



DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWTOWN
SESSION 2022-23
FINAL EXAMINATION

CLASS: IX

SUBJECT: ENGLISH PAPER I (Set A)

FULL MARKS: 80

TIME: 2 HOURS

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 five questions.

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

This paper consists of seven printed pages.

Question 1

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

[20]

- i) Write an original story that begins with the words: '*He was the funniest boy in the class. He would make everyone laugh...*'
- ii) You had booked an early morning train ticket. However, you woke up late and missed it. You then decided to run to board a bus to the next station where you hoped to catch up with the train. Narrate the entire event, how you felt and the effort you made and t. What did you learn from this stressful experience?
- iii) The streets of your city are waterlogged due to continuous heavy rain. You went to school but found it to be closed. Describe the sights and sounds near the school and how you managed to wade through the waterlogged streets and reach home.
- iv) "*Cinema both entertains and educates the masses.*" Express your views either for or against this statement.

v) Study the picture given below. Write a story or a description or an account of what it suggests to you. Your composition may be about the subject of the picture or you may take suggestions from it; however, there must be a clear connection between the picture and your composition.



Question 2

Select any one of the following:

[10]

i) Your class was taken to visit an Old Age Home where you spent half a day with the residents. Write a letter to a friend mentioning what you have witnessed there. Also mention what you did to make the residents happy. Mention your feelings after the visit.

ii) You recently stayed in a hotel in a city. The weather was very hot and the cooling system in the room was inadequate. Write a letter to the Manager of the hotel and give details of what went wrong. Explain what you had to do to overcome the problem at that time. Also mention what action you would like the Manager to take.

Question 3

i) Write a notice for the school notice board informing students of classes VIII to X about an Inter-School Drama Competition to be held in your school. [5]

ii) Write an email to the Principal of your neighbouring school requesting him/ her to send two teachers to judge the Inter-School Drama Competition. Mention necessary details. [5]

Question 4

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

My husband Pele and I were staying in a holiday house overlooking the beautiful, lush rainforests of Indonesia. The first morning we strode hand in hand up a winding pathway, heading to the main building for breakfast. But once we arrived at the dining room, I realized we'd forgotten our money, so I volunteered to run back to the house. Making my way down the path, I turned the last corner only to find a giant bird, similar to an emu, standing outside our front door.

"Hey baby, what are you doing?" I cooed, moving slowly so as not to frighten it. Having a deep, abiding fascination with all creatures great and small, I wanted a closer look. This was my first mistake.

As I came within a few metres, he took a big breath and let out a nasty hiss, stopping me in my tracks.

"That's not very friendly", I said, clueless. He hissed again and I promptly made the second mistake of turning and running, instead of backing away slowly. As I rounded the corner, I heard his razor-sharp claws scrabbling on the cobblestones.

"Oh!" His steps sounded like a drum as they hit the ground, quickly coming too close for comfort. I suddenly changed direction and headed into the trees. I dodged in and out of the foliage. I hoped my tactic would fool him. A crash behind me indicated no such luck.

Picking up speed, I bolted over the plants and rockeries surrounding the perimeter and dashed through the gate. When I turned to close it, the bird was nowhere to be seen.

I didn't realize it at that time but I had just come face to face with a cassowary, a bird also found in Australia's north Queensland rainforests. Cassowaries weigh 55 kilos or more, stand about 180 centimeters tall and have saber-like toenails that can open a human from chin to toe like a zipper and kill humans.

"What's wrong?" Pele asked as I stumbled back into the dining room. "A big bird chased me all the way from the house," I replied. "What?" he asked incredulously. "You're scared of a bird?" "It's as big as me and very mean," I said in a rather sulky voice. "Oh, all right," he laughed, "I'll come with you."

Much to Pele's amusement, I stayed behind him on the path and held onto the back of his shirt as we approached the corner of the house. "There it is! Look at the size of the thing!" Pele chuckled at the hysteria in my voice. "It's all right," he soothed. Calmly and confidently, he walked towards the cassowary. "Shoo! Go on, get out," he said. He made actions with his arms as if it were a pigeon on a window ledge. The response of the cassowary was the same as before: a big hiss and a step forward. "Hmm," said Pele and stopped, not so sure of himself. He tried again, "Go on". The cassowary then ran a few paces at us, hissing aggressively so we quickly retreated around a corner of the house. Pele picked up a rock as big as the size of his hand and threw it hard, hitting the bird squarely in the chest. It didn't budge.

"What are we going to do?" I pleaded. This time, Pele picked up a cane chair.

"Stay behind and I'll keep him back. When we get to the door, open it."

Again, I held on to the back of his shirt and we started towards the door. This greatly displeased the already annoyed cassowary. Charging at us he ripped at the chair with those lethal claws. Pele stopped to steady the chair. Pele threw the chair at the bird, entered into the room and slammed the door shut.

Ducking the flying cane, the bird ran straight at the glass wall, only to bounce off. But it didn't slow down at all. Pecking and scratching at the glass, it continued the assault with a sickening ferocity. It was another 15 minutes before the bird weakened and slowed its attack. Thirty minutes later, we quietly opened the door and crept back to the main building.

