

Vikas Bharati Public School
Sample Paper (Session 2025-26)
Class: IX
Subject: ENGLISH

Time : 3 Hours

M.M - 80

Note: 1. *The paper is divided into three sections.*

Section – A : Reading

Section - B : Writing and Grammar

Section – C : Literature

2. *All questions are compulsory.*

3. *Over attempt will not be evaluated.*

4. *Write the complete answer with options in the answer sheet for MCQ. No marks will be awarded for writing only options.*

SECTION – A READING (20 marks)

Read the passage given below carefully and answer the questions that follow:

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The small hill town of Devgarh wakes up slowly every morning. A thin mist hangs over the trees while the first rays of the sun paint the sky orange and gold. Shopkeepers open their wooden shutters and the aroma of fresh tea drifts through the narrow streets. Unlike noisy cities, life here moves at a gentle and relaxed pace.

The people of Devgarh believe in simple living. Most families grow their own vegetables and share whatever they have with neighbours. Children walk to school together, laughing and chatting on the way. No one seems to be in a hurry, yet everything gets done smoothly.

Tourists often visit the town to escape the stress of city life. They are surprised to find that even without shopping malls or entertainment centres, the villagers remain cheerful. The calm surroundings and friendly smiles make visitors feel welcome.

One evening, a heavy storm struck the town and damaged many houses. Instead of waiting for outside help, the villagers gathered tools and began repairing the damage together. Young and old worked side by side until every roof was fixed.

By the next morning, Devgarh looked normal again. The incident proved that unity and cooperation are the real strengths of the town. It is not wealth but togetherness that makes life beautiful.

1. Devgarh is described as a
 - a) crowded city
 - b) peaceful hill town
 - c) noisy market
 - d) desert village
2. The mornings begin with
 - a) traffic noise
 - b) loud music

- c) mist and sunlight
 - d) heavy rain
3. The people believe in
- a) luxury
 - b) simple living
 - c) competition
 - d) business
4. Tourists visit the town to
- a) shop
 - b) earn money
 - c) escape stress
 - d) attend fairs
5. During the storm, the villagers
- a) left the town
 - b) waited for help
 - c) repaired houses together
 - d) closed their shops
6. The word 'aroma' means
- a) colour
 - b) sound
 - c) smell
 - d) taste
7. The villagers are cheerful because of
- a) wealth
 - b) unity
 - c) technology
 - d) vehicles
8. Choose the synonym of 'calm'
- a) noisy
 - b) peaceful
 - c) crowded
 - d) busy
9. Choose the antonym of 'togetherness'
- a) unity
 - b) friendship
 - c) separation
 - d) kindness
10. The message of the passage is that
- a) villages are poor
 - b) storms are harmful
 - c) cooperation makes life better
 - d) tourists bring money
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II

Read the passage given below carefully and answer the questions that follow:

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Arjun was known in his neighbourhood for his curiosity. While other children spent their evenings playing video games, he loved opening old gadgets to see how they worked. His small study table was always covered with wires, batteries, screws and tiny tools. His parents often smiled at the mess but admired his interest in learning new things.

One summer afternoon, the ceiling fan in their house suddenly stopped working. The heat became unbearable and the family grew uncomfortable. Instead of calling an electrician immediately, Arjun asked for permission to check the fan. With a screwdriver in his hand and determination in his heart, he carefully opened the cover and examined the wires.

At first, he felt confused. The parts looked complicated and dusty. However, he remembered the science lessons he had learned at school. Slowly and patiently, he cleaned the motor and tightened the loose connections. His grandfather stood beside him, guiding him and ensuring his safety.

After nearly an hour of effort, Arjun switched on the fan. To everyone's surprise, it started moving smoothly. A cool breeze filled the room and the family clapped with joy. Arjun's face lit up with pride. He realised that practical knowledge and patience could solve many everyday problems.

From that day, neighbours began bringing small electrical items to him for repair. Arjun helped them happily, never charging any money. He simply enjoyed learning and serving others. The experience taught him confidence, responsibility and the value of using one's skills for the good of the community.

1. Arjun was known for his
 - a) laziness
 - b) curiosity
 - c) anger
 - d) fear
2. His table was covered with
 - a) books
 - b) clothes
 - c) tools and wires
 - d) food
3. The problem in the house was a
 - a) broken light
 - b) damaged TV
 - c) stopped fan
 - d) leaking pipe
4. Instead of calling an electrician, Arjun decided to
 - a) ignore it
 - b) repair it himself
 - c) buy a new fan
 - d) complain

5. Arjun felt confused because
 - a) he was afraid
 - b) the parts looked complicated
 - c) it was too hot
 - d) no one helped him
6. Who guided Arjun during the repair work?
 - a) father
 - b) friend
 - c) neighbour
 - d) grandfather
7. After the repair, the family felt
 - a) angry
 - b) bored
 - c) happy
 - d) worried
8. Choose the synonym of 'determination'
 - a) weakness
 - b) fear
 - c) resolve
 - d) doubt
9. Choose the antonym of 'smoothly'
 - a) easily
 - b) quickly
 - c) roughly
 - d) softly
10. The story highlights the importance of
 - a) money
 - b) luck
 - c) practical skills and confidence
 - d) competition

SECTION – B WRITING & GRAMMAR (20 marks)

III

Do as directed – (Attempt any 10)

(10×1=10)

1. You _____ obey the traffic rules.
 - a) might b) must c) could d) dare
2. She _____ living here for five years.
 - a) is b) has been c) was d) had
3. Each of the players _____ given a prize.
 - a) were b) are c) was d) have

