

**CBSE Question Paper 2019 (Set-1)**  
**Class 9 English Language and Literature**

**Time : 3 Hrs.**

**M.M. : 80**

**General Instruction :**

- This paper consists of three sections  
Section A - Reading 20 marks  
Section B - Writing and Grammar 30 marks  
Section C - Literature 30 marks
- All questions are compulsory.
- Marks are indicated against each question.

**Section A - Reading**

1. Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions carefully: **(8)**

Sleep disorders have become a common occurrence in India. Forty year old Marketing 'Executive Aviral, early one morning returned to Delhi from New York. He was trying to recover from jet lag and was dead tired. To cure himself of this sleep problem, he forced himself to remain awake one whole day, as he thought he might be able to sleep at night. But this did not happen. "I hardly managed any sleep that night," Aviral recalled. Next day, he felt very uneasy at the office and had difficulty in concentrating on work. On his way back home, he stopped at one of the busy signals on Delhi roads, but due to excessive tiredness, fell asleep. He woke up suddenly, after the motorist behind him honked. Aviral realised that he couldn't drive any longer and decided to park his car in a quiet place. He took a nap of 2 hours in his car and only then could manage to drive back home safely. Sleep disorder experts have pointed out that lack of sleep is the reason for many ailments. Dr Kumar Menon and his colleagues presented a paper on sleep disorders in Mumbai, in which they stressed that early detection of the problems is necessary and physician need to seriously view it as a disorders. They need to evaluate their patients on the basis of sleep history too.

Adequate sleep is important to one's lifestyle just like diet and exercise. According to



Canadian expert on sleep disorders. Dr Jeffrey Lipsitz, on an average a healthy adult requires just over 8 hours of sleep at night. However, the amount varies between individuals.

Swarup Chatterjee, a 28 year old, IIM graduate and Assistant Manager at a BPO in Hyderabad is deprived of good sleep. Swarup is completely stressed Out due to overburden of work in his professional and personal life and often feels tired. He also knows it is bad for his health.

In a study conducted by sleep disorder experts, it was found that one-third of adults have been experiencing sleep disorders. | They get less than 7 hours of sleep every night. Another study shows that 29% of Indians went to sleep only after midnight. The survey further mentioned that Indians were among the world's earliest risers. We should understand that 'early to rise' is good, provided that 'early to bed' principle is also followed.

1. On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer any eight of the following questions briefly: **(1×8=8)**
  - a. What has become a common problem in our country?
  - b. What happened when Aviral could not sleep in the night?
  - c. What is the view of Dr Jeffrey Lipsitz on sleep disorder?
  - d. Lack of sleep is the reason for many\_\_\_\_\_.
  - e. What was the result of a study conducted by sleep disorder experts?
  - f. Just like\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, adequate sleep is important to one's lifestyle.
  - g. What should Indians understand being early risers?
  - h. What did Dr Kumar Menon and his colleagues stressed on?
  - i. Which word in the passage means 'sleep'?
2. Read the following passage carefully : **(12)**
  1. Do children really need such long summer breaks, was a question posed by some experts recently. Apparently, such a long break disrupts their development and comes in way of their learning'process. 'Let's get them back to their books, ' is perhaps the expert view | One would have thought the children are doing too much during their vacations and not too little, given the plethora of classes, camps and Workshops involving swimming, art, personality development, music, computers and the like. Even the trips taken in the name of holidays seem laden with exotic destinations and customised experience packed into a short period of time. We can do Europe in 10 days and Australia



in a week and come back armed with digital memories and overflowing suitcases. Holidays are in some ways, no longer a break but an intensified search for experience not normally encountered in everyday life.

2. It is far cry from summer holidays as we know them. For us, holidays every year meant one thing and one thing alone - you went back to your native place, logging in with the emotional headquarters of your extended family and spent two months with a gaggle of uncles, aunts and first and second cousins. The happiest memories of the childhood of a whole generation seemed to be centred around this annual ritual of homecoming.

3. Summer was not really a break, but a joint. It was the bridge used to reaffirm one's connectedness with one's larger community. One did not travel, one returned. It was not an attempt to experience the new and the extraordinary but one that emphatically underlined the power of the old and the ordinary. With the change of time, what we seek from our summer breaks too has changed in a fundamental way.

4. Today, we are attached much more to our work and summer helps us temporarily detach from this new source of identity. We refuel our individual selves now; and do so with much more material than we did in the past. But for those who grew up in different times, summer was the best time of their lives.

1. Based on your reading of the passage, answer the following questions in about 30-40 words: (ant four) **(2 × 4 = 8)**

- a. What do experts think about summer breaks?
- b. How do students spend their summer breaks?
- c. What were the writer's happiest moments of childhood?
- d. How are present day summer breaks different from those of the former days.
- e. How are travel and tour not a break from daily stress?

2. Choose the correct option for each : **(1 × 4 = 4)**

i. Which word in the passage means 'made to suit one's needs'?

