



Std.: IX
Date: / /2016

SET II
ENGLISH

Max. Marks: 20
Time: 40 Min.

General Instructions:

- This paper consists of three sections:
Section A – Reading (5 Marks)
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) Peace can be gained _____
(i) by curbing one's desires (ii) by meditating on the Lord (iii) by /through good deeds (iv) by lying still.
- (b) The poet concludes the poem by saying that happiness can be gained _____
(i) in reason (ii) in pleasure (iii) through fulfillment of desires (iv) in rest from pain.
- (c) We can enjoy the most in life if we _____.
- (d) What do we normally do when one of our desires is fulfilled?
- (e) Pick out the word which means the same as 'ownership'.

SECTION B: WRITING & GRAMMAR

(8Marks)

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 alternatives. (2)

American Andre Agassi, 41, is (a) _____ the best tennis players of (b) _____ time, having contested his professional match (c) _____ the age of 16. He became one of just six (d) _____ to have won each of the four Grand Slam tournaments.

- (a) (i) among (ii) between (iii) one (iv) in
(b) (i) every (ii) ever (iii) all (iv) modern
(c) (i) when (ii) at (iii) in (iv) while
(d) (i) player (ii) winner (iii) man (iv) players

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	of	as
an eye on every child are a herculean	(a) _____	_____
task. Many child are still employed	(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

(7Marks)

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 are the achievements of this pupil?

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

- a. Why did the poet go to the dentist? How could she have avoided it?
b. Why have the clouds and the fields been called lovers?

7. Answer the following question in 30 – 40. (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?