4. I saw _____ European tourist yesterday.
a) a b) an c) the d) some
5. He said, "I am busy." (Indirect speech)
a) He said that he is busy
b) He said that he was busy
c) He says that he was busy
d) He said that he has busy
6. Neither Riya nor her friends _____ ready.
a) is b) was c) are d) has
7. We _____ respect our elders.
a) should b) might c) dare d) need
8. There isn't _____ sugar left.
a) many b) few c) much d) several
9. Identify the tense –
They have completed the work.
10. She said that she _____ the letter the previous day.
a) wrote b) write c) had written d) writes
11. The children _____ playing in the park now.
a) is b) was c) are d) has
12. He said, "I will help you." (Indirect speech)
a) He said that he will help me
b) He said that he would help me
c) He says that he would help me
d) He said that he helps me

IV

1. Write a descriptive paragraph in about 100–120 words on **'My Favourite Festival'**.

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OR

2. You helped an elderly person cross a busy road. Write a diary entry describing the incident and your feelings.

V

1. Write a story in about 100–120 words that begins with the following line. Give your story a suitable title.

"As I opened the old box in the attic, I found a letter addressed to me..."

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OR

Write an original story using the hints given below:

lost wallet – honest child – searches for owner – returns money – appreciation – learns lesson of honesty.

SECTION – C LITERATURE (40 marks)

VI

Read the extract given below and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two given extracts :

(1×5=5)

1.

“Wind, come softly.

Don’t break the shutters of the windows,

Don’t scatter the papers,

Don’t throw down the books on the shelf.”

1. The poet asks the wind to come
 - a) loudly
 - b) slowly
 - c) softly
 - d) angrily
2. The wind can scatter
 - a) leaves
 - b) water
 - c) papers
 - d) clothes
3. The wind is addressed like a human being. This is an example of
 - a) Simile
 - b) Metaphor
 - c) Personification
 - d) Alliteration
4. The tone of the poet in these lines is
 - a) commanding
 - b) pleading
 - c) cheerful
 - d) careless
5. The extract shows that the wind is
 - a) gentle and weak
 - b) powerful and destructive
 - c) slow and calm
 - d) helpful and kind

OR

2.

“Margie even wrote about it that night in her diary. On the page headed 17 May 2157, she wrote, ‘Today Tommy found a real book!’”

1. Margie wrote about the incident in her
 - a) notebook
 - b) diary
 - c) textbook
 - d) letter
2. The year mentioned in the extract is
 - a) 1957
 - b) 2057
 - c) 2157
 - d) 2257
3. A 'real book' refers to
 - a) an e-book
 - b) a digital screen
 - c) a printed paper book
 - d) an audio book
4. Margie felt
 - a) bored
 - b) excited
 - c) angry
 - d) afraid
5. The story suggests that children in the future
 - a) study only with mechanical teachers
 - b) dislike schools
 - c) read many printed books
 - d) play outside all day

VII

Read the extract given below and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two given extracts :

(1×5=5)

1.

“She felt the vibrations from the floor through her bare feet and from the drums through the sticks. It was like a new way of hearing.”

1. 'She' in the extract refers to
 - a) Sue
 - b) Kezia
 - c) Evelyn Glennie
 - d) Margie
2. Evelyn sensed music through
 - a) her ears only
 - b) speakers
 - c) vibrations
 - d) headphones

3. The phrase 'a new way of hearing' suggests
 - a) loud sound
 - b) lip reading
 - c) feeling sound through the body
 - d) ignoring music
4. The extract shows Evelyn's
 - a) weakness
 - b) fear
 - c) determination
 - d) anger
5. The central message of the chapter is
 - a) practice is useless
 - b) disability cannot stop strong will
 - c) music is noisy
 - d) success needs luck

OR

2.

“‘I’m tired of waiting. I want to see the last leaf fall. Then I’ll go too,’ said Johnsy.”

1. Johnsy was suffering from
 - a) fever
 - b) malaria
 - c) pneumonia
 - d) cold
2. The 'last leaf' symbolised her
 - a) hope
 - b) life
 - c) fear
 - d) dream
3. Johnsy wanted to 'go' means
 - a) travel
 - b) sleep
 - c) die
 - d) paint
4. Her words show
 - a) excitement
 - b) bravery
 - c) hopelessness
 - d) confidence
5. Sue tried to save Johnsy by
 - a) leaving her alone
 - b) scolding her
 - c) encouraging and caring for her
 - d) sending her home

VIII

Answer any TWO of the following questions in 40–50 words –

(2×3=6)

1. How did Evelyn Glennie overcome her disability and become a successful musician? (*The Sound of Music*)
2. Why did Kezia fear her father? (*The Little Girl*)
3. Why did Sue try to keep Johnsy hopeful? (*The Last Leaf*)

IX

Answer any FOUR of the following questions in 40–50 words –

(4×3=12)

1. Describe Toto's mischievous nature. (*The Adventures of Toto*)
2. How did Iswaran entertain Mahendra after dinner? (*Iswaran the Storyteller*)
3. Why did the swallow decide not to leave the Happy Prince? (*The Happy Prince*)
4. How did Kalam's parents influence his character? (*My Childhood*)
5. How did Gerrard outsmart the intruder? (*If I Were You*)

X

Attempt any ONE of the following in 100–120 words.

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1. Describe the intruder's character and background. (*If I Were You*)

OR

2. Describe the humorous encounter of the doctor with the snake. (*The Snake and the Mirror*)

XI

Attempt any ONE of the following in 100–120 words.

Bring out the theme of parental love in 'The Lost Child'. 6

OR

2. What values do you learn from *My Childhood* by A.P.J. Abdul Kalam? Discuss.