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MODEL EXAMINATION (2017-2018)

ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE

CLASS IX

MARKS:80

TIME:3 HRS

SET – A

The question paper is divided into three sections:

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| SECTION A: Reading | 20 Marks |
| SECTION B : Writing and Grammar | 30 Marks |
| SECTION C : Literature and Long Reading Text | 30 Marks |

You may attempt any section at a time.

All questions of a particular section must be attempted in the correct order.

This question paper consists of six printed pages.

SECTION – A

READING (20 Marks)

Q 1. Read the following passage carefully:

(8 marks)

A research conducted by SATHI says that it is a misconception that children living on platforms are abandoned or are from wrecked homes. In reality, most of the children flee their homes without a thought and cannot retract their actions either because they have no money or are too frightened to go back. “We rescue 50 children daily from the platforms across the country. Some of these children get lost even as their parents search for them desperately,” said Anjali, Project Officer, SATHI.

Life on the platform is not easy. This is not a life of comfort and ease. The longer a child lives on the platform, the more he falls prey to addictions, abuse, petty thefts and odd jobs for survival. There is no place like home for a child except for extreme cases of abuse and poverty and the organization’s first course of action is ‘home placement.’

As SATHI’s Secretary, Pramod Kulkarni says, “ A child on the platform never grows up, he just ages. Early intervention not only saves the child from the dangers of platform life but also makes repatriation easier as the child is more willing to go back home.” But, it is not an easy task. The organization’s staff scours the platforms across

the country from morning till night. Their aim is to rescue children from the platform and then place them within the safe confines of the SATHI shelters. They are counselled and those who are willing to go back home are taken to their families as soon as possible.

Others who are reluctant to go back home, are enrolled in 'home orientation camps'. Love, guidance and care pave the way for the effective development of problem solving and social skills needed to build self-esteem and renew family ties. Children addicted to substance abuse are sent to de-addiction camps.

1.1 Answer the following questions briefly (ANY 8): (1 x 8 = 8)

- a. What has the research conducted by SATHI revealed ?
- b. What does the phrase ' Life on the platform is not easy' mean ?
- c. What is the organization's aim working for the welfare of children ?
- d. Which is the most important step in saving the lives of children ?
- e. After the children are in the safe confines, how are they helped further ?
- f. How do love, guidance and care help these children ?
- g. What plans does SATHI have for those who do not want to go back home ?
- h. How are the addicted children helped ?
- i. Find a word from the passage which means 'advice'.

Q 2. Read the following passage carefully : (12marks)

The role friends play in our lives has become significantly greater than at any other time in our history. Today many of us live and work great distances from where we were born or grew up and are separated from our original families. The pain we feel when we are away from our families can be significant.

The happiness of the individual relies on friendships which form a necessary human connection. It is perfectly normal to need and want friends and depression is more prevalent among those who lack friends. They lack the intimacy and richness friends can bring into our lives. Frequently friends reflect similar values to us. Yet these values are often different from the ones we grew up with : they are the values we created for ourselves in our adult lives.

Communication skills are fundamental in all friendships. The more friends and acquaintances one has, the greater are one's communication skills. Some call these, people skills. Sometimes a friendship can bring out the positive side that you never show in any other relationship. This maybe because the pressure of playing a role – daughter, partner or child, is removed. With a friend you are yourself and free to change. Of course you are free to do this in all other relationships as well but in friendships you get to have

lots of rehearsals and discussions about changes as you experience them. It is an unconditional experience where you receive as much as you give. You can explain yourself to a friend openly without the fear of hurting a family member.

How do friendships grow? The answer is simple. By revealing yourself, being attentive, remembering what is most important to your friend and asking them about it, putting yourself in their position, showing empathy; seeing the world through the eyes of your friend, you will understand the value of friendship. All this means learning to accept a person from a completely different family to your own or perhaps someone from a completely different cultural background. This is the way we learn tolerance. Friendships are made by being considerate which means all the communication skills come into play: active listening skills, questioning skills, negotiation skills, reflecting content skills, reflecting emotional skills and editing yourself.

2.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer ANY 4 questions :
(2 x 4 = 8)

- a. Why do friends play a more significant role today than ever before?
- b. How do we learn tolerance from friendships ?
- c. How does friendship bring out our positive side ?
- d. How do friendships grow? Give any 4 points.
- e. Which are the communication skills that help in building friendships ?

2.2 On the basis of your reading of the passage, complete ANY 2 sentences with appropriate words or phrases: (1 x 2 = 2)

- i. Communication skills are also called _____.
- ii. Friends bring _____ and _____ into our lives.
- iii. Friendship is a _____.

