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**CBSE Class-IX**  
**English (language & Literature)**  
**Sample paper-1 (Solved)**

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**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 passage given below and answer the question complete the sentences that follow : (1 X 8 = 8)**

People the all over the world wash their hands with water. Using soap adds to the time spent in washing, breaks down the grease and dirt that carry most germs by facilitating the rubbing and friction that dislodge them and leaves hand smelling pleasant. Good hand washing techniques include washing your hands with soap and water or using an alcohol based sanitizer. It has been reported that washing with soap is one of the most effective ways to prevent diarrhoeal diseases. It is also the cheapest way. In addition hand washing with soap can limit the transmission of respiratory disease, a killer of children under five. More hand washing with soap would make a significant contribution to meeting the millennium development goal of reducing death among children under the age of five by two thirds by 2015.

Hand washing with soap is among the most effective and inexpensive ways to prevent diarrhoeal diseases and pneumonia, which together are responsible for the majority of child deaths. Every year, more than 3.5 million children do not live to celebrate their fifth birthday because of diarrhoea and pneumonia. Yet, despite its lifesaving potential about hand washing with soap is seldom practiced and is not always easy to promote. On the other hand, lack of education about hand washing with soap not only increases the risk of diseases among children/people but also increases the number of deaths which is occurring because of less knowledge about hand washing.

A cute respiratory infections like pneumonia are the leading causes of child death.

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Evidence suggests that better hygiene practices like washing hands with soap after defecation and after eating could cut the infection by about 25 percent. It seems pretty simple a step to make such a big change in the lives of the people. The best time to get accustomed to this habit is during childhood.

- a. To break down grease and dirt form the hands, one should.....
- b. The advantage of washing hands with soap is .....
- c. The cheapest way to prevent diarrhoeal disease is .....
- d. For better hygiene practices, we should wash hands .....
- e. The leading causes of child death are .....
- f. How can the risk of discases and deaths among children be reduced?
- g. Which is the best time to inculcate this habit?
- h. The word means the same as 'cause to pass on from one place,person or thing to another' is ..... (para 1)

**2. Read the passage given below carefully :**

1. It happens to us all, however hard we may try to delay the process. We grow old. Cosmetic surgery may remove wrinkles, skin which has suggested may be tightened by means of a facelift and a hair dresser may dye grey hair a more youthful colour, but we cannot remain young forever. Advances in medicine have made it possible for more people to stay alive longer.
  2. Age beings intelligence, experience, wisdom and beauty. So why are we so scared of it? The trouble is that many of us find it impossible to relate to these worrying facts, unable to face the reality that everyday we inch ever closer to our own dotage. Our older generations experienced the majority of the most tumultuous century in human history and yet at best we infantilise , at worst outright ignore them.
  3. However, what is important is the quality of life. Some people are lucky to be taken care of at home whereas others may have to move to residential homes. The worst pat of ageing that often the mind becomes less alert.As people grow older they experience short-term memory. Later, some may suffer from dementia, often in the form of Alzheimer's disease.
  4. By no means are all people in this category. Many senior citizens are in the possession of all their faculties and see retirement as a time of freedom. Not only that if they have a generous retirement pension, they are likely to be quite well-off with money to be spent on a holiday and other luxuries. Because of this, both businesses and
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government have a new respect and government have a new respect for what is known as grey power. By no means, however, does everyone treat the elderly with great respect.

5. There are some cultures which are noted for the great respect with which they treat old people, but many people regard the old as having a very low status in society and treat them accordingly.

**2. 1. Based upon your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions : (2 X 4 =8)**

- a. What does the writer imply by saying 'some people are lucky' ?
- b. Why do we have such an aversion to ageing ?
- c. What is meant by 'Grey Power' ?
- d. Why is retirement considered a time of freedom?

