



**DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWTOWN  
SESSION 2022-23  
HALF YEARLY 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 a short story entitled: “Escape”
- ii) You went to the local supermarket on a weekend. Describe the sights, sounds and the smells that you had experienced during the visit. Also mention what you liked and disliked at the place.
- iii) “*Childhood is the happiest stage of our lives*”. Express your views either for or against this statement.
- iv) Narrate an incident from your experience when you prepared a meal by yourself. Elaborate how you completed the work and what you learnt.

- 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 wants to visit a well-known historical monument. Write a letter to the Principal of your school seeking permission, giving details of the visit and say how the class would benefit from the visit.
- ii) You are to be awarded a Special Prize at the Annual Prize Day ceremony of your school. Write a letter to your aunt giving her the news. Include the details of the prize that you will be receiving and tell her why you have been chosen for this honour.

### **Question 3**

- i) Your school is hosting an Inter-School Flower Arrangement Competition for the students of classes of IX and X. Write a notice for your school notice board giving details of the event. [5]
- ii) Write an e-mail to the Principal of a neighbouring school requesting him/her to send a team of three participants for the event. Also, include any one relevant rule of the competition. [5]

#### **Question 4**

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

Isaac Newton's name may still be seen today carved out into the wood of a window sill at King's School, Grantham, where he studied Grammar and Latin. At first, Isaac Newton seemed to be rather a dull boy, and not very good at his lessons. But he used to use his hands to make little machines such as windmills.

One day at school, Newton was kicked by a bigger boy who was higher up in the class. The kicking made Newton very angry and he turned on the bigger boy and gave him a good beating. He also decided to beat him at lessons, and this made him start to work harder. After that, he improved at his studies, and so perhaps the big boy who kicked Newton did a service to the world.

Newton went to Cambridge University where he studied Mathematics and Science. He started to make discoveries in Mathematics while still at college. However, Newton did not confine his studies to Mathematics. He became very interested in the behaviour of light, and he showed that sunlight, which appears to us as white light, can be split up into the colours of the rainbow. One day at school, Newton watched an apple as it fell from a tree to the ground. He began to wonder why it moved towards the Earth, and not upwards towards the sky. After a great deal of thought on this subject, he produced his theory of gravitation and published it in his great book 'Principia Mathematica'. He showed that everybody attracts every other body. The sun and the Earth attract each other, and so we do not fly away from the sun into the darkness and coldness of outer space; the moon and the Earth also attract each other, which is why the moon stays near us and does not rush away, leaving us in darkness every night. Newton's head was usually so full of ideas and problems that he was often quite lost in thought. Many stories are told of his absent-mindedness.

Once, when he was entertaining some guests at dinner, he went out of the room to fetch some more wine. For a long time, his friends awaited his return but neither the host nor wine appeared. At last, they went to look for him and found him hard at work in his study. The wine, the dinner and his guests were all forgotten. On another occasion, he invited one of his friends to dinner but when the man arrived, the great philosopher was not there. The guest sat down to wait and repeatedly looked hungrily at the dinner table not far away. Two plates were laid and everything seemed ready for an excellent meal. After having waited a long time, the guest could wait no longer. He sat down at the table and enjoyed a splendid dinner alone after which he returned to his other chair and sat down once more to wait for his missing host.

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

1. service

- a) responsibility
- b) welfare
- c) prayer
- d) duty

2. confine

- a) restrict
- b) finish
- c) arrest
- d) boundary

3. splendid

- a) expensive
- b) entertaining
- c) excellent
- d) magnanimous

ii) Answer the following questions briefly in your words:

a) What had Newton studied at the King's School? [2]

b) What kind of a student was Newton in his early school days? [2]

c) Quote a sentence from the passage that conveys that Newton was very angry when the bigger boy had kicked him. [1]

d) What interested Newton when he was in Cambridge University? [2]

e) What did Newton wonder when he saw the apple falling from the tree? [2]

iii) In not more than 50 words, elaborate what happened when he went to fetch some more wine for his guests. [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): rising [4]

