



DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWTOWN  
SESSION 2023-24  
FINAL EXAMINATION

CLASS: IX  
SUBJECT: ENGLISH PAPER I (SETA)

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 five 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: “Mohini took a deep breath and walked into the room.”
- ii) Your school gives you a recess of 35 minutes everyday. Describe the recess or the break time of your school. Mention the sights, sounds and smells that you experience during that time. Why is the recess so important for the students?
- iii) “Social Media is the right platform to showcase one’s talent.” Express your views either for or against this statement.
- iv) Imagine that you were alone at home on a winter night. Suddenly there was thunder, lightning and heavy rain. There was no electricity and the inverter in your house stopped working. Narrate how you felt and what you did at that time.
- v) Study the picture given below. Write a story, 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 classmate was extremely unwell and was unable to attend the picnic organized by your school. Write a letter to him/her enquiring about his/her health. Give details of the picnic and mention that you have really missed his/her presence.
- ii) Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper highlighting the outbreak of dengue in your locality. State the causes and suggest ways to deal with the problem.

### Question 3

- i) Your school is organising an Inter-School Photography Competition. Draft a notice for your school notice board inviting the students of classes IX and X to take part in this event. [5]
- ii) You are the Activity Head of your school. Write an e-mail to the Principal of a neighbouring school requesting him/her to send a team of four students to participate in the Inter-School Photography Competition. Give details of the event. [5]

### Question 4

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

Mrs. Smith, an old lady, was delighted to be back at the block of flats where she lived. She was exhausted after her shopping and her basket had grown heavier with every step on the way home. In the elevator, her thoughts were on lunch and a good rest. When she got out on her own floor, both were forgotten in her sudden discovery that her front door was open. She was thinking that she must reprimand her maid the next morning, for such a monstrous piece of negligence, when she suddenly remembered that she had gone shopping after her maid had left and she had turned both the keys in their locks. She walked slowly into the hall and at once noticed that the doors of the rooms were open, whereas, following her regular practice, she had shut them before going out. Looking into the drawing room, she saw a scene of utter confusion by her writing desk, with the things strewn all over the place.

It was as clear as daylight then, that the burglars had forced an entry in her absence. Her first impulse was to go around all the rooms looking for the thieves, but then she decided that at her age it might be prudent to have someone with her. So, she went to fetch the porter from the basement. By this time, she was shivering and her legs began to tremble. Then, she sat down and prepared a cup of strong tea while she telephoned the police. Soon, she regained her composure and was ready to set off with the porter's assistance to search for any intruder, who might be still lurking in her flat.

They were through the rooms, being careful not to touch anything, as they did not want to hinder the police in their search for fingerprints. The chaos was inconceivable. She had lived in the flat for thirty years and was a veritable magpie at hoarding and it seemed as though everything she possessed had been tossed out and turned over and over. Nevertheless, sorting out the things she should have discarded years ago, had now become easier for her. After some time, a police inspector arrived along with a constable and verified that the front door locks had not been forced, thereby proving that the burglars had either used skeleton keys or entered through the balcony.

There was no trace of any fingerprints, but the inspector found a dirty red bundle that contained jewellery which the old lady claimed did not belong to her. Therefore, the entry of the burglars to this flat was apparently not their first crime that day and they must have been disturbed in their mission. The inspector then asked the lady to try to check what was missing by the next day and advised her not to stay alone in the flat for a few nights. The old lady thought that he was a fussy creature, but since the porter agreed with the inspector's suggestion, she rang up her daughter Margaret and asked her for her assistance after relating the entire episode.

- i) For each word given below choose the correct meaning (as used in the passage): [2]
1. *reprimand*
    - a) reform
    - b) praise
    - c) acknowledge
    - d) rebuke
  2. *prudent*
    - a) lackadaisical
    - b) wise
    - c) haphazard
    - d) vindictive
- ii) Which word in the passage means the opposite of the word: departed? [1]
- a) mission
  - b) arrived
  - c) left
  - d) discarded
- iii) Answer the following questions briefly in your words:
- a) Which sentence in the passage tells that Mrs. Smith wanted to take rest after she returned from shopping? [2]
  - b) Why did Mrs. Smith not consider her maid to be guilty? How long had Mrs. Smith lived in that flat? [2]
  - c) What did the Police Inspector and the constable find after arriving at the flat? [2]
  - d) What did the inspector request the lady? What was the lady's reaction to that? [2]
  - e) What kind of a person do you think was Mrs. Smith? [1]
- iv) In not more than 50 words describe Mrs. Smith's reaction on entering her flat and the steps taken by her till the police officer arrived. [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 the correct serial order the word or phrase appropriate to the blank space. Example (0) claimed [4]