2.3 Find words (ANY 2) from the passage which mean the same as under: (1 x 2=2)

- i. Basic - _____
- ii. To understand the feelings of others - _____
- iii. A person one knows slightly - _____

SECTION – B

WRITING AND GRAMMAR (30 Marks)

Q3. One glaring fact of modern society is the crumbling of the socio-economic structure where the elderly parents are looked upon as a liability. You decide to write an article on

the topic “ Loneliness and Neglect of the Elderly - A Depressing Phenomenon” in about 100 –120 words. You are Nita/ Nitin.

Using the clues given below and based on your reading of the MCB Unit ‘People’, write your own views. (8 marks)

- ❖ Break up of joint family and prevalence of nuclear family.
- ❖ Neglected by children , ill - treated.
- ❖ No regular source of income , Health complications, property disputes.
- ❖ Increase in old age homes.
- ❖ Need to develop sympathetic attitude.

Q4. Develop a story in about 200 – 250 words with the following beginning. Also give a suitable title. (12 marks)

All alone ,sitting on a bench, I felt a tap on my shoulder. When I turned to see, I...

Q5. Complete the following passage by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones given below. Do not copy the entire passage. ANY 3 (1 x 3 = 3)

random
about
The first test tube baby turtle (a) _____ last month in California. The story began (b) _____ a broken turtle egg (c) _____ on the seashore. Scientists have got to work carefully bringing up the turtle which (d) _____ now. This winter the turtle will be returned to the sea.

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| (a) i. were born | ii. was born | iii. is born | iv. are born |
| (b) i. where | ii. which | iii. when | iv. who |
| (c) i. is find | ii. was found | iii. found | iv. are finding |
| (d) i. has grown | ii. have grown | iii. grown | iv. are grown |

Q6. In the following passage, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after it in your answer sheet against the correct question number. Ensure that the word that forms your answer is underlined. The first one has been done as an example for you. ANY 4 (1 X 4 = 4)

Indiscriminate felling trees has aggravated many problems. Despite so awareness campaigns people have not put end to this ruthless practice cutting trees. They forget that trees

eg. felling of trees

(a) _____

(b) _____

(c) _____

sustain the air giving us the oxygen we breathe. (d) _____

So their importance our lives cannot be ignored. (e) _____

Q7. Below is a set of instructions on how to prepare toast. Complete the paragraph describing it. The first one has been done as example. ANY 3 (1 x 3 = 3)

- ❖ Switch on the electric toaster.
- ❖ Insert two slices of bread into the slots.
- ❖ Leave them inside for two minutes.
- ❖ Switch off the toaster.
- ❖ Take out the bread .

The electric toaster is switched on. Then two slices of bread (a) _____ into the slots. They (b) _____ for two minutes. The toaster (c) _____ and the bread (d) _____ .

SECTION – C

LITERATURE AND LONG READING TEXT (30 Marks)

Q8. Read the following extracts and answer the questions given below. Attempt ANY ONE. (1 x 4 = 4 marks)

(i) I am the sigh of the sea;
The laughter of the field
The tears of heaven.

- a. Who is the speaker in the above line ?
- b. ‘ I am the sigh of the sea’. Explain.
- c. How is the speaker the laughter of the field ?
- d. Identify the poetic device used in the first line.


OR

(ii) “ You are incorrigible. You will sell your candlesticks next.”

- a. Who speaks these words and to whom ?
- b. Why does the speaker consider the person incorrigible ?
- c. What is special about the candlesticks ?
- d. What happens to the candlesticks towards the end of the story ?

Q9. Answer ANY 4 of the following questions in about 30-40 words (2 x 4 = 8)

1. What does the poet compare the solitary reaper’s song to and why ?

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2. Where do the narrator and Trower happen to overhear the Professor and what do they overhear?
 3. Why could Krishtakka or Avva never go to school ?
 4. How is the journey of the brook similar to the journey of life yet different ?
 5. What does John Pescud tell the writer about his prosperity in the 'Bestseller' ?

Q10. Answer ANY 1 of the following in 100- 120 words. (1 x 8 = 8)

- (i) Charles Hooper is appointed the Assistant National Sales Manager. How is Duke instrumental in getting him this promotion ?

OR

- (ii) You are Gaston, a keen observer and a shrewd businessman who is able to outwit both Mrs. Al Smith and Juliette. Write a page in your diary about the meeting with Mrs. Al Smith and the profitable deal you made.

Q11. Answer ANY 1 from (i) or (ii) in about 150-200 words. (1 x 10 =10)

- (i) a. What is your impression of the Emperor of Lilliput in 'Gulliver's Travels' ?

OR

b. Comment on Gulliver's visit to the Grand Academy of Lagado ?

- (ii) a. Three men make rather tall claims about the trout in the inn. Describe how the claims became taller with each successive claimant. What is the final revelation about the trout?

OR

b. What impression do you form of Montmorency , the dog ?
