

Question Paper 2011 Delhi set 1
CBSE Class 9 ENGLISH Language and Literature

Time allowed: 3 hours

Maximum marks: 100

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

(i) The Question Paper is divided into four Sections.

Section A: Reading Comprehension 15 marks

Section B: Writing 15 marks

Section C: Grammar 15 marks

Section D: Literature/Text Books 35 marks

(ii) All questions are compulsory.

(iii) Marks are indicated against each question.

SECTION A

(Reading) (15 Marks)

1. Read the passage given below and choose the most appropriate answer to each question out of the options that follow: 1x5= 5 marks

In ancient times, the Olympics were associated with Greek religious festivals. Life in ancient Greece revolved around their gods. The Greeks believed that their gods were immortal, and more powerful than human beings., They honoured their gods with festivals devoted to sports. The most important of these festivals were the four national festivals. They were open to sportsmen from all Greek regions and colonies. Each of the festivals was held at a different place and was celebrated in honour of a particular god. The Olympic games were held in Olympia which was an important religious centre in ancient Greece. A magnificent temple was built there in honour of the god, Zeus. He was regarded as the ruler of both gods and men. People tried to please Zeus by excelling in sports, and many contests of skill and strength were held. It was believed that the Olympic games were founded by the Greek hero, Hercules who was known as

the son of the god, Zeus. He performed twelve seemingly impossible tasks to become the greatest of all Greek heroes. He cleaned in a single day King Augeas' stables which was an impossible task. The king was fabulously rich and had thousands and thousands of animals. So his stables were extremely dirty and full of stink. Hercules redirected the course of the river, Alpheus through the stables of the king. All the muck and dirt were washed out in a single day. To celebrate this achievement he started the Olympic games in honour of his father, Zeus.

(a) The Greeks celebrated festivals devoted to sport to

- (i) gain physical strength
- (ii) honour their gods
- (iii) get power
- (iv) become immortal

(b) In ancient Greece the Olympic games were held

- (i) in Greek regions
- (ii) in colonies
- (iii) at religious centres
- (iv) at Olympia

(c) They honoured Zeus by

- (i) building magnificent temples
- (ii) excelling in sports
- (iii) excelling in contests of skill and strength
- (iv) doing all of the above things

(d) The impossible task performed by Hercules was

- (i) the cleaning of Augeas' stables in a day
- (ii) removing the muck and dirt from the king's stables
- (iii) redirecting the course of the river through the stables
- (iv) all of the above

(e) The word/phrase in the passage which means 'deathless' is

- (i) gods
- (ii) immortal

(iii) human beings

(iv) religious centre

Ans. No penalty for errors in spelling, grammar or punctuation. Accept any other answer similar in meaning to the answers given below.

(a) (ii) honour their gods

(b) (iv) at Olympia

(c) (iv) doing all of the above things / (i) building magnificent temples

(d) (iv) all of the above

(e) (ii) immortal

2. Read the poem given below and choose the most appropriate answer to each question out of the options that follow: 1x5=5 marks

Oh, books, what books they used to know,
Those children living long ago!
So please, oh please, we beg, we pray,
Go throw your TV set away,
And in its place you can install
A lovely bookshelf on the wall.
Then fill the shelves with lots of books,
Ignoring all the dirty looks,
Fear not, because we promise you
That, in about a week or two
Of having nothing else to do,
They'll now begin to feel the need
Of having something to read.
And once they start - oh boy, oh boy!
You watch the slowly growing joy
That fills their hearts. They'll grow so keen
They'll wonder what they'd ever seen
In that ridiculous machine
Roald Dahl

(a) The word, 'they' in the first line refers to

- (i) writers**
- (ii) children living in the present times**
- (iii) children living in the olden days**
- (iv) parents of children**

(b) The poet wants the T.V. set to be replaced with

- (i) gadgets**
- (ii) bookshelves filled with lots of books**
- (iii) bookshelves**
- (iv) showcases**

(c) The poet is sure that the children would begin to read the books within a week or two because they

- (i) will have no other work**
- (ii) will have no television**
- (iii) will have books in the shelves**
- (iv) with no work, will feel the need for something to read**

(d) Once the children start reading they will get

- (i) joy**
- (ii) surprise**
- (iii) excitement**
- (iv) thrill**

(e) The tone of the poem is

- (i) sad**
- (ii) humorous**
- (iii) happy**
- (iv) satirical**

Ans. No penalty for errors in spelling, grammar or punctuation. Accept any other answer similar in meaning to the answers given below.