The great advantage of early (0)\_\_\_\_\_ (rise) is the good start it (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (give) to our day's work. The early riser (2)\_\_\_\_\_ (do) a large amount of work before

other men (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (get) out of their beds. In the early morning, the mind (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (be) fresh and there (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (be) few sounds or other distractions. In many cases, the early riser (vi)\_\_\_\_\_ (find) time to (vii) \_\_\_\_\_ (perform) some exercises in the fresh air and these exercises (viii)\_\_\_\_\_ (supply) him with a fund of energy that will last until evening.

ii) Fill in the blanks with appropriate words:

[4]

- a) The plane was about to take \_\_\_\_\_.
- b) He reluctantly parted \_\_\_\_\_ his bag.
- c) Switch \_\_\_\_\_ the lights before you leave the hall.
- d) He was so rude that it was difficult to put \_\_\_\_\_ with him.
- e) Sarah is worried \_\_\_\_\_ her mother's health.
- f) Mr. Roy was knocked \_\_\_\_\_ by a speeding car.
- g) Mahima is sincere and worthy \_\_\_\_\_ praise.
- h) We must refrain \_\_\_\_\_ telling lies.

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

[4]

1. They did not like coffee. They did not like ice cream.

- a) They did not like coffee nor ice cream.
- b) Neither did they like coffee nor ice cream.
- c) Neither did they like ice cream nor did they like ice cream.
- d) Neither they liked coffee nor ice cream.

2. The king was kind. He was also generous.

- a) The king was kind and generous.
- b) The king was not only kind but also generous.
- c) The king was kind but generous
- d) The king was kind as well as generous.

3. I went to Pune. My aunt lives there.

- a) I went to Pune as my aunt lives there.
- b) I went to Pune where my aunt lives.
- c) I will go to Pune where my aunt lives.
- d) I went to Pune where my aunt lives.

- 4. Rajib was unwell. Rajib went to the fair.**
- a) Rajib was unwell so he went to the fair.
  - b) Although Rajib was unwell, he went to the fair.
  - c) Although Rajib was unwell but he went to the fair.
  - d) Although being unwell, Rajib went to the fair.
- iv) Rewrite 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. He did not pay the school fees and the examination fees. (Begin: Neither...)**
    - a) Neither he paid the school fees and the examination fees.
    - b) Neither he paid the examination fees nor the school fees.
    - c) Neither did he pay the school fees nor the examination fees.
    - d) Neither did he pay his school fees nor his examination fees.
  - 2. I will not be able to join school this month. ( Use: unable)**
    - a) I will be unable to join school this month.
    - b) I am unable to join school this month.
    - c) I was unable to join school this month.
    - d) I was unable to join school in this month.
  - 3. We are all watching the news channel. (End:.....by us)**
    - a) The news channel is watched by us.
    - b) The news channels are being watched by us.
    - c) The news channel is being watched by us.
    - d) The news channel has been watched by us.
  - 4. Raka never thought she would win the contest. (Begin: Little...)**
    - a) Little did Raka know that she would win the contest.
    - b) Little did Raka feel that she would win the contest.
    - c) Little did Raka think that she would win the contest.
    - d) Little was thought by Raka that she would win the contest.

**5. As soon as Collins saw his teacher, he ran away. (Begin: No sooner...)**

- a) No sooner had the teacher come than Collins ran away.
- b) No sooner did Collins see his teacher than he ran away.
- c) No sooner did Collins see his teacher when he ran away.
- d) No sooner than Collins saw his teacher when he ran away.

**6. Mariam baked a cake. (Begin: A cake...)**

- a) A cake is baked by Mariam.
- b) A cake was baked by Mariam.
- c) A cake had been baked by Mariam.
- d) A cake was being baked by Mariam.

**7. Although she was too young, they appointed her. (Begin: In spite...)**

- a) In spite of being too young, they appointed.
- b) They appointed her in spite of her being too young.
- c) In spite of her being young, she was appointed.
- d) In spite of her being too young, they appointed her.

**8. Prema is the cleverest girl in the class. (Use: ‘clever’)**

- a) Prema is clever than most other girls in the class.
- b) No other girl in the class is clever than Prema.
- c) Very few girls in the class are as clever as Prema.
- d) No other girl in the class is as clever as Prema.