming expensive due to (b) _____ scarcity of fuel and the (c) _____ in demand. In addition (d) _____ this the environmental and social impact of the consumption of fossil fuels are matters of serious concern.

- (a) (i) am (ii) is (iii) are (iv) was (b) (i) that (ii) this (iii) other (iv) the
(c) (i) rise (ii) rising (iii) raise (iv) raising (d) (i) on (ii) in (iii) to (iv) of

4. Read the following passage. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correct word in your answer sheet. One example has been done for you. (2)

	Incorrect	correct
In a country as vast of ours, keeping	<i>of</i>	<i>as</i>
a eye on every child is a herculean	(a) _____	_____
task. Many children are still employing	(b) _____	_____
in factories while its childhood goes unnoticed.	(c) _____	_____
They washed utensils when they should	(d) _____	_____
be playing games.		

SECTION C: LITERATURE & LONG READING TEXT

(7 Marks)

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

“And now, at the age of ten, a pupil at a local private school where they wore mortar boards and generally comported themselves like young dons, he had already won a prize for spelling and dictation”.

- a. Who is the pupil being referred to? What sort of a person is this pupil?
b. What was the parent’s worry regarding this pupil?

6. Answer the following questions in about 20- 30 words each. (3)

- a. ‘*Didn’t seem worth the time I could bite*’. What was not worth the time, according to the poet and why?
b. How is the rain a messenger of mercy, between the field and the cloud?

7. Answer the following question in 30 – 40 words. (Long Reading Text) (2)

- a. Why was Gulliver unhappy with his stay in Laputa? How did he manage to seek the king’s permission to leave the island?