- (a) Attached
- (b) plethora
- (c) Customised
- (d) gaggle

ii. The word 'development' has-

- (a) -ment as a suffix
- (b) -ment as a preix

- (c) De-as a prefix
- (d) de-as a suffix
- iii. The opposite of emphatically is-
  - (a) Carelessly
  - (b) casually
  - (c) Irregularly
  - (d) foolishly
- iv. The phrase ' a far cry from' In para 2 means-
  - (a) very distant from
  - (b) very different from
  - (c) more busy than
  - (d) more harmful than
- v. Word in the passes that means 'starting again strongly' is.....
  - (a) emphatically
  - (b) reaffirm
  - (c) attempt
  - (d) detach

### **Section-B (Writing and Grammar) (30)**

3. You are Ranjit / Rajni. You feel concerned about the impact of television advertising on children. Write an article on this issue for your school magazine in not more than 120 words. **(8)**

**OR**

You went to Shimla during winter break and experienced snowfall. Write a diary entry in about 100-120 words about your experience that enthralls you whenever you recollect your visit.

4. One day you dreamt that you became invisible. Write a short story based on your dream taking help from the points given below : **(10)**

Hints : Shopping without using any money - watch movies - travel the whole world without ticket - visit famous places without entry ticket- disclose the planning and secret of terrorists to police - help them to nab the most dreaded terrorist of the world-rewarded a cash prize of a crore.

5. Fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate words/ phrases from the given options



: (any four) **(1×4=4)**

I wanted to go out (a)\_\_\_\_\_ I was absolutely fed up of sitting in the same place and working. I realized that my deadline (b)\_\_\_\_\_ fast approaching but a break was badly needed. I just (c)\_\_\_\_\_ continue without a break. My deadline for that day's incredible, awe inspiring column (d)\_\_\_\_\_ the Tribune was three hours away. Meanwhile I had already tossed three ideas into (e)\_\_\_\_\_ recycle bin and was staring at the blank screen again.

- (a) so (b) and (c) but (d) because
- (a) was (b) will be (c) is (d) has
- (a) wouldn't (b) couldn't (c) won't (d) can't
- (a) at (b) on (c) in (d) for
- (a) a (b) an (c) the (d) or

6. In the following passage one word has been omitted in each line against which a blank is given. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word comes after it in the space provided. **(1×4=4)**

	Word Before	Missing Word	Word After
I was aboard the train Allahabad	e.g. train	to	Allahabad
after the dull hours I reached	a. _____	_____	_____
the conference. a plethora activities	b. _____	_____	_____
mesmerized audience. Then blaring	c. _____	_____	_____
speakers resonated devotional songs.	d. _____	_____	_____
I influenced by the sanctity of the place.	e. _____	_____	_____

7. Rearrange the following to create-meaningful sentences : (do any four) **(1×4=4)**
- diamond/and/a/is/gemstones/one/most/of/sought-after/the/best-known
  - I billion/3.5 billion years/and/ages/have/most/natural/diamonds/between.
  - diamonds/lines/decorative/been used/items/since/have/as/ancient.
  - only/diamonds/prior/India/to/the/discovery/in the 1700s/of/was/the/where/were mined/place/diamonds/in Brazil.
  - are/commodity/diamonds/highly/a traded.

### Section-C(Literature)



8. Read the following extract and answer the following questions given below: **(1×4=4)**

I went back into the room and sat down on the chair. I opened the box beneath the table and took out a book, the Materia Medica. I opened it at the table on which stood the lamp and a large mirror; a small comb lay beside the mirror.

- Who is the speaker here? Where was he before going back into the room?
- Why did he take out a book from the box?
- What objects stood on the table?
- What did the speaker do after this?

**OR**

A slumber did my spirit seal-

I had no human fears.

She seemed a thing that could not feel

The touch of earthy years.

- What does 'the slumber' refer to in the first line?
  - Who does 'I' refer to in this stanza?
  - What can't she feel?
  - Which word in the passage means the same as 'sleep'?
9. Answer any 5 of the following questions in 30-40 words : - **(2×5=10)**
- Where did the writer stay in Kathmandu? Which two different places of worship did he visit?
  - What made Kezia's father punish her? Was he right to do so? .
  - Why did Abdul Kalam want to leave Rameswaram?
  - What did Iswaran do after Mahendra- left for office?
  - How did the contents of Bryson's bag spill away at the Logan Airport? What was his reaction to it?
  - What was unusual about the book that Margie and Tommy find?

10. Answer any one of the following questions in about 100-150 words : **(8)**

What researches and theories proved that Einstein was a true genius? How was he rewarded for his scientific achievements?

**OR**

The intruder is boastful. He threatens Gerrard, "I'll make you crawl!" Was he able to carry out his threat? What happened to him?

11. Answer any one of the following questions in about 100-150 words : **(8)**

Describe the first meeting between Sergei and Lushkoff. How did Sergei take pity on Lushkoff?

**OR**

Decisions should be made with a cool and rational mind. Discuss with reference to the story "In the Kingdom of Fools".