**2. 2. Answer the following questions:**

- a. Which word in para 4 means 'liberal'?
- b. Which word in para 4 means the same as 'wealthy'?
- c. Find a word in para 4 which means similar to 'income'.
- d. Find the word opposite to 'peaceful'. (para 2)

**SECTION 'B' : WRITING & GRAMMAR (30 marks)**

3. The climate throughout the world is changing. It has already disturbed weather patterns by increasing rainfall in some areas and decreasing it in others. The temperature is increasing day by day. It results as frequent hurricanes , tornadoes, floods, tsunamis, etc. Write an article in about 100-120 words for your school magazine on the topic 'Global Warming : A Threat to the Life ' . (8)

(Hints : Global warming; Rise in avg. temperature, Melting of glaciers, Due to pollution & human activities)

4. **Your teacher has given you a few hints to write a story with a suitable title for the school magazine. Using these hints, develop a story in about 150 - 200 words :**

Last week I went to the market to buy some books on my bicycle. I placed my bicycle outside the shop ..... (12)

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5. **Complete the following passage by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones given below. Write your answer-sheets against the correct blank number. Do not copy the entire passage:**

All the great men of Venice (a) ..... all the Duke's court. The Duke (b) ..... the case, appealing to Shylock to have mercy upon the unfortunate merchant, Shylock (c) ..... that the law was on his side . (1x3=3)

(a) (i) had gathered, (iii) gathered	(ii) were gathered, (iv) gather
(b) (i) was opening, (iii) had opened	(ii) opened, (iv) opens
(c) (i) was feeling, (iii) felt, (iv) feels	(ii) had felt, (iv) feels

6. **The following passage has not been edited. One word is missing from each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before it and the word that comes after it in your answer- sheet . (1x4=4)**

	before	missing	word after
Making a cartoon an art that	e.g. cartoon	is	an
requires a combination hard work,	(a) .....	.....	.....
training a sense of humour.	(b) .....	.....	.....
Cartoonists say the cartoons that	(c) .....	.....	.....
make us laugh most are time taking	(d) .....	.....	.....

7. **Rearrange the following words or phrases into meaningful sentences : (1x3=3)**

E.g. is the negative outcome /obesity/changing lifestyle/socio-economic status/of/improving/and Obesity is the negative outcome of our improving socio-economic status and changing lifestyles.

- a. more/ever/than/before/unhealthy food/more/we eat/and/lesser
- b. suffer/physical/obese children/mental/and/problems/both
- c. eating habits/schools/healthy/must provide/that promotes/an environment.

**SECTION 'C' : LITERATURE & LONG READING TEXT 30 marks)**

8. **Read one of the following extracts and answer the questions that follow: (1x4=4)**

Her mother remembers noticing something was wrong when the eight-year old Evelyn

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was waiting to play the piano. They called her name and she didn't move.

- a. What was wrong with Evelyn?
- b. Who noticed something wrong with Evelyn?
- c. How was the wrong noticed
- d. Explain this line : They called her name and she didn't move.'

So the swallow plucked out the Prince's eye, and flew away to the young man's garret. It was easy enough to get in, as there was a hole in the roof. Through this he darted, and came into the room. The young man had his head buried in his hands, so he did not hear the flutter of the bird's wings, and when he looked up he found the beautiful sapphire lying on the withered violets.

- a. Why did the swallow pluck the Prince's eye?
- b. Why could the young man not hear the flutter of the bird's wings?
- c. What did the young man find after waking up?
- d. What is meant by the word 'withered'?

**9. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words : (8)**

- a. Who decided to improve on the quality of the 'Pungi' ? Did he succeed in his endeavour?
- b. What pleasure does one gain from the rain falling on the roof?
- c. When the Swallow died, what unusual thing happened?
- d. When does the disciple remember the words of his Guru?

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

A fearful situation makes us lose our senses. Express your views with reference to 'The Snake and the Mirror' on the doctor's reaction in not more than 8-100 words.

**OR**

The story 'The Lost Child' at every step teaches human being. How can you say so? Write in not more than 80-100 words with reference to the lost child.

**11. Answer one of the following questions in about 100-120 words : (10)**

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**OR**

Write a character-sketch of the dwarf. Why is he hostile towards Gulliver ?

**OR**

How was one of Jerome's holidays completely ruined by a weather forecast?

