

CBSE Questoins Paper
Summative Assessment -1
English Language and Literature
Class-IX

Time allowed: 3 hours (Maximum Marks: 70)

General Instructions:

1. This question paper contains 11 questions and 6 printed pages.
 2. All the questions are compulsory.
 3. Marks for each question are indicated against it.
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SECTION -A
(READING)

1. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow:

Even for the most cheerful present, staying positive in the face of consistent negativity is a difficult task. Criticism, passive-aggressive -behavior and a feeling of distrust can dampen your positive, cheerful, optimistic, and appreciative energy in any situation. In the long run you end up absorbing such energies from others around you and the feelings of vindictiveness, irritation, and resentment begin to affect your life as well.

An ancient and popular philosophy of oriental culture says that ailments of the heart require medicine of the mind. In other words, it implies that heart and mind are interchangeable. The saying refers to physical or mental illnesses and implies that they can be cured by psychological means.

Feng shui analysis emphasizes the seven human emotions -hiy, anger, anxiety, melancholy. sorrow, fear and fright -that are our responses to external environments and situations. In small doses. they do not cause much harm, but if experienced for a longer period, these can cause many health disorders.

Although these techniques are time- tested, some simple techniques can assist you with building good Feng Shui to handle hurt, sorrow and trauma. Firstly, nobody can hurt you without your permission. It is how you respond that will take you through this experience

without making you a victim of the treatment meted out of you. Secondly, others can't make your own feelings and emotions are under control. Lastly, you cannot achieve anything by getting frustrated and bitter. Feeling stuck and helpless is your own call. Emotionally move away from someone who is trying to hurt you.

I On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions:

- a. Which factors can dampen our positive energy?
- b. What is the result of absorbing negative energy?
- c. Which seven emotions does feng shui emphasize?
- d. Mention any one technique that can help your build Feng shui.

II choose the correct answer from the given options.

- a. Feng shui helps in handling _____
 - i. Hurt, sorrow and trauma.
 - ii. Hurt, faith and sorrow
 - iii. Family, friends and relatives
 - iv. Trauma, hurt and happiness
- b) Oriental culture sys that ____ are interchangeable.
 - i. life and death
 - ii. family and friends
 - iii. mind and heart
 - iv passive and aggressive

III a. Find a word from the passage, which is the opposite of 'positivity' (2)

b. Give the verb from of 'permission'

2. Read the following passage carefully.

When Swami Vivekananda was living in Chicago, he used to go to the library, borrow a large number of books, take them home and return them the next day. This aroused the curiosity of the librarian, so much that one day, she asked him, 'Why do you take out so many books when you can't possibly read them all in one day?' He replied that he read each and every word of the books he borrowed with full concentration. Seeing the librarian being rebuffed by his reply, Swami Vivekananda asked her to test him. She opened a book, randomly selected a page and paragraph, and asked him to tell her what was written there. Swami Vivekananda repeated the sentence verbatim, without looking at the book. Seeing the wonderful powers of concentration and retention of Vivekananda, the librarian was left completely dumbfounded.

Students these days often complain that despite having studied copious notes a number of times, their confidence gets shattered at the examination time, as they are unable to remember what they studied. They often wonder how to develop their powers of concentration and retention. To achieve concentration power, three techniques are suggested.

Oxygenating the brain is very essential. For those who are required to sit for long hours at a stretch, blood tends to get accumulated in the lower half of the body, which means that sufficient quantity of oxygen is not pushed to their brain. This in turn negatively affects their power of concentration. Avoid sitting for long hours at a stretch. Take a five-minute brisk walk at regular intervals.

While meditating, mentally repeat your chosen mantra. Then mingle the mantra with the incoming and outgoing breaths. The powerful vibrations of the mantra will permeate each and every cell of your body. This in turn will improve blood-circulation in your body, reduce stress levels, and increase your power of concentration.

Visualization involves steady gazing. Light a candle and place it so that the flame is at the level of your eye. Look straight at the flame without blinking the eyes for half a minute or for as long as you are able to keep your eyes open. Concentrate on the flame with eyes open till tears come. When your eyes get tired, close them and visualize the after-image of the flame in front of your (closed) eyes. Do this for five minutes before going to sleep and before you

begin your studies. This will do wonders to your power of concentration what another person could read in eight hours.