Harish, a young taxi driver, (0) \_\_\_\_\_ (claim) that a monster had (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (attack) him while he was (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (drive) along a lonely road. The monster (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (be) five feet tall, had red eyes and a hairy body. After (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (chase) the taxi for a kilometer, he \_\_\_\_\_ (5) (jump) on its roof and scratched the face of the driver. Many people said that they believed in the (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (exist) of the monster and the newspaper called the monster, the monkey man. Ninety policemen set out to (7) \_\_\_\_\_ (catch) the monster and the local television offered rupees ten thousand to anyone who would get him dead or alive. The monkey man (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (become) so popular that many people came to Delhi to see him.

ii) Fill in the blanks with appropriate words:

[4]

- a) The old man is too miserly to part \_\_\_\_\_ his money.
- b) There is always a demand \_\_\_\_\_ good tailors.
- c) The mother prevented her child \_\_\_\_\_ going out in the rain.
- d) The baby crawled \_\_\_\_\_ the table and hid there.
- e) Once upon a time, the great king ruled \_\_\_\_\_ all these villages and towns.
- f) She is smarter \_\_\_\_\_ the two.
- g) Sheila insists \_\_\_\_\_ wearing that dress, though she thinks it is too short for her.
- h) I prefer tea \_\_\_\_\_ coffee.

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

1. My grandfather is quite old. He is very active.
  - a) My grandfather is quite old and active.
  - b) My grandfather is so old that he is active.
  - c) Although my grandfather is quite old, he is very active.
  - d) My grandfather is old enough for any activity.
2. Mona is not in the classroom. Mona is not in the library.
  - a) Mona is neither in the classroom nor in the library.
  - b) Mona cannot be in the classroom as she is in the library.
  - c) Mona is both not in the classroom and in the library.
  - d) Mona is neither in the classroom nor is Mona in the library.
3. A cottager and his wife had a hen. The hen laid an egg every day.
  - a) Everyday, a hen laid an egg for a cottager and his wife.
  - b) A cottager and his wife had a hen who laid an egg everyday.
  - c) The cottager and his wife had an egg everyday because they had a hen.
  - d) A cottager and his wife had a hen which laid an egg everyday.
4. She speaks the truth. She is not afraid to do so.
  - a) She speaks the truth as she is afraid.
  - b) She is not afraid to speak the truth.
  - c) She is not afraid as she is truthful.
  - d) She is afraid but can speak the truth.

iv) Choose the correct option to rewrite the following according to the instructions given after each sentence. [8]

1. No sooner had Abir narrated the story than he was praised. (Begin: Hardly....)
  - a) Hardly when Abir narrated the story than he was praised.
  - b) Hardly had Abir narrated the story, he was praised.
  - c) Hardly had Abir narrated the story when he was praised.
  - d) Hardly had Abir narrated the story than he was praised.
2. Tudu is a friendly boy and is always cheerful. (Begin: Besides...)
  - a) Besides being friendly, Tudu is cheerful.
  - b) Besides a friendly boy, Tudu is always cheerful.
  - c) Besides being a friendly boy, Tudu is always cheerful.
  - d) Besides being cheerful, Tudu is also always friendly.

3. Margaret said to me, "Please do not forget to meet me tomorrow." (Begin: I was...)
- a) I was requested Margaret should not forget to meet me the next day.
  - b) I was requested by Margaret to meet her the next day.
  - c) I was requested by Margaret not to forget to meet her tomorrow.
  - d) I was requested by Margaret not to forget to meet her the next day.
4. If the boys do not reach the school on time, they will be punished. (Begin: Unless...)
- a) Unless the boys reach the school on time, they will not be punished.
  - b) Unless the boys are punished, they will not reach the school on time.
  - c) Unless the school punished the boys, they will not reach on time.
  - d) Unless the boys reach the school on time, they will be punished.
5. Besides watching his movement, the police tapped his phone. (Begin: The police not only...)
- a) The police not only kept a watch on his movements but also tapped his phones.
  - b) The police not only watched his movement but also tapped his phone.
  - c) The police not only tapped his phone and watched his movement.
  - d) The police not only watched his moves but tapped his phones.
6. Raghav is one of the smartest boys in the class. (Use: 'smart')
- a) No other boy in the class is as smart as Raghav.
  - b) Very few boys in the class are as smart as Raghav.
  - c) Raghav is not as smart as the other boys.
  - d) Neither of the boys are as smart as Raghav.
7. The new regulation made the employees happy. (Use: 'happiness')
- a) The new regulation brings happiness to the employees.
  - b) The new regulation brought happiness to the employees.
  - c) The new regulation brought happiness for the employee.
  - d) The new regulation brings happiness for the employees.
8. Mother was too angry to argue with the shopkeeper. (Remove 'too')
- a) Mother was too angry so that she could not argue with the shopkeeper.
  - b) Mother was so angry to argue with the shopkeeper.
  - c) Mother was so angry that she could not argue with the shopkeeper.
  - d) Mother was so angry not to argue with the shopkeeper.