

Practice Paper

English (Language & Literature)
(Unsolved)

Class : IX

Time : 3 Hrs.

M. M. : 80

SECTION 'A' : READING (20 MARKS)

1. Read the passage given below and complete the sentence that follow : 1 X 8 = 8

There is a story about a lioness, who was big and young going about in search of pray. Seeing a flock of sheep, she jumped upon them. She died in this and a little baby lion was born, motherless. It was taken care of by the sheep. The sheep brought it up. It grew up with them, ate grass and bleated like sheep. And in time it became a big full grown lion, thinking it to be a sheep.

One day another lion came in search of prey and was astonished to find that in the midst of this flock of sheep was a lion, bleating like sheep at the approach of danger. He tried to get near the sheep lion to tell it that it was not a sheep but a lion, but the poor animal fled at this approach. However he watched for his opportunity and one day found the sheep-lion sleeping. He approached it and said, "You are a lion." "I am a sheep," cried the other lion and could not believe the contrary, but bleated. The Lion dragged him towards a lake and said, "Look here, here is my reflection and yours." Then came the comparison. He looked at the lion and then at his own reflection and in a moment came the idea that he was a lion. The lion roared, the bleating was gone.

Questions :

- (a) The big and young lioness jumped upon a flock of sheep because.....
- (b) The sheep took care of the baby lion because.....
- (c) The other lion was surprised to see.....
- (d) The other lion dragged the sheep-lion to a lake because.....
- (e) The word in the passage which means the same as 'animal hunted' is
 - i) Lion ii) Prey iii) Bleated iv) Danger

(f) The lion wanted the other lion to know the.....

(g) The opposite of 'little' is

i) Small ii) Short iii) Large iv) new

(h) The lion dragged him towards a

i) Pad ii) Sea iii) Laler iv) Stream

Q.2 Read the passage given below:-

(12 Marks)

Cardamom, the queen of all spices, has a history as old as the human race. It is the dried fruits of a herbaceous perennial plant. Warm humid climate, loamy soil rich in organic matter, distributed rainfall and special cultivation and processing methods all combine to make Indian cardamom truly unique in aroma, flavour, size and it has a parrot green colour.

Two types of cardamom are produced in India. The first type is the large one, which has not much significance as it is not traded in the future market. It is cultivated in North-Eastern area of the country. The second type is produced in the Southern states and these are traded in the future market. These are mainly cultivated in Kerala, Tamilnadu and Karnataka. As per the future market rules, only 7mm quality was previously traded in exchanges. But later, it relaxed its norms, and now 6mm quality is also traded in the exchange.

Cardamom is an expensive spice, second only to saffron. Indian cardamom is known in two main varieties : Malabar cardamom and Mysore Cardamom. The Mysore variety contains levels of cineol and limonene and hence is more aromatic.

India was the world's largest producer and exporter of cardamom till the 1980s. By 1990s Guatemala emerged as the leading producer and exporter of cardamom.

The main harvest season of cardamom in India between August-February. Cardamom reaches yielding stage two years after planting. The primary physical markets of cardamom are kumily, Vandenmodu, Jhekkady, Puliarmala in Kerala and Bodinaikkanur and Cumbum in Tamil Nadu.

Kerala is the main producer of cardamom and contributes up to 60% in total production. Karnataka produces around 25%

cardamon of the total production. Ooty is the main producer of cardamon in Tamil Nadu and contributes around 10-15% of the total production.

Besides India, Guatemala also produces around 2, 200 ton cardamom. On the other hand India produces nearly 1,000 - 2,000 ton cardamom per year. Due to low quality of cardamom from Guatemala, it remains available at cheaper rates.

On the basis of your reading of the above passage answer the following questions :- **(2 x 4 = 8 marks)**

- a) Why is Indian Cardamon unique?
- b) What is the special about the Mysore quality of cardamon ?
- c) What role does Guatemala play in the Indian market ?
- d) Write two sentences on the harvesting of cardamon.

