



DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWTOWN
SESSION 2025-26
MONDAY TEST

CLASS: IX
SUBJECT: ENGLISH PAPER I

FULL MARKS: 40
DATE: 21/07/25

- All questions are compulsory.
- The paper consists of two printed pages.

Question 1

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

- i. You and your friends went on a picnic near a lake and decided to go sailing. Unfortunately, your boat overturned due to a sudden violent storm. Describe what did you see, hear and feel as the boat overturned. How did you struggle and what steps did you take to reach home safely?
- ii. Write an original short story that begins with the line: "In the background an awful commotion could be heard and people screamed..."

Question 2

- i. Fill in each of the numbered blanks 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: (0) spending [6]

A team from Cornell University has found that (0) _____ (spend) 15-20 minutes in natural space everyday can reduce stress. A stroll in the park, gardening or (1) _____ (sit) by a lake can help the students feel happier and (2) _____ (less) both physical and emotional stress. It is (3) _____ (suggest) that one can attend to potted plants or even sit at a park bench. With (4) _____ (increase) competition, students are under pressure of (5) _____ (perform) well. High levels of stress, anxiety and other mental issues (6) _____ (be) the major challenges to overcome. All students aged between 15 and 30 years must find out time (7) _____ (include) this into their daily or weekly routine. Being in the lap of nature (8) _____ (have) a positive impact on the heart rate and blood pressure. Furthermore, it can significantly (9) _____ (improve) cognitive function. Under no circumstances should the youngsters have a smartphone during this break as it can (10) _____ (hinder) the full benefits of the experience. Students who have (11) _____ (start) to practice this felt the difference in a few weeks. Many of them have even (12) _____ (recommend) it to their peers as a stress-relief method.

- ii. Fill in the blanks with appropriate words: [6]
 - a) Bobby waited in front _____ the school.
 - b) The children were told to return home _____ it became dark.
 - c) He wore an old muffler wrapped _____ his neck.
 - d) We saw the bird fly high _____ the tower and disappear.
 - e) The students are now accustomed _____ the new online learning system.
 - f) The thief ran _____ the staircase and disappeared into the yard.
 - g) Mr. Roy jumped _____ his car and drove off as fast as he could.
 - h) Please do not get carried _____ by these rumours.
 - i) The Phoenix is a legendary bird that rises _____ its ashes.
 - j) Please distribute the chocolates _____ the two sisters.
 - k) We accept your kind invitation _____ pleasure.
 - l) He leaned _____ the wall while waiting for the bus.

iii. Choose the correct option to make one complete sentence without using *and*, *but* or *so*.

[3]

1. The court listened carefully. The judge gave his decision.
 - a) The court listened carefully and the judge gave his decision.
 - b) The judge gave his decision so the court listened carefully.
 - c) The judge listened carefully because the court gave its decision.
 - d) The court listened carefully as the judge gave his decision.
2. The sums were difficult. The twins solved them correctly.
 - a) The sums were difficult but the twins solved them correctly.
 - b) The sums were difficult so the twins solved them correctly.
 - c) Although the sums were difficult, the twins solved them correctly.
 - d) Despite of the sums being difficult, the twins solved them correctly.
3. I saw a few trees. The trees were laden with fruits.
 - a) I saw a few trees which were laden with fruits.
 - b) I saw trees that were laden with fruit.
 - c) I saw a few trees and they were laden with fruits.
 - d) Not only did I see a few trees but also saw trees laden with fruits.

iv. Choose the correct option and rewrite the sentences according to the instructions given after each.

[5]

1. No other girl in the class is as smart as Jyoti. (*Begin: Jyoti is...*)
 - a) Jyoti is the smart girl in the class.
 - b) Jyoti is the girl who is smart in the class.
 - c) Jyoti is the smartest girl in the class.
 - d) Jyoti is the smartest of all girls in the class.
2. Frank is successful in life but he is not proud. (*Begin: Despite...*)
 - a) Despite being successful in life, Frank is not proud.
 - b) Despite Frank is successful in life he is proud.
 - c) Despite being proud, Frank is successful in life.
 - d) Despite of his success in life, Frank is proud.
3. We will not have the party if you cannot join us. (*Begin: Unless...*)
 - a) Unless you cannot join us, we will not have the party.
 - b) Unless we have the party, you will join us.
 - c) Unless you join us, we will not have the party.
 - d) Unless you join us, will we have the party.
4. Raghav is the tallest boy in our school. (*Add a question tag*)
 - a) Raghav is the tallest boy in our school, is he?
 - b) Raghav is the tallest boy in our school, isn't he?
 - c) Raghav is the tallest boy in our school, is it?
 - d) Raghav is the tallest boy in our school, doesn't he?
5. The house was very old. It was falling apart. (*Rewrite using 'so...that...'*)
 - a) The house was very old so that it was ready for falling apart.
 - b) The house is so old that it was falling apart.
 - c) The house was so very old that it must fall apart.
 - d) The house was so old that it was falling apart.