
CBSE Class-IX
English (language & Literature)
Sample paper-2 (Solved)

General Instructions :

- The question paper has been divided into three sections :
 - Sections A: Reading 20 marks
 - Sections B : Writing & Grammar 30 marks
 - Section C : Literature & Long Reading Text 30 marks
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SECTION 'A' : READING (20 MARKS)

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. (1 X 8 =8)

1. A noble purpose gives meaning to one's own life and if os benefit to other. I realised this when researching on and writing about the life of Jamsetji Tata. What gave one man living in a colonised country the vision to advance it in the community of nations? He not only gave India the power of steel and hydroelectric energy, but also an institute of research.
 2. He sent an educationist to Europe and the United States to report on what should be the best Model for India. The Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore was recommended as the Model. But Jamsetji Made it a point to see that his name was not associated with the university. After his death, his dream came true with the establishment of the Indian Institute of Science in Bengaluru. It was to be the fountainhead of Science in the decades to come.
 3. There are others too whose purpose in life has made a difference to society. Mother Teresa had a comfortable life at Loretto Convert, Kolkata. On a train journey to Darjeeling, she felt her 'calling' and wanted to give up her comfortable life in the convent and serve the poor and the needy.
 4. After that, she took a three-month nursing course and returned to Kolkata. She devoted her time to the sick and the homeless. Touched by her sacrifice, some of her students joined her and work began. Not everyone has such a strong calling. When I
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asked her how one could be sure of one's calling, she replied, "Deep down in our hearts we know exactly what our calling is, if we are sincere."

5. One's purpose is shaped over a period of time, but every noble purpose is based on a feeling for the suffering of others and a desire for alleviating that condition. Some years ago, in Kerala, a young man saw his father join Gandhiji and fight for opening temples to the Harijans. When he grew up, the boy decided to take up agricultural studies, because he had seen the havoc caused by the Bengal Famine. He went to Europe and studied agriculture. On his return to India, he spearheaded the Green Revolution. Dr. M.S. Swaminathan demonstrates how purpose intensifies with time.

Read the given questions and write the answer in a sentence. (1x8=8)

- a. Bring out the unique character traits of Jamsetji Tata.
- b. Why did he send an educationist to Europe and the USA?
- c. Mention two things about Indian Institute of Science?
- d. How did Mother Teresa start working for the poverty-stricken people?
- e. What was the first step that Mother Teresa took?
- f. How can we find our calling?
- g. Is it possible to find one's calling within a short period? Why/Why not?
- h. What do we learn from the life of people like M.S. Swaminathan?

2. Read the following passage carefully:

1. Science and technology not only dominate the psyche of humanity but also the whole biosphere. How does science influence civilisation and how is it related to human happiness.
 2. The Original, cosmic evolution of the biosphere was one that promoted, supported, nourished, sustained and enhanced life. Life went on adding to the evolution with newer species and ecosystems, even more beautiful and vibrant than the ones before. Our biosphere accommodated a pleasant weather cycle and climate system to support these newer species, keeping everything in dynamic equilibrium.
 3. Now the biosphere is overburdened and ailing. Some of our ecosystems have already collapsed, while others are at death's door. Ever increasing pollution coupled with over exploitation of natural resources and greenhouse gas emission is driving several species towards extinction. This is not a phenomenon that has occurred by itself, and neither has it been caused by human beings alone. But it definitely has been spurred
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by so-called advances in technology.

4. In this millennium, we no longer live in a, biosphere – we are inhabitants of a technosphere. A technosphere is an impaired biosphere that has no affinity with values of life nor with sustainability and evaluation of life. Although technology had empowered civilisation, it has also reduced it to being a mere toll of science and technology. And when the whole civilisation turns technocratic, science and technology are bound to dominate, causing life to shrink. The intensifying climate crisis is but a symptom of the biosphere's illness and life's gradual collapse.
5. We've reached a point where we are intolerant of anything remotely "unscientific" in our contemporary world. Scientists look for alternatives, but even these solutions are sought in the same domain that has caused these problem. In short, we are stewing in a soup of our own making.
6. So, what would be meaningful for the welfare of humans?
7. Naturally something that would enhance life, serve to integrate ecosystems and cleanse our environment.
8. Enhancement of life includes betterment of human life and vice versa. If life shrinks, we cannot blossom.
9. Science and technology by themselves are neutral; it is the way we use them that has either a positive or negative impact on our lives and environment. And when we use science in a manner that increases un-sustainability and unhappiness in our lives, how can we rely blindly on science for our happiness.

2. 1. Read the given questions and write the answer in about 30-40 words.

