



CLASS : IX  
DATE : 22/9/2019

MARKS: 80  
TIME : 3Hrs

**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

This paper consists of three sections:

Section A – Reading	20 marks
Section B –Writing and Grammar	30 marks
Section C – Literature	30 marks

All the sections are compulsory.

Separate instructions are given for each section and questions wherever necessary. Read the instructions carefully and follow them.

**SECTION – A**  
**(Reading – 20 Marks)**

**1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:**

1. Getting a goodnight's sleep can help you cope with stress more effectively. But not getting enough sleep can cause more stress. Insomniacs have higher concentration of stress hormones than others.
2. Women are prone to sleep disturbances. Their sleep problems frequently interfere with their daily activities.
3. Experts believe that sleep, especially deep sleep, enables our nervous system to function well. Without it, we lose our ability to concentrate, remember or analyse . Some experts speculate that during deep sleep, cells manufacture more proteins, which are essential for cell growth and repair of damage from things like stress and ultraviolet rays.
4. Scientists believe that activity in the area of brain that controls emotions and social interactions lessens during sleep and that deep sleep may help people be emotionally and socially adapt when awake.
5. Sleep may also help our brain to store a new learned activity in its memory bank. In a study in Canada, students deprived of sleep after learning a complex logic game showed a 30% learning deficit when tested a week later compared with students not deprived of sleep.
6. The effects of sleep deprivation on other bodily functions are just as alarming. In studies from five medical centres across the country, researchers established that individuals with insomnia were also more likely to have poor health, including chest pain, arthritis and depression, and to have difficulty accomplishing daily tasks. Another breakthrough study revealed that even temporary loss of sleep can affect the body's ability to break down carbohydrates, interfere with the function of various hormones and worsen the severity of ailments such as diabetes and high blood pressure.
7. So whatever works help you to sleep well, whether its regular exercise earlier in the day, weekly massages, yoga, meditation or a lavender-scented bath, make time for it today.

**1.1 Answer the following questions on the basis of the passage you have read:**

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- (a) How can a goodnight's sleep help ?
- (b) What according to experts, enables our nervous system to function well?
- (c) How do proteins help us in stress management?
- (d) What did a study in Canada reveal?

(i) deprived of memory (ii) deprived of sleep (iii) deprived of cell growth (iv) deprived of daily activities

(e) Name two common ailments that can be found in insomniacs?

(f) How can even temporary loss of sleep affect our body?

(g) What message does the author convey to the reader?

(i) to sleep well (ii) to have a lavender bath everyday (iii) to control emotions (iv) to have social interactions

(h) Find the word which means the same as 'sleeplessness'.(paragraph 6)

**2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:**

1. India is a country of various cultures, races, languages and religions. It is a land of unity in diversity where people of different lifestyles and manners live together. They belong to different religions, beliefs and faith in God. In spite of all these diversity they live together with the bond of humanity and brotherhood. Unity in diversity is the distinct feature of India which makes it famous all around the world.

2. Generally people in India are following the great old Indian culture of being tolerant and absorbing which makes them assimilating in nature. Unity in diversity is almost all aspects of the society has become the source of the strength and wealth all through the country. People of religions do worship in different ways by following their own rituals and beliefs which represents the existence of underlying uniformity. Unity in diversity promotes spirits of harmony and brotherhood among people beyond their considerations of various diversities.

3.India is famous for its rich cultural heritages which are because of people of various religions. People belonging to various cultures give rise to the various life styles on the basis of their interest and belief. It again gives rise to the growth in various professional areas like music, fine arts, drama, dance (classical, folk etc.), theatre sculpture, etc. Spiritual tradition of the people makes them more piety to each other. All the religious Indian scriptures are the great source of spiritual wisdom to the people. There are rishis, maharishis, yogis, priests, father etc., in almost all the religions following their own spiritual traditions according to their religious scriptures.

4.Hindi is a mother language in India. However, many other dialects and languages are spoken by the people of different religions and regions such as English, Urdu, Sanskrit, Bhojpuri, Bihari, Punjabi, Marathi, Bengali, Udiya, Gujarathi, Kashmiri etc. However, everyone feels proud to be the citizen of great India.

5.Unity in diversity of India is especially for which it is well known all over the world. It attracts tourism in India to a great level. As being an Indian, we all should understand our responsibility and try to retain its unique feature at any cost. Unity in diversity here is the real prosperity and the way to progress in the present and future.

**2.1 On the basis of your reading the passage, answer the following questions:**

**8**

(a) How is India an example of unity in diversity?

(b) Why is the old Indian culture great?

(c) How is India benefited by its rich cultural heritage?

(d) As a citizen what can you do for your country?