- i) For each word given below choose the correct meaning (as used in the passage) from the options provided: [3]

1. *strolled*
 - a. madness
 - b. walked leisurely
 - c. wandered
 - d. laughed

2. *fascination*
 - a. madness
 - b. suspicion
 - c. boredom
 - d. attraction

3. *foliage*
 - a. branches of a tree
 - b. flowers
 - c. leaves of a plant
 - d. petals

- ii) Answer the following questions briefly in your words:

- a) Why did Pele's wife move slowly towards the bird? What was her first mistake? [2]
- b) How did the bird react to the lady's second mistake? [2]
- c) What did the lady do after this reaction of the bird? [2]
- d) What information did the lady share about Cassowaries? [2]
- e) Quote one sentence from the passage that shows that Pele was surprised to see his wife's weird behaviour. [1]

- iii) In not more than 50 words, describe what happened after the Cassowary ran towards the couple, hissing aggressively. [8]

Question 5

- 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): lived [4]

Once there (0) _____ (live) a monk who (1) _____ (decide) to make his followers always laugh. People flocked to him to listen to his jokes and (2) _____ (return) home laughing. The monk would make fun of himself and of others, (3) _____ (make) sure that there (4) _____ (be) not a gloomy face in the crowd. After some years when he (5) _____ (die), he appeared to be cheerful. His followers asked him how he had (6) _____ (manage) to be happy even on his deathbed. He wished that he should be kept on the funeral pyre with the same clothes he (7) _____ (wear) at that time. His wishes were carried out and to everyone's surprise when the pyre was (8) _____ (light), it was found that the old monk had hidden firecrackers under his clothes.

- ii) Fill in the blanks with appropriate words: [4]

- a) The outgoing Manager will hand ____ charge to his successor.
- b) Her request for a transfer was turned _____.
- c) A man is known ____ the company he keeps.
- d) Truth always prevails ____ the long run.
- e) She has been so rude that I am vexed ____ her.
- f) There is no exception ____ this rule.
- g) I was travelling ____ Kolkata to Mumbai by train.
- h) He was relieved ____ his post for misconduct.

- iii) Join the following sentences to make one complete sentence without using *and*, *but* or *so*. Choose the correct option. [4]

- 1) Sheila howled loudly. She saw the doctor with the needle and syringe.
 - a) Sheila howled loudly unless she saw the doctor with the needle and syringe.
 - b) Sheila howled loudly though she saw the doctor with the needle and syringe.
 - c) Sheila howled loudly because she saw the doctor with the needle and syringe.
 - d) Sheila howled loudly or she saw the doctor with the needle and syringe.

- 2) I will not go to the temple. I will not go to the market.**
- a) I will not go to the temple and I will not go to the market.
 - b) As I will not go to the temple, I will go to the market.
 - c) Neither I will go to the temple nor the market.
 - d) Neither will I go to the temple nor the market.
- 3) We went on a long holiday. We visited Delhi also.**
- a) When we went on a long holiday, we visited Delhi also.
 - b) Whenever we went on a long holiday, we visited Delhi also.
 - c) That we went on a holiday we visited Delhi also.
 - d) Though we went on a long holiday we visited Delhi also.
- 4) I am allergic to shellfish. I am allergic to peanuts.**
- a) I am allergic to shellfish as well as peanuts.
 - b) However, I am allergic to shellfish, I am allergic to peanuts.
 - c) Beside being allergic to shellfish, I am allergic to peanuts.
 - d) For being allergic to shellfish, I am allergic to peanuts.
- iv) Re-write the following sentences according to the instructions given after each. Make other changes that may be necessary but do not change the meaning of each sentence. Choose the correct options. [8]**

1. **The citizens have submitted the petition. (Begin: The petition...)**
 - a) The petition had been submitted by the citizens.
 - b) The petition has been submitted by the citizens.
 - c) The petition is submitted by the citizens.
 - d) The petition was being submitted by the citizens.
2. **The memory is so vivid that I will never forget it. (Use: ‘too’ in place of ‘so’)**
 - a) The memory is too vivid for me I will forget.
 - b) The memory is too vivid for me I won’t forget.
 - c) The memory is too vivid for me to forget.
 - d) The memory is too vivid for me to never forget.
3. **People believe that laughter is the best medicine. (Begin: Laughter...)**
 - a) Laughter is believed to the best medicine.
 - b) Laughter is believed to be the best medicine.
 - c) Laughter was believed to be the best medicine.
 - d) Laughter has been believed to the best medicine.

4. Rohit said to his mother, “I will not go to the school tomorrow.” (Begin: Rohit told his mother that...)
 - a) Rohit told his mother that he will not go to the school the following day.
 - b) Rohit told his mother that he would not go the school that day.
 - c) Rohit told his mother that he would not go to the school tomorrow.
 - d) Rohit told his mother that he would not go to the school the following day.
5. Nobody in our city can run as fast as Usha. (Use: fastest)
 - a) Usha is the fast runner in our city.
 - b) Usha is the fastest runner in our country.
 - c) Usha is fastest than any other runner in our city.
 - d) Usha is the fastest runner in our city.
6. In spite of her being too young, they appointed her. (Begin: Although....)
 - a) As she was too young, they appointed her.
 - b) Although she was too young, they appointed her.
 - c) They appointed her although she was young.
 - d) Although she was being appointed, she was too young.
7. Kalidasa was the greatest dramatist of the Gupta period. (Begin: No other...)
 - a) No other dramatist of the Gupta period was as greatest as Kalidasa.
 - b) No other dramatist of the Gupta period was as great to Kalidasa.
 - c) No other dramatist of the Gupta period was as great as Kalidasa.
 - d) No other dramatist of the Gupta period was as greater as Kalidasa.
8. Hardly did he step out of the house when it started to rain. (Begin: No sooner...)
 - a) No sooner he stepped out of the house when it started to rain.
 - b) No sooner had he stepped out of the house when it starts to rain.
 - c) No sooner did he step out of the house than it started to rain.
 - d) No sooner did he stepped out of the house when it started to rain.