- a. How did the biosphere evolve over a period of time?
- b. How has this equilibrium got disturbed now?
- c. What is the difference between biosphere and technosphere?
- d. Man needs to use 'science and technology' in a sensible manner. Explain.

2. 2. Choose the correct option that is closest in meaning to the words given below.

- a. Psyche
(i) Mind (ii) Thinking (iii) Inner self (iv) Mental
 - b. enhance
(i) improve (ii) increase (iii) remove (iv) Lower
 - c. collapsed
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- (i) broken (ii) disappeared (iii) removed (iv) taken away
- d. Affinity
- (i) dislike (ii) love (iii) bonding (iv) natural liking

Section-B (Writing and Grammar) (30 Marks)

3. **Your team has won the first place in the inter-school Debate competition. Write a diary entry expression your feelings after wining any competition for the first time. (8)**

4. **Complete the V-story on basis of the given hints**

The Grocer very greedy-mixed stones in pulses.

- Sand is spices - sold to the poor villagers
- Turned a deaf to their complaints
- Only grocery store in the village.....

5. **Choose the most appropriate option from the ones given below to complete the following passage. Write the correct answer in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. Do not copy the whole paragraph. (½x 6=3)**

Dear Anil

I was very (a) _____ to receive your invitation to spend the winter break(b)_____you. But I (c)_____do that. My Uncle has not(d)_____keeping well for the past week. I think I (e)_____visit him this vacation. I hope you (f)_____mind this.

- a. (i) satisfied (ii) calm (iii) shocked (iv) pleased
- b. (b) (i) without (ii) with (iii) through (iv) along with
- c. (c) (i) will (ii) will not (iii) cannot (iv) may
- d. (d) (i) been (ii) be (iii) being (iv) done
- e. (e) (i) must (ii) ought to (iii) can (iv) should
- f. (f) (i) will (ii) would not (iii) would (iv) can

6. **Read the following passage carefully. There is a one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction against the correct blank number as given in the example. (½x 8=4)**

	Incorrect	Correct
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We should also developed nice	Eg. developed	develop
table manner. Some people	(a) _____	_____
talk too much while they eat.	(b) _____	_____
This is a unhealthy practice.	(c) _____	_____
some people also makes too	(d) _____	_____
much sound though they take	(e) _____	_____
their food. It amount to bad	(f) _____	_____
manners. The food may be		
chewed without make too much	(g) _____	_____
noise. Remember to rinse our mouth well after the meal.	(h) _____	_____

7. Rearrange the given words and Phrases into meaningful sentences. (1x3=3)

- as/work/a/to/student/hard/you/to/must/be/successful
- who/my/can/in/beat/work/me?
- always/helps/other/she/in need.

Section C : (Literature and Long Reading Text) (30 Marks)

8. Read the extract given below and answer the following questions.(1x4=4)

My toothbrush is a thing that haunts me when I'm traveling and makes my life a misery. I dream that I haven't packed it, and wake up in a cold perspiration and get out of bed and hunt for its. And, in the morning, I pack it before I have used it, and have to unpack again to get it, and it is always the last thing I turn out of the bag, and then I repack and forget it, and have to rust up stairs for its at the last moment and carry it to the railway station, wrapped in my pocket-handkerchief.

- Who is th speaker here?
- Why does the speaker repack the bag?
- Why does he always carry a toothbrush in his land to the railway station?
- Find the word in the passage that means same as 'sweat'.

OR

Then the Matter
of scorching and choking

In sun and air.

Browning, hardening

Twisting, withering

An then it is done.

a) Name the poem and the poet.

b) What is 'it' here?

c) How does the sun and the air contribute to its killing?

d) Find the word that means the same as 'burning in the hot sun.'

9. Answer the following questions in 25-40 words. (any Four) (2 x 4=8)

a. What is Maria's mantra for success?

b. How does the last leaf become Behrman's Master piece?

c. How did Gerrard outwit the intruder ?

d. How does the snake try to save himself from the pursuing sticks?

e. Why did the author's mother run again into the burning house?

10. Answer any one of the following question in about 100-150 words. (1x8=8)

a. How can you say that 'the Bond of Love' shows kind and loving attitude of the narrator and his wife towards Bruno ? How should we take care of Animals?

OR

Begging is a crime. How can we discourage begging? How were Sergei and also responsible in bringing a change in the beggar Lushkoff?

11. Answer any one of the following question in about 100-120 words.

a. How did Harris's preparation of scrambled egg turn into a disaster?**OR**

Draw the character sketch of Montemorency.

OR

Draw a pen portrait of Lord Munodi.

OR

Why did Gulliver change his mind about immorality ?