- (a) (iii) children living in the olden days**
- (b) (ii) bookshelves filled with lots of books**

- (c) (iv) with no work, will feel the need for something to read
- (d) (i) joy
- (e) (ii) humorous

3. Read the passage given below and complete the sentences that follow: 1x5= 5 marks

Once a carpenter went looking for a job. He approached a building contractor, and got a job at a decent salary and good working conditions. The carpenter was thrilled and determined to do his best. His boss provided him with tools and showed him the place where he was supposed to work.

At the end of the first day, the carpenter prepared fifteen doors. His boss was happy with his performance and congratulated him. The carpenter tried harder the next day but he was able to prepare only 10 doors. The third day he tried even harder, but he could prepare only seven. Day after day he was preparing less and less doors.

"I must be losing my strength," the carpenter thought. He went to the boss and apologized, saying that he could not understand what was going on. "When was the last time you sharpened your tools ?" the boss asked. "Sharpen! I had no time to sharpen my tools. I have been busy trying to prepare doors," said the carpenter. Most of us never update our skills. We think that whatever we have learned is enough.

- (a) The carpenter approached the building contractor because
- (b) The carpenter became extremely happy because he
- (c) The boss congratulated him because
- (d) His boss advised him
- (e) The word in the passage which means the same as 'asked someone for something' is

Ans. No penalty for errors in spelling, grammar or punctuation. Accept any other answer similar in meaning to the answers given below.

- (a) he wanted to get a job
- (b) got a job with decent salary & good working conditions
- (c) he was satisfied with the carpenter's performance
- (d) to sharpen his tools / update his skills
- (e) approached

SECTION B
Writing 15 Marks

4. You are Arun/ Arunima staying at Room No. 15, Ramjas School Hostel, Paharganj, Delhi. Write a letter in not more than 100 words requesting your father to permit you to go with your friends on an adventure trip organized by your boarding school. 6 marks

OR

Employing minor children, both boys and girls, as full time domestic helps is a common feature. Write a letter in not more than 100 words to the Editor, 'The Times of India' advocating the need to stop such a practice which deprives the children of their basic rights.

Ans. Objective : To use an appropriate style and format to write a letter of complaint, requests etc. (formal) and to family and friends etc.(informal)

- To plan, organize and present ideas coherently

Marking : Marking should be in accordance with the following writing assessment scale 6 marks

- Format / Layout : 1 mark

- Content : 3 marks

- Expression : 2 marks

* Grammatical accuracy, appropriate words and spellings (1)

* Coherence and relevance of ideas and style (1)

Format / Layout : Layout includes sender's address, date, designation and address of addressee, subject, salutation, complementary close etc. according to requirement Under Content, credit should be given for the candidate's creativity in presenting his/her own ideas.

Note : - No mark is to be awarded if the content is not given .

- Use of both the traditional and the new format is permitted. However mixing of the two is NOT acceptable

Value Points are provided in the question paper itself .

5. The rate of crime in Delhi does not fall down in spite of all the efforts made by the police. It seems that either the number of police personnel is less in proportion to the

population or they are ill equipped in terms of training and arms. Write an article in not more than 120 words on the state of crime in Delhi and how to solve it. You are Sunita/Sumit. 6 marks

OR

Nowadays just about everyone owns a cellphone. Most of the users do not follow even the basic rules of cellphone conduct. Write a speech in not more than 120 words to be delivered in the school assembly to apprise the fellow students of cellphone etiquette. Use the hints given below. You are Kartik/Kritika.

- speak loudly, distracting others
- take a phone call in the middle of a conversation, a meeting, even at a funeral etc.
- listen to songs at a volume disturbing others
- exercise self-restraint, use earphones, keep in silent mode at hospitals, meetings etc.

Ans. Objective : To use an appropriate style to write an article, a speech etc. expressing your opinion.