**2.2 Answer the following questions by choosing the most correct option:**

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(e) 'Unity in diversity' \_\_\_\_\_ tourism in India.

(i) checks (ii)supplies (iii) moves (iv) influences

(f) Indian people take \_\_\_\_\_ from scriptures.

(i) spiritual (ii) piety (iii) wisdom (iv) interest

(g) In para 2, \_\_\_\_\_ is the meaning of similarity.

(h) In India people are tied together with a bond of \_\_\_\_\_.

**SECTION – B**  
**(WRITING & GRAMMAR -30 Marks)**

3. Indian summers are really unbearable. One day the maximum temperature shot up to 47degrees. It was the most miserable day of the year for you. Record the experience in your diary. (100-150 words) **8**

**OR**

Our Planet Earth is in danger as man indiscriminately cuts down forests causing natural ecosystems to break down. Write an article in about 100-150 words on the 'Importance of Trees for Man's survival'.

**4. Develop a story taking the help of the starting lines. Give a suitable title to your story. (150-200 words)**

Outline: Rohan was a hardworking boy. He wanted to become a doctor. But his family's financial condition was not so good..... **10**

**5. Fill in the blanks choosing the most appropriate option given below:** **4**

Advertisements are a help (a) \_\_\_\_\_ they tell us about (b) \_\_\_\_\_ new product. Without them one (c) \_\_\_\_\_ what advancement has been (d) \_\_\_\_\_ in any field.

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|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| (a) (i) when            | (ii) while          | (iii) because       | (iv) which        |
| (b) (i) a               | (ii) an             | (iii) the           | (iv) some         |
| (c) (i) should not know | (ii) would not know | (iii) has not known | (iv) is not known |
| (d) (i) making          | (ii) make           | (iii) made          | (iv) makes        |

**6. In the following passage, one word has not been edited in each line. Write the incorrect word along with the correct word in the space provided:** **4**

	<b>Incorrect</b>	<b>Correct</b>
The sun is a medium –sized star. Yet, it was	(a) _____	_____
as big as a million earths. The temperature on its surfaces	(b) _____	_____
is 6000 degrees Celsius and at the core it was	(c) _____	_____
about 15 million degrees. If an sun were as	(d) _____	_____
big as a football, the earth would be as small as a pea.		

**7. Rearrange the following words/phrases to form meaningful sentences:** **4**

- (a) join college/decided to/at the/1/thirty-five/age of
- (b) worried/to work/about/my ability/not/I was
- (c) confused teenager/not a/ grown-up/was a/ woman and/I
- (d) I realized /than me/the teenagers/very soon/that/better/were

**SECTION – C**  
**(LITERATURE – 30 Marks)**

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

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Evelyn confesses that she is something of a workaholic. "I've just got to work.....often harder than classical musicians. But the rewards are enormous". Apart from the regular concerts Evelyn also gives free concerts in prisons and hospitals. She also gives high priority to classes for young musicians.

- (a) How can you say that Evelyn is satisfied with the result of her hard work?  
(b) What does Evelyn give high priority to?  
(c) What does Evelyn do besides giving the regular concerts?  
(i) gives free concerts to prisons and hospitals  
(ii) educates the youth  
(iii) plays orchestra  
(iv) gives enormous pleasure to people  
(d) What does Evelyn admit? That she is a \_\_\_\_\_ .  
(i) wanderer (ii) waif (iii) workaholic (iv) vagabond

**OR**

You're very clever at poking fun at weaklings  
Frail crumbling houses, crumbling doors,  
Crumbling rafter, crumbling wood, crumbling bodies, crumbling lives,  
Crumbling hearts –  
The wind god winnows and crushes them all.

- (a) What does the wind God do?  
(b) Does the wind touch the strong?  
(c) Who is very clever?  
(i) wind God (ii) wind (iii) the poet (iv) the people  
(d) What is the wind clever at?  
(i) winnowing (ii) breaking (iii) poking fun (iv) scattering

**9. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each:**

**10**

- (a) How does Tommy describe the old kind of school?  
(b) Where did Bismillah Khan play the shehnai on 15<sup>th</sup> August 1947? Why was the event historic?  
(c) How did Einstein react to the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki?  
(d) How did Saint Peter punish the old lady?  
(e) "Toto was a pretty monkey". In what sense is Toto pretty?

**10. Answer any one in 100-150 words:**

**8**

- (a) Do you agree with Margie that schools today are more fun than the school in the story? Give reasons for your answer.

**OR**

- (b) Beneath apparent differences of lands, races and uniforms there lies the same body – the human body. Comment?

**11. Answer any one in 100-150 words:**

**8**

- (a) Write a character – sketch of the lost child.

**OR**

- (b) Why did the people choose and crown the Guru and his disciple

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