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1. 1. Not only gave India the power of steel and hydroelectric energy, but also an institute of research.
 2. To report on what should be the best model for India.
 3. was established in Bengaluru after Jamshetji's death.
- became the fountain head of science in the coming decades.
 4. She gave up her comfortable life at Loretto Convent, Kolkata. Felt her calling and decided to serve the poor and the needy.
 5. Took a three months nursing course and devoted her time to the sick and the homeless.
 6. Everyone has a calling deep down in his heart. To feel and realize it is important.
 7. No, it is not possible because the purpose intensifies with time.
 8. M.S. Swaminathan took up agricultural studies to fight with situations like Bengal famine. He was responsible for the Green Revolution.
2. 1.
1. Biosphere was one that promoted supported, nourished, sustained and enhanced life.- Accommodate a pleasant weather cycle and climate system to support the newer species, keeping everything in dynamic equilibrium.
 2. Biosphere is overburdened and ailing.
- ever increasing pollution coupled with over-exploitation of natural resources and green house gas emission in driving several species towards extinction.
 3. A technosphere is an impaired biosphere that has no affinity with values of life nor with sustain ability and evolution of life.
 4. Science and technology by themselves are neutral. We should use science in a manner that increases sustainability and happiness in our life.

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3. a) thinking
b) improve
c) disappeared
d) bonding

Section-B (Writing & Grammar) (30 Marks)

3. Diary Entry (8)
Content - 5 Marks
Fluency - 2 Marks
Accuracy - 1 Mark
4. Content - 8 Marks (12)
Fluency - 2 Marks
Accuracy - 2 Marks
5. (a) (iv) Pleased
(b) (ii) with
(c) (iii) cannot
(d) (i) been
(e) (ii) ought to
(f) (ii) would not

6. Editing

Incorrect	Correct
Manner	Manners
two	to
a	an
makes	make
though	when
amount	amounts
make	making
noice	noise

7. 1. As a student you must work Lord to be successful. (1x3=3)
2. Who can beat me in my work?
3. She always helps other in need.
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Section-C (Literature & Long Reading Text) 30 marks

8. 1. Jerome K. Jerome (1x4=4)
2. to find his tooth brush.
3. has a tendency of forgetting to pack his toothbrush and so he ends up carrying it in his hand.
4. perspiration

OR

1. Poem- on killing a tree (1x4=4)
2. Poet- Gieve Patel
3. Tree
4. Causes scorching and choking of its roots.
5. scorching

9. Short answer type questions (any 4) (2x4=8)

1. • clarity about aim
• hard work
• mental and physical toughness
2. Saves Johnsy's life
• Both Johnsy and Sue cannot take it as artificial despite being artists.
3. • took the intruder into confidence
• said he was also a criminal
• Police after him
• may reach any time to catch him
4. • jumps into the water
• hides himself into green reeds.
5. • to save pictures and letters of her husband.
• were the last memories of her dead husband.

10. Long answers type questions. (1x8=8)

1. narrator brought the orphaned cub to his house and present it to his wife.
2. narrator's wife took care of it like her son.
3. a strong emotional bond developed between the two.
4. We should be kind and sympathetic.
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5. should never mistreat them.

6. understand their needs.

1. • should never give alms.
• encourage them to work.
• Sergei stern but sympathetic
• gave him tasks at home.
• tried to teach him values of hard-work and make money by working
• Olga was kind
• Scolded him for over- drinking.
• helped him by chopping wood herself.
• Treated him like mother.

11. Long Reading Text (any one) (1x10=10)

1. ◦ Harries boasted of preparing eggs for boating trips.
 ◦ When broke the eggs, it was difficult for him to put them into the frying pan.
 ◦ Some fell on his trousers and others up to his sleeve.
 ◦ nearness to the stove made him toss the frying pan.
 ◦ resulted in dropping all the content.
 ◦ finally prepared a little quantity of burnt and improperly cooked mess.

OR

2. ◦ was very naughty.
 ◦ disturbed George and Harris a lot while packing.
 ◦ was curious towards the things around.
 ◦ had a dislike for the cats.
 ◦ felt his day to be wasted till was cursed and beaten.

OR

3. ◦ was governor of the town of Lagado.
 ◦ was a traditionalist
 ◦ against the reformers of the projector Academy.
 ◦ preferred to old ways of running his estate.
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- had many enemies in the kingdom
 - enjoyed the love and affection of the king of Laputa.
 - helped Gulliver for his further journey.

OR

- 4.
- Luggage was inhabited by sturldburggs (immortals)
 - most miserable persons
 - wished for death
 - deprive of all of affection
 - were a burden on the state
 - their plight changed Gulliver's mind and thinking towards immortality.
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