(B) Find words from the options given below which mean the same as : **(1 x 4 = 4 marks)**

e) permanent

- i) unique ii) perennial iii) exotic iv) old

f) fragrance

- i) herbaceous ii) loamy iii) aroma iv) humid

g) earlier

- i) substitute ii) exported iii) main iv) previously

h) poor quality due to adding other substances

- i) adulterated ii) emerged iii) contribute iv) remain

SECTION B (Writing and Grammar) (30 marks)

3. You had the most difficult examination today, but you did it easily and are happy about it. Write a diary entry about it in about 100-200 words. Remember to mention the subject and the initial anxiety you had felt prior to the paper.

OR

Write an article for your school magazine about "The problems and stress faced by the teenagers". 8 marks

4. Your uncle was badly hurt in a road accident and had to be hospitalized. Narrate your experience in the form of a story in 200-250 words with an apt title.

OR

Write out a story making use of the given outlines : (200-250 words)

A house near Ganges father goes to another village son incharge of the house the river in flood water everywhere mother and sister in danger a boat near the house saves the family.

5. Choose the most appropriate option from the ones given below to complete the following passage. **1x4=4 marks**

Since the beginning of human existence, people (a) over the world have expressed their emotions and idea (b) the medium of dance. The word 'folk' mean people. Folk dances express the moods and feelings of (c) common people. Different regions (d) India have their own dances

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| a) i) all | b) i) in |
| ii) whole | ii) into |
| iii) much | iii) through |
| iv) more | iv) of |
| c) i) the | d) i) at |
| ii) a | ii) of |
| iii) an | iii) for |
| iv) some | iv) from |

6. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correct in the answer sheet as given below : First one has been done for you. **1x4=4 marks**

Even though Indians has a long history	a) has have
behind them, they has a poor	b)
knowledge at maintaining homes, toilets, draperies and fridges	c)
Modern detergents and soaps is very common on	d)
shelves, but people does not use them regularly	e)

7. Look at the word and phrases below, Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences in your answer sheet. **1x4=4 marks**

- i) a clever/prisoner/planned/escape/once.
- ii) of rubbish/he/every week/noticed/a lorry/arriving/inside
- iii) a big dustbin/he/one day/hid/himself/inside
- iv) escaped/with/he/the/dustbin/one day

SECTION C : LITERATURE TEXTBOOKS (30 marks)

8. Read the extracts and answer the questions that follow : **4 marks**

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood.

And sorry I could not travel both

And be one traveller, long I stood

And looked down one as far as I could

To where it bent in the undergrowth.

Questions

- a) Where were the two roads going into ?
- b) What did the poet do when he reached the junction?
- c) Why does the poet feel sorry ?
- d) What do you understand by 'diverged' ?

OR

"I used to watch villagers from my room, going up the hill and suddenly vanishing after a while. One day I decided to check it out myself. I found nobody except a few mountaineers. I asked if I could join them. To my pleasant surprise, they answered in the

affirmative and motivated me to take to climbing."

Questions

- a) Who is 'I' here ? Where was she ?
 - b) What does she see from her room ?
 - c) Who motivated her to take to climbing?
 - d) Find a word from the passage which means the opposite 'negative'.
9. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each :

(2 x 5 =10 marks)

- a) How did Evelyn lose her hearing capacity ?
 - b) Who was Albert Einstein ? Why is he famous ?
 - c) How did Harris and George irritate Jerome ?
 - d) What happened when Prashant had gone to visit his friend in Ersama ?
 - e) How did Iswaran pass his free time ?
10. Answer one of the following questions in about 100-150 words.

(8 marks)

The author depicts the need for a good interpersonal relationship in the Grandfather's Zoo. Do you agree ?

OR

Why did Kezia's father punish her ? Was the punishment well-deserved ? Why/Why not ? Give reasons for your answer.

11. **Answer one of the following questions in about 100 -150 words.**

(8 marks)

'A friend in need is a friend indeed ; Discuss with reference to the story, 'The last leaf.'

or

Sergei told Lushkoff that he had given him a push in the right path

but what Lushkoff told him came as a surprise to him. What did Lushkoff tell Sergei about his change of heart ?