



DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWTOWN
SESSION: 2021-22
HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION

CLASS: IX
SUBJECT: ENGLISH PAPER I

FULL MARKS: 50
TIME: 1 HR 30 MINS

Answers to this Paper must be written on the paper provided separately.

You will not be allowed to write during the first 15 minutes.

This time is to be spent in reading the question paper.

The time given at the head of this paper is the time allowed for writing the answers.

Attempt all four questions.

The intended marks for questions or parts of questions are given in brackets [].

This paper consists of two printed pages.

Question 1.

Write a composition (300-350 words) on any one of the following: [20]

- a) Describe an Indian wedding you have recently attended with your family members. Give details of the sights, sounds, smells around you and also mention how you felt being there.
- b) *A kind action can go a long way.*
Narrate an incident from your own experience when someone was kind to you at a time when you were feeling very depressed. Give details of the kind action and say how this has caused a change in you.
- c) Write an original story entitled 'Courage'

Question 2. [10]

Select any one of the following:

- a) Write a letter to the Manager of a hotel to book the banquet hall for the birthday celebration of your younger sister. Mention the necessary details and give two reasons for choosing this banquet hall over others.
- b) Your performance in the recent school examination was poor and unsatisfactory. Write a letter to your grandmother, expressing regret over such poor performance and give reasons for the same. Also mention how you plan to perform better in the forthcoming examinations.

Question 3.

- a) Your school is organising an Inter-School Dance Competition for the students of classes VII to X. Write a notice to be put up on the school notice board giving details of the competition. [5]
- b) As the Head boy/Head girl of your school, write an e-mail to the Principal of a neighbouring school requesting him/her to send a dance team for participating in the Inter-School Dance Competition organised in your school. Give details and mention the rules of the event. [5]

Question 4.

- a) Fill in each of the numbered blank with the correct form of the word given in brackets. Do not copy the passage but write in correct serial order the word or phrase appropriate to the blank space. Example: Answer (0)- was waiting [5]

A woman ___ 0 ___ (wait) at an airport one night for several hours. She hunted for a book in the airport shops, ___ (i) ___ (buy) a box of cookies and found a place to sit. While she ___ (ii) ___ (engross) in her book, she realised that a man sitting beside her, grabbed a cookie or two from the box in between. To avoid a scene, she was quiet and kept on ___ (iii) ___ (munch) the cookies. She ___ (iv) ___ (be) very irritated as the thief was busy in ___ (v) ___ (diminish) her stock. With each cookie she took, the man took another. When the last cookie was left, the man ___ (vi) ___ (take) it smartly, broke it in half. The woman ___ (vii) ___ (offer) one half of the cookie by the man. The angry woman ___ (viii) ___ (get) up from there and tried to gather her belongings. Soon she gasped with surprise to see her packed box of cookies inside one of her bags. The embarrassed woman ___ (ix) ___ (understand) that the man was kind enough to share his box of cookies with her. She wanted to apologise but the man ___ (x) ___ (can) not be found anywhere.

- b) Fill in the blank with an appropriate word: [5]

- i. She is a diligent student worthy _____ praise.
- ii. The noise downstairs prevented me _____ sleeping.
- iii. She has been going _____ the script since a week.
- iv. Arun and Anup have quarrelled _____ a silly matter.
- v. We should not laugh _____ others.
- vi. He swam _____ the river for safety.
- vii. I stayed in Mumbai _____ a month.
- viii. Smoking _____ public places is banned.
- ix. The President gave a speech _____ behalf of the students.
- x. Many children are addicted _____ television and video games.