- To plan, organize and present ideas coherently.
- To present an argument

Marking : Marking should be in accordance with the following writing assessment scale 6 marks

- Layout (Title/Heading ; name) : 1/2 mark
- Content : 3 marks
- Expression : 2 1/2 marks

* Grammatical accuracy, appropriate words and spellings (2)

* Coherence and relevance of ideas and style (1/2)

- Under Content, credit should be given for the candidate's creativity in presenting his/her own ideas.

Value Points are provided in the question paper itself .

6. Cloud burst in Leh brought great destruction to life and property of the people. The

area remained disconnected from the rest of the country for a number of days. Your school actively participated in providing relief to the affected people. Write a report in about 80 words for your school magazine. You are Bijendra / Bimlesh, Secretary, Leh Relief Committee, Pioneer Academy, Saket, New Delhi. 3 marks

OR

Tomorrow is your grandfather's birthday. The children of your family want to celebrate it with great enthusiasm but without letting him know about the preparations you want to make. Write a dialogue, in about 80 words, which you might have with your family members about the plans that you have in your mind.

Ans. Objective : To use an appropriate style to write a report, dialogue etc.

- To plan, organize and present ideas coherently.
- To present an argument

Marking : Marking should be in accordance with the following writing assessment scale 3 marks

- Content : 2 marks
- Expression : 1 mark

Note : (a) Under Content credit should be given for the candidate's creativity in presenting his / her own ideas.

(b) In Report Writing a weightage of half mark may be included under content.

SECTION C

Grammar 15 Marks

7. Read the passage given below. Fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate word/words from the given options. $\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$ marks

The last solar eclipse of the 20th century (a) place on 11th August 1999. It (b) by millions of people all over the world. Being the last great heavenly event it (c) the world's most watched one. This eclipse (d) a more thickly (e) area of the earth (f) any of its predecessors.

- (a) (i) was taken (ii) took (iii) was taking (iv) had taken
(b) (i) was seen (ii) were seen (iii) was seeing (iv) has seen
(c) (i) were (ii) is being (iii) has been (iv) was
(d) (i) covered (ii) was covered (iii) had covered (iv) has covered
(e) (i) populace (ii) population (iii) populated (iv) popular
(f) (i) than (ii) at (iii) in (iv) of

Ans. (a) (ii) took

(b) (i) was seen

(c) (iv) was

(d) (i) covered

(e) (iii) populated

(f) (i) than

8. Given below are the notes taken by a reporter who visited the city which was lashed by heavy rains. Study the given notes and complete the following paragraph by filling in the spaces from the given options. 1x3=3 marks

- rain submerges the city in water
- brings traffic to a complete halt
- M.C.D. receives 223 complaints of waterlogging
- claims, - officials in the field to supervise the arrangements City sinks, 223 waterlogging complaints

It rained heavily on Wednesday. The city (a) in water and the traffic (b) A total of 223 complaints of waterlogging (c) by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi from across the city. The civic agency claimed its officials were in the field to supervise the arrangements to clear the water.

(a) (i) is submerging

(ii) was submerged

(iii) was submerging

(iv) submerged

(b) (i) was brought to a complete halt

(ii) has been brought to a complete halt

(iii) will be brought to a complete halt

(iv) is brought to a complete halt

(c) (i) has been received

(ii) will be received

(iii) are received

(iv) were received

Ans. (a) (ii) was submerged

(b) (i) was brought to a complete halt

(c) (iv) were received

9. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line against which a blank is given. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number as given in the example. Remember to underline the word that you have supplied. $\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$ marks

**Marcopolo was one of a first e.g. a the
Europeans to exploring China. His (a) –
father and uncle ask him to (b) –
travel with him from Italy to (c) –
China on horseback. He started
his journey on 1271. He claimed in (d) –
their travel book that there he saw (e) –
the huge palace of Kublai Khan.
His travel book latter inspired (f) –
another adventurer, Christopher Columbus.**

Ans. (a) explore

(b) asked

(c) them

(d) in

(e) his

(f) later

10. Look at the words and phrases given below. Rearrange them to form meaningful

sentences as shown. 1x3=3 marks

For example:

the / a picnic / to / Ishita's class / went / on / zoo

Ishita's class went on a picnic to the zoo.

(a) the zoo / children / in / many animals / saw

(b) whole zoo / It / to see / the / 4 hours / took them

(c) orange juice / they / and / drank / tired / got

Ans. (a) Children saw many animals in the zoo.