I One the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions:

- a) How did the librarian test Swami Vivekananda?
- b) How does brisk walk help in concentration?
- c) How can chanting be combined with meditation?
- d) Explain “visualization”

II Choose the correct answer from the given options.

A. Visualization should be practiced _____

- i. in the morning
- ii. in the afternoon
- iii. in the evening
- iv. Before going to bed and before beginning studies

B. Students are keen to develop their

- i. concentration and strength
- ii curiosity and general knowledge
- iii agility and concentration
- iv concentration and election

III a. find a word from the passage, which is the opposite of 'unsteady' (para5)

b. Find a word from the passage, which means the same as 'infiltrate' (para4)

SECTION-B
(WRITING AND GRAMMAR)

3. You have still not forgotten the day when you made your first public speech. Recall the change in your personality as you overcame the fear of facing people and weight a page in your diary in about 100-120 words.

4. Write a story in about 150-200 words, beginning with the following words”

Denver and his wife, Heidi got ready to conquer Mr. Everest, when suddenly

5. Fill in each blank with only one word.

Rivers are considered holy (a) ____ India but they are hardly treated (b) ____ Respect. All kinds of dust and filth find their way in to (c) ____ rovers if have to treat (d) ____ purify water (e) _____ drinking it, how can fish survive in this water? Every year the Gomti river (f) ____ the death bed for thousand of fish because the water released from the neighboring industries carries effluents.

6. In the following passage one word has been omitted in each line. write the missing word along with the missing word and the word that comes after it against the correct blank number.

Decision -making is very vital part of	is	a	Very
our lives. The is because we are today	a) .....	.....	.....
is largely the result the decisions we took	b) .....	.....	.....
in the past. Whatever happens tomorrow be	c) .....	.....	.....
a result of the decisions take at present.	d) .....	.....	.....
it is not possible to reverse wrong decisions	e) .....	.....	.....
taken the past, but it is possible to train	f) .....	.....	.....
ourselves become a good decision make	g) .....	.....	.....
for the future. So we must decisions Judiciously.	h) .....	.....	.....

7. Read the given dialogue and complete the following paragraph by filling in the blanks using Reported Speech.

Richa: congratulations Aditi. You have done wonders in the examinations.

Aditi: thank you.

Richa: tell me how did you manage to get 94%marks?

Aditi: I would study for four hours daily. Regular hard work is necessary to score well.

Richa congratulated aditi and told her that she (a) ____ in the examinations.

Aditi thanked her. richa then enquired how she (b) ____ to get 94%marks.

Aditi replied that she (c) ____ four four hours daily and added that regular hard work was necessary to score well.

SECTION-C
(LITERATURE)

8. A. Read the given extract and answer the following questions.

“His horsemen hard behind us ride;

Should try our steps discover

Then who will cheer my bonny bride

When they have slain her lover?’

a. Who does 'his 'refer to?

b. Why would the lover be slain?

c. Pick out a poetic device from the above stanza.

Or

B. Read the given extract and answer the following questions.

'I tell you what I will do. I will be philanthropic and let you have it for two hundred thousand'.

- a. Was the speaker really philanthropic? why?
- b. Did the listener accept the offer? why?
- c. Give the noun form of 'philanthropic'.

9. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each.

- a. Is it appropriate to say that William Wordsworth was truly impressed by the solitary reaper's song?
- b. Why did Robert Frost decide to tread on the second road?
- c. How did Sudha Murthy tease her grandmother when she expressed her desire to read?
- d. The depiction of the brook in its initial stage appears to be quite close to that of young child. Give reasons to support your answer.

10. A. One is often unable to taste the fruit of one's hard work. Explain with reference to the story. 'A Dong Named Duke'; in about 80-100 words.

OR

B. Describe the journey of the grandmother from illiteracy to literacy in about 80-100 words.

11. A. Describe any two humorous incidents from the novel, Three Men in a Boat.

OR

B. Write a character sketch of author Jerome K. Jerome, based on your reading of the chapters 1 to 10 of the novel, Three Men in a Boat, in about 150-200 words.