"the sight of these of those notice boards arouses every evil instinct in my nature." What does the above line reveal about the narrator in 'Three Men in a Boat'?

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**Answers**

**SECTION - A (Reading : 20 Marks)**

1.
    1. wash hands with soap **(1x8=8)**
    2. it is effective, remover germs
    3. washing hands with soap
    4. twice – before eating and after defecation
    5. acute respiratory infections like pneumonia
    6. by providing awareness and knowledge about hand washing childhood transmission
  2. **1. Based upon your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions. (2x4=8)**
    1. Retirement is considered a time of freedom as one is free from worldly responsibilities and other duties.
    2. 'Grey Power' implies to many senior citizens who are in the possession of all their faculties and are well-off with money. Hence the government and business have a new found respect for them.
    3. We have such an aversion to ageing as many of us find it impossible to relate to these worrying facts, unable to face the reality that every day we inch ever closer to our own dotage.
    4. By saying 'some people are lucky' the writer implies that these old people are lucky to have someone look after them or take care of them at home.
  2. **2. Answer the following questions. (1x4)**
    1. generous
    2. well-off
    3. pension
    4. tumultuous
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**SECTION - B (Writing & Grammar : 30 Marks)**

**Diary Entry /Article in about 100-120 words (8 Marks)**

**3. Content - 5; Fluency - 2; Accuracy - 1 (8)**

Up to one mark may be deducted for spelling, punctuation, grammatical errors.

**4. Content - (8 marks) 12**

Fluency - 2 marks

Accuracy - 2 marks

5.

1. (iii) gathered (1x3=3)
2. (ii) opened
3. (iii) felt

**6. Omission (1x4=4)**

1. combination of hard
2. training and a
3. say that the
4. laugh the most

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1. We eat unhealthy food and move lesser than ever before.(1x3=3)
2. Obese children suffer both physical and mental problems.
3. Schools must provide an environment that promotes healthy eating habits.

**SECTION - C (Literature & Long Reading Text : 30 Marks)**

**8. Read one of the following extracts and answer the questions that follow : (4)**

**OR**

1. Evelyn was deaf and dumb
  2. Her mother
  3. When her mother called she did not move.
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4. This line means that when Evelyn was called, she didn't respond
  5. The Swallow did what he was told to by the Prince. It was to help the young playwright. (4)
  6. He was so tired of hunger and cold that he was unconscious of the bird's presence.
  7. Beautiful sapphire lying on the withered violets.
  8. Faded

**9. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words : (8)**

1. A barber decided to improve the tonal quality of the 'pungi'. After improving the body of the pipe he played the instrument before royalty and everyone was impressed. (2)
2. One enjoys a blissful warmth of a cozy bed and listen to the rain's music. (2)
3. Leaden heart of the Prince broke with dreadful curious cracking sound due to grief and shock. (2)
4. When arrested by servants of the king to be executed as he fitted the new stake (2)

**10. Answer one of the following questions in about 120-150 words. (8)**

Lose sense of judgment to react and to take any action

Acceptance

Lose courage

Reconciliation, start remembering god

Acceptance, love for parents

Mutual respect

Compassion, helpful to people in needs

**11. Answer any one of the following questions in about 100-120 words. (10)**

- Cause of enmity – the custom of the proper way to cut an egg – at larger end
- present emperor's grandfather cut his finger – rebels fled to Blefuscu
- ready to invade Lilliput

**OR**

Small - better than Gulliver, 30 feet tall, dominated, malicious by nature, troubled Gulliver, banished from the court, jealous of Gulliver and his frame in Lilliput.

**OR**

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The weather report predicted heavy showers with thunderstorms on Monday – so they cancelled their picnic – stayed indoors waiting for the rain – people outside would pass the house, enjoying the bright sunny weather – waited for heavy rains – still no sign of rain – the next day – weather forecast predicted a warm, fine day – they went out – in half an hour heavy rain and cold winds – they came back home with colds and rheumatism. (10)

**OR**

- Jim hated notices prohibiting people to use public and private places (10)
- Wanted to tear them down
- Hammer it over the head of the men who put it up – till he was dead