(b) It took them four hours to see the whole zoo.

(c) They got tired and drank orange juice.

11. Read the dialogue given below between two friends, Nitin and Reshma and complete the paragraph that follows by filling in the gaps appropriately. 1x3=3 marks

Nitin : Do you have a new story book, Reshma ?

Reshma : No, I haven't but I like story books.

Nitin : Mala has a lovely book with many beautiful pictures. Let us go and look at them.

Nitin asked Reshma (a) Reshma told him that she hadn't but stated (b) story books. Nitin told her that Mala had a lovely book with many beautiful pictures. He suggested that (c) and look at them.

Ans. (a) if she had a new story book

(b) that she liked story books

(c) they should go

SECTION D

Text Books 35 Marks

12. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow. 4x2=8 marks

(a) Midway between Mysore and the coastal town of Mangalore sits a piece of heaven that must have drifted from the kingdom of god. This land of rolling hills is inhabited by a proud race of martial men, beautiful women and wild creatures.

Coorg, or Kodagu, the smallest district of Karnataka, is home to evergreen rainforests, spices and coffee plantations.

- (i) What does 'a piece of heaven' in the passage refer to?**
- (ii) Which kind of animals are we likely to see at Coorg?**
- (iii) What is Coorg known for?**
- (iv) Which word in the passage means the same as 'warlike/brave'?**

Ans. (i) Coorg or Kodagu

(ii) wild animals

(iii) rolling hills ; martial men ; beautiful women ; wild creatures ; evergreen rainforests ; spices and coffee plantations (any two)

(iv) martial

(b) "CHAI-GARAM..... garam-chai," a vendor called out in a high-pitched voice.

He came up to their window and asked, "Chai, sa'ab ?"

"Give us two cups," Pranjol said.

They sipped the steaming hot liquid. Almost everyone in their compartment was drinking tea too.

- (i) Where does the above scene take place?**
- (ii) For whom does Pranjol order two cups of tea?**
- (iii) Which sentence in the passage shows the popularity of tea?**
- (iv) Which word in the passage means the same as 'one who sells things'?**

Ans. (i) at the railway platform / station

(ii) for himself and his friend Rajvir

(iii) 'Almost everyone in their compartment was drinking tea too'

(iv) vendor

13. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the most appropriate options. Attempt any two. 3x2=6 marks

I Don't eat that chocolate, Amanda!

Remember your acne, Amanda!

Will you please look at me when I'm speaking to you,

Amanda!

(a) The speaker in the above lines is

- (i) Amanda's neighbour**
- (ii) Amanda's friend**
- (iii) Amanda's mother**
- (iv) Amanda's physician**

(b) She is advised not to eat the chocolate because eating of chocolate

- (i) causes skin problems**
- (ii) spoils the habits**
- (iii) is not good for children**
- (iv) is a very costly habit**

(c) The person addressed here is listening to the advice

- (i) inattentively**
- (ii) angrily**
- (iii) attentively**
- (iv) indifferently**

**II "But I can get a hair-dye
And set such colour there,
Brown, or black, or carrot,
That young men in despair
May love me for myself alone
And not my yellow hair."**

(a) 'I' in the above lines is

- (i) a young man**
- (ii) an old religious man**
- (iii) God**
- (iv) a young woman**

(b) The colour of the hair of the person referred to above is

- (i) yellow**
- (ii) brown**

(iii) black

(iv) carrot

(c) The speaker is ready to get the hair dyed

(i) jet black

(ii) the colour which suits her/him the best

(iii) any colour so that young men may love her for herself

(iv) any colour so that young woman may love him for himself

III I stand and look at them long and long.

They do not sweat and whine about their condition,

(a) 'They' in the above lines are

(i) human beings

(ii) animals

(iii) the poets

(iv) the audience

(b) The author keeps looking at them for long because he

(i) never finds them unhappy or dissatisfied

(ii) finds them calm and peaceful

(iii) feels more at home with them

(iv) all of the above

(c) They are unlike human beings who are

(i) always complaining

(ii) calm and quiet

(iii) contented

(iv) not prone to anger

Ans. (I) (a) (iii) Amanda's mother

(b) (i) causes skin problems

(c) (iv) indifferently

(II) (a) (iv) a young woman

(b) (i) yellow

(c) (iii) any colour that young man may love her for herself

(III) (a) (ii) animals

(b) (iv) all the above

(c) (i) always complaining

14. Answer any three of the following questions in 40-50 words each. 2x3=6 marks

(a) What happened when Maxwell took Mijbil to the bathroom? What did Mijbil do two days after that?

