



**DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWTOWN**  
**SESSION: 2020-21**  
**ANNUAL EXAMINATION (ONLINE)**

**CLASS: IX**  
**SUBJECT: ENGLISH PAPER I**

**FULL MARKS: 50**  
**TIME: 1 HOUR 30 MINUTES**

*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.*

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

*Attempt all three questions.*

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

*This paper consists of three pages.*

**Question 1.**

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

**[20]**

- a) Your train has been delayed and you are waiting at the railway station. Describe in detail the sights, sounds and smells that you have seen, heard and experienced there. Mention whether you have liked or disliked anything about the place.
- b) "Look before you leap." Narrate an incident from your own experience which illustrates the truth of this proverb.
- c) Write an original story that begins with the words: "Mohit was shocked when ...."
- d) "The use of Mobile Phones must be allowed in schools." Express your views for or against the topic.
- e) Study the picture given below. Write a story or description or an account of what the picture suggests to you. Your composition may be about the subject of the picture or may take suggestions from it.



**Question 2.**

- a) Your school is organising an Inter-School Debate Competition for the students of classes VIII to X. Write a notice to be put up on the school notice board giving details of the competition. [5]
- b) Write an e-mail to the Principal of a neighbouring school, requesting him/her to send their team to participate in the Debate Competition. [5]

**Question 3.**

**Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:** [20]

For Swami, event took an unexpected turn. Father looked over the newspaper he was reading and said, "News is about a brave village boy who while returning home through the jungle path came face to face with a tiger." The paragraph described the fight the boy had with the tiger and his flight up a tree where he stayed for half a day till some people came that way and killed the tiger.

After reading it through, father asked Swami, "What do you say to that?" Swami said, "I think he must have been a very strong and grown-up person, not at all a boy. How could a boy fight a tiger?" This made father sneer at Swami.

Father said, "A man may have the strength of an elephant yet be a coward whereas another may have the strength of a straw but if he has courage, he can do anything."

Swami disputed the theory. "How can it be Father? Suppose I have all the courage, what can I do if a tiger attacks me?"

"Leave alone strength, can you prove you have courage? Let me see if you can sleep alone tonight in my office room." Swami agreed.

As the night advanced, he remembered all the stories of devils and ghosts he had heard in his life. How often had Mani seen the devil in the Banyan tree at the street-end. He was remembering Muniswamy's father who spat out blood because the devil near the river's edge slapped his cheek when he was returning home late one night. Swami was faint with fear. At every moment, he expected the devils to come and carry him away.

Swami hastily got up and spread his bed under the bench and crouched there. It seemed to be a safer place. He shut his eyes tight and fell asleep and dreamt that a tiger was chasing him. The tiger was at his back and he could hear him scratch the ground. Swami tried to open his eyes but his eyelids would not open. Swami groaned in despair.

With a desperate effort, he opened his eyes and put his hand out to feel his granny's presence at his side as it was his habit. Unfortunately, this time he only touched the wooden leg of the bench. Now, what was this rustling sound? He moved to the edge of the bench. Something was moving down. He lay gazing at it in horror. As it came nearer, he crawled out from under the bench, hugged it with all his might and used his teeth on it like a weapon.

Congratulations were showered on Swami the next day because he had bitten into the flesh of a notorious burglar. The burglar was arrested by the police soon after.

- (a) Give the meaning of the following words as used in the passage: One-word answers or short phrases will be accepted. [3]

- i. disputed
- ii. hastily
- iii. gazing

**(b) Answer the following questions briefly:**

- i. What news did father read out to Swami? [2]
- ii. Why was Swami congratulated the next day? What happened soon after? [2]
- iii. Quote the sentence from the passage which tells us that Swami was very scared. [1]
- iv. Which supernatural things happened with Mani and Muniswamy's father? [2]
- v. Which examples did the Father give to Swami with regards to strength and courage? [2]

**(c) In not more than 50 words, describe Swami's dream. Also mention what Swami did after he gathered the courage to open his eyes.** [8]