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Class: IX
Sub: English

Total Marks: 80
Time: 3 hours

General Instructions:

1. The question paper is divided into three sections

Section A	Reading	20 marks
Section B	Writing & Grammar	30 marks
Section C	Literature	30 marks
2. All questions are compulsory.
3. You may attempt any section at a time.
4. All the questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.
5. Marks are indicated against each question.

SECTION – A READING (20 marks)

Q.1 Read the following passage

Heavy rains in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttarakhand since Friday claimed 27 lives, even as rivers continued to be in spate in Bihar. Fifteen deaths were reported in Madhya Pradesh since Friday evening as the MET department predicted more showers and sounded heavy downpour alert for some districts on Sunday. "Three Indian Air Force aircraft dropped food packets and medicines in the flooded areas of Rewa district," Collector Rahul Jain said. Seven people, including a woman and four minors, were killed and three others were injured when a house collapsed in Rahargari area of Sagar district on Saturday.

Two people, including an old woman, were also killed and seven others were injured when a newly-constructed building collapsed owing to incessant rains at Maihar in Satna district. A jeep carrying two persons was swept away in the swollen Betwa river as it attempted to cross a bridge in Raisen district. Three bodies were recovered from a *nullah* on Saturday in Chhattarpur district. The victims were travelling in a car that was washed away off a bridge on the flooded *nullah* on Friday.

In Rajasthan, five people were killed when their house collapsed in Phool Bareda village in Baran district due to incessant rains since Saturday morning that created a flood-like situation in several parts of the state. Several people are feared stranded in Chabra, Chipabarode, Kawai, Harnavadashahaji areas as the Parvan, Parwati, Ujjad and other rivers are overflowing after the rains.

Seven members of a family were killed when their house was razed to the ground by huge boulders that rolled down the hill following a cloudburst in Pauri district of Uttarakhand on Saturday. The Army was called in to the flood-affected areas of Saran district as senior officials also rushed to the spot. At least 24 people were airlifted in Baran district and nearby areas. Several villages remained inundated after water entered buildings, houses and a private power plant in Baran.

On the basis of your reading of the passage given above, answer the questions. [8]

- (a) How did the Indian Air Force help in the flooded areas of Rewa district?
- (b) Where did a newly-constructed building collapse?
- (c) Who was the Collector of Rewa district?
- (d) Why was a jeep swept away?
- (e) In which district does Phool Baroda village lie?
- (f) How many people died in Rahatgarh area?
- (g) Name the rivers which overflowed after the rains.
- (h) Who rescued the lives of people in Baran district?

2. Read the passage given below.

Fourteen year old Michael Otto crawled out of his tent still half-sleepy. The scenery captivated him immediately; the river Elbe was steaming in the early morning light as it flowed towards the North Sea. Geese were flying over the water, which the rising sun had turned into a golden carpet. "At that moment, I felt the elemental power of the Elbe," says Michael Otto 52 years later.

Otto's relationship to the Elbe perfectly describes his way of doing business: it explains why the billionaire has done so much for the environment. Furs, paints and tropical hardwoods were taken off the product line, ecological textiles became the focus and he fought against the expansion of the Elbe as a waterway.

During his early years Michael's family faced trying times. They had to relocate themselves in Hamburg after the Russians marched through West Prussia, the present Poland. In Hamburg they were safe but poor. Michael's father decided to improve their lot by setting up a mail order shoe company. Later the parents divorced. Michael moved out to a rural suburb with his mother but he remained close to his father. The beauty of the landscape – the meadows and forests fascinated him. His desire for discovery turned into wanderlust as he stood at the harbor watching ships.

When he was 15 he accompanied his father on his first business trip to Canada. By 19, he was scouting for real-estate in Canada. He did a bank apprenticeship and studied economics. Later he started a company of his own and travelled extensively across the globe even traversing difficult terrains with nomads. In 1972, he published a book, 'Limits to Growth' where he

says, "We can exploit the earth only to the extent that it can regenerate itself." Since then he has used this as a guiding principle of his work. Even in the uppermost echelons of business, he ensures that economy and ecology go hand in hand.

A. Choose the correct option and write the answer against the correct question number. [4]

- 1) Michael Otto is _____ years old.
a. 14 b. 52 c. 19 d. 66
- 2) Otto has done so much for the environment because of his _____.
a. life in a tent b. being a billionaire c. business d. love for river Elbe
- 3) Michael's father set up a mail order shoe company for _____.
a. getting divorce b. being poor c. making life better d. to draw lots
- 4) 'wanderlust' means _____.
a. lost in wonder b. desire to travel c. be surprise d. hopelessness

B. Answer the following briefly. [4]

- 1) How could Otto feel the elemental power of the Elbe?
- 2) How does Otto ensure that ecology is not affected by his business?
- 3) Why had Otto