(b) Why did the baker and his family always look happy and prosperous?

(c) Why does Chubukov suspect Lomov when he comes to his house?

(d) Why do most of the visitors keep away from Coorg during the monsoons? When do they resume their journey? Give reasons.

Ans. (a)

- for half an hour went wild with joy in water
- plunging and rolling in it , shooting up and down the length of the bathtub under water
- two days later - up on the end of the bath tub , turned the tap, - produced a tickle of water - then full flow

(b)

- baker's presence essential in Goan villages
- sweet bread, called 'bol' essential as marriage gifts – sandwiches on daughter's engagement – cakes and bolinhas for Christmas – bread for a party or a feast
- baking, therefore, a profitable profession
- baker, his family and even his servants never starved

(c)

- Lomov - having formal getup - evening dress, gloves and so on
- Chubukov - surprised - evening dress worn on some formal or special occasion, not needed to visit a neighbour
- does not reveal his real purpose of coming (proposal of marriage)

- instead says , had come to trouble him with a request

(d)

- during the monsoons it pours plenty of rain
- weather is perfect from September to March
- air breathes of invigorating coffee
- September to March is the time for visitors to resume their journey

15. Answer the following question in about 80 words. 5 marks

Write a character sketch of Valli.

OR

What did Buddha say about death and suffering?

Ans.

- an eight year old girl, full of curiosity
- her pastime : watching the street - people - coming and going of the bus - wanted to ride the bus herself
- a good planner : plans entirely of her own, finds the details of the bus journey - its distance, fare, time of arrival and departure, saves money
- quite confident : travels alone , deals with the conductor , an elderly man, elderly woman
- cautious and careful - doesn't get down from the bus to have a drink at the stall
- secretive - keeps her journey a secret from her mother - behaves like a grown up person

OR

- Buddha said 'death is common to all mortals'
- those who are born must die one day – can't avoid death.
- Life of a man is like an earthen pot that breaks – meets its end
- no amount of weeping can bring back a dead
- so, wise men don't grieve - as it is the law of the world

16. Answer the following question in about 80 words. 4 marks

What social attitudes are presented in the story, 'Bholi' ? How does Bholi's teacher help her overcome these barriers?

OR

M. Loisel was a simple, understanding and loving husband. Substantiate your answer from the story that you have read.

Ans. Social attitudes

- discrimination against a girl child (boys treated differently)
- girls not supposed to go to school - nobody would marry them
(Bholi sent to school - neither good looks, nor intelligent)

Role of Bholi's teacher

- encouraged , inspired and loved by her teacher
- turns into a bold confident girl - refuses to marry an aged, mean, greedy and heartless person

OR

- Simple man - a petty clerk, likes ordinary good food, simple dress, natural flowers
- Loving husband - wants to see his wife happy - brings invitation for a party at the Minister's residence - spares all his savings i.e four hundred francs for her dress – sensitive and caring to his wife's needs
- Man of patience - when necklace is lost, he does not chide/reproach his wife
- Honest - works hard day and night for ten years to return the borrowed money

17. Answer any two of the following questions in 40-50 words each. 3x2=6 marks

(a) How did the people at the law firm receive the narrator?

(b) What lesson did Ebright learn when he did not win anything at the science fair?

(c) How does Think-Tank compare the Martians with the people on Earth? What does he call the Earth mockingly?

Ans. (a)

- all upset - Chief of the law firm almost murdered him - called him fit for digging ditches
- ordered him back to New Mullion along with a man who had worked with Lutkins, needed in the case coming the next day

(b)

- displayed slides of frog tissues - showed under a microscope
- winners - tried to do real experiments - not simply making a neat display
- got a hint of what real science is

(c)

- Martians , a handsome race
- most attractive than those ugly 'earthlings' with their tiny head
- earth called 'ridiculous little planet' ; 'an insignificant place' , ' a primitive ball of mud'.