



INDIAN SCHOOL SOHAR
FINAL EXAMINATION (2019 -20)
ENGLISH

STD.: IX

MAX. MARKS: 80

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DURATION: 3 Hrs.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. *This paper is divided into three sections: A, B and C. All sections are compulsory.*
2. *Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.*
3. *Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.*

SECTION A: READING (20 Marks)**1. Read the passage carefully:****8**

1. Mt. Everest has continued to attract ever since June 8, 1924, when two members of a British expedition George Mallory and Andrew Irvine, had first attempted to climb the summit. The two men were last spotted “going strong” for the top, until the clouds perpetually swirling around Everest, engulfed them. They then vanished.
2. Mallory’s body was not found for another 75 years, i.e. till May 1999. Ten more expeditions were to follow before the historic climb of Everest for the first time, by Edmund Hillary, a New Zealand beekeeper, and Tenzing Norgay, an acclaimed Sherpa climber. The news of the climb reached England at the time of the coronation of Queen Elizabeth and Hillary became famous overnight, in all of the British Empire. Tenzing on the other hand, became a symbol of national pride across both Nepal and India.
3. Today, Mt. Everest is drawing attention for all the negative reasons. The entire route that the climbers follow to reach the top is littered with rubbish and in sore need of cleaning up. The rubbish strewn all over the mountain includes oxygen cylinders, human waste, and even climbers’ bodies which do not decompose in the extreme cold.
4. Under the new regulations passed by the Nepalese government, climbers scaling Everest will have to bring back eight kilograms of garbage. This amounts exclusive of the climbers’ own garbage weight. This measure is taken to restore the pristine nature of the peak.
5. The rule will be applicable to those climbers of Mt. Everest who will ascend beyond Everest’s base camp, from April onwards. Climbers who fail to comply with this new rule are likely to be charged and legal action would be taken against them. The action would involve the paying of a fine, or other penalty.
6. Expeditions returning to the base will have to submit their trash at an office to be set up in the precincts of the Everest Base Camp.

On the basis of your reading of the passage given above, answer the following questions:

- a. The first attempt to scale Mt. Everest was made by:
- i. One Britisher
 - ii. George Mallory and Andrew Irvine
 - iii. Andrew Irvine
 - iv. Edmund Hillary
- b. The non-decomposable rubbish scattered all over the mountain include _____.
- i. oxygen cylinders
 - ii. human waste
 - iii. climbers' bodies
 - iv. all of these
- c. The news of the climb reached England at:
- i. Mt. Everest is drawing attention for all the negative reasons
 - ii. the coronation of Queen Elizabeth
 - iii. new regulations were passed by the Nepalese government
 - iv. the action would involve the paying of a fine, or other penalty
- d. Climbers who fail to comply with this new rule will be _____.
- i. put in prison
 - ii. paying a fine
 - iii. charged and legal action taken
 - iv. punished
- e. George Mallory and Andrew Irvine became the victims of :
- i. intense heat of sunlight
 - ii. storm
 - iii. heavy rain
 - iv. swirling clouds around Everest
- f. Every climber of the Mt Everest has to bring a certain amount of garbage. It _____.
- i. proves that he/she reached the mountain peak
 - ii. maintains cleanliness of the mountain peak
 - iii. proves that he/she indeed has strength
 - iv. is done to create a new mountain
- g. Mallory's body was undetected for another _____years, in May 1999.
- h. Under the new regulations passed by the Nepalese government, climbers scaling Everest will have to bring back ten kilograms of garbage. (True/False)

2. Read the passage carefully:

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1. Good health is the soundness of body, mind and soul. It is that condition in which the body and mind duly discharge their functions. Good health helps everyone to be creative and work for the welfare of the society. He has to be, therefore, free from diseases: or, if he suffers from a disease he needs treatments not only for that particular disease but for the whole body, mind and soul. In other words, a doctor has to have a sound approach to the patients.
2. In these days of specialization, doctors cure a patient only for his immediate disease, treating it in isolation. Such an approach goes against the old aphorism that "prevention is better than cure".

Dr. Hedge provides insight into the overall causes of simple and serious diseases and describes the methods of preventing them without having to take medicine but exercising, self-control on food consumption, smoking and intake of alcoholic drinks. He also advocates regular yoga exercise and meditation to keep fit, but at the same time warns against over indulgence.

3. Hedge stresses the importance of laughter because, laughter induces secretion of good catecholamine which is hormone, produced by adrenal glands; they can be both beneficial and harmful. They are harmful when a person is angry, but beneficial if he laughs. For a healthy living, "Laughter proves to be great boon," Hedge says.
4. In these days of hectic life, full of stress, strain and emotions, everyone needs to lead a relaxed life. The best form of relaxation, according to Hedge, is sound sleep. "Restful sleep at night will recharge our batteries for the following day's fruitful endeavour," he says. There is no use of lying on the bed and tossing without sleep. Under those circumstances it is better to read or engage oneself in some light mental activities which are useful. But never seek refuge in alcoholic drinks or pills for inducing sleep, as these are not refreshing for an individual. For a normal human being, eight hours of sleep a day is sufficient to keep him free from stress. More than nine to ten hours of sleep a day would produce increased muscle protein and might even shorten one's life.
5. Society must be sympathetic to drug addicts, understand their problems and give help to them by motivating and keeping them busy. Alcoholics Anonymous may help addicts kick their habit of drug abuse and excess drinking. Hedge claims that cigarette smoking causes more premature deaths than all other "Killers" put together— cocaine, heroin, alcohol, fire, automobile accidents, homicide and suicide. Ninety percent of cancer victims are heavy smokers. The author stresses on the right type of diet and daily exercises for healthy living. He has also talked of the danger of over-exercising in these days of fitness mania.

2.1. On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions in 30-40 words: 8

- a. According to Hedge, what is the importance of laughter?
- b. What is the best form of relaxation in these days of hectic life? How?
- c. What do you mean by Good Health? How does it help?
- d. Write do's and don'ts for sleep.

2.2. On the basis of your reading of the above extract, answer the following: 4

- a. In para 2, the word which means 'involvement' is _____.
 - i. specialization
 - ii. isolation
 - iii. meditation
 - iv. indulgence
- b. In para 4, the word which means 'very busy' is _____.

c. In para 4, the word opposite in meaning to 'preventing' is _____

- i. following ii. tossing iii. inducing iv. increased

d. In para 5, the word opposite in meaning to 'cruel' is _____

SECTION B: WRITING & GRAMMAR (30Marks)

- 3.** Language is an important aspect of life. To express or communicate with each other we must know the language. Nowadays, English has become a global language. Write an article on "Importance of English Language" in about 100-150 words. **8**

OR

You met your favourite author in the annual literary meet of your school. Make a diary entry on the meeting in 100-150 words with the help of the hints given below and add your own ideas. You are Mohit/Jyoti.

Hints: was not sure if he would talk to me - author was humble, friendly - answered all my questions patiently and happily - spoke on why reading is important to become a writer - gifted me his autographed latest novel

- 4. Develop a story on the basis of the given cues in about 150 – 200 words: **10****

The telephone rang. One of us dashed to the newspaper rack to take the call. Bad weather had played truant and the call was dropped. We were again wrapped by a thick blanket of silence. Suddenly, the telephone rang again. Vikas took the call. What he had heard left him still.

OR

One Sunday afternoon, when not only your family but also the entire neighbourhood was enjoying a nap, you felt as if something was burning. Write a story on what happened that afternoon in 150-200 words with a title and a moral.

- 5. Complete the paragraph given below by filling in the blanks choosing the correct option from those that follow: **4****

The whole human civilization is (a) but the fattest story book with unlimited pages. This book has the life story of (b) man who has walked the face of this earth. It starts from nowhere and ends at nowhere (c) as long as the human civilization flourishes, pages after pages (d) be added to this book.

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| a. (i) nothing | (ii) something | (iii) everything | (iv) anything |
| b. (i) some | (ii) few | (iii) every | (iv) all |
| c. (i) with | (ii) over | (iii) since | (iv) for |
| d. (i) should | (ii) will | (iii) may | (iv) must |

6 The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction against each line of the passage. 4

	Incorrect	Correct
Robinson used to spent	e.g spent	spend
hours gazing on merchant ships.	(a) _____	_____
His father wanted him to being	(b) _____	_____
a lawyer but he wanted to exploring	(c) _____	_____
the world in one of that sailing ships.	(d) _____	_____

7. Rearrange the following groups of words and phrases to form meaningful sentences: 4

- a. threat/earth/global/to/on/today/is/warming/the/biggest/life
- b. average/used/term/earth's/rise/the/describe/in/temperature/is/to/unnatural/the
- c. the/warming/increased/driver/dioxide/primary/global/is/carbon/of
- d. impact/already/warming/is/creating/global/significant

SECTION C: LITERATURE (30 MARKS)

8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: 4

Of course I had to turn every mortal thing out now, and, of course, I could not find it. I found George's and Harris's eighteen times over, but I couldn't find my own. I put the things back one by one, and held everything up and shook it. Then I found it inside a boot.

- a. Who is the speaker here?
(i) Harris (ii) George (iii) Montmorency (iv) Jerome
- b. The speaker was trying to find his _____.
(i) boots (ii) toothbrush.
(iii) spectacles (iv) cups, kettles and bottles
- c. Where did he finally find it?
- d. What did he find eighteen times?

OR

*Now in memory comes my mother,
As she used in years agone,
To regard the darling dreamers
Ere she left them till the dawn:*

- a. Who comes in the memory of the poet when it rains?
(i) His darling (ii) His siblings
(iii) His friend (iv) His mother
- b. The poet of the poem is _____.
(i) Robert Frost (ii) Coates Kinney
(iii) W.B Yeats (iv) James Kirkup
- c. Who are called 'the darling dreamers'?
- d. Which poetic device has been used in line 3 of the stanza?

9. Answer any five of the following questions in 30-40 words each: **10**

- a. What has the poet compared with 'Leprous hide'?
- b. Who had a third hand? Why was it considered a hand?
- c. What activities did the author see going on at the bank of the river Bagmati?
- d. How did pungli become shehnai?
- e. Why couldn't Lushkoff go to Kaluga?
- f. What made the doctor utter 'Death lurked four inches away'?

10. Answer either one of the following questions in 100 – 150 words: **8**

Einstein is a synonym for genius. Justify this statement with respect to the lesson "A Truly Beautiful Mind".

OR

Hatred, jealousy and misdeeds are the dangerous pollutants of our own earth. Explain with reference to the poem 'No Men are Foreign'.

11. Answer either one of the following questions in 100 – 150 words: **8**

'Confusing and ill-behaved persons become laughing stock'. Elucidate the statement with reference to the story "The Accidental Tourist".

OR

Greed never goes unpunished. Does this statement stand valid in the context of 'The Kingdom of Fools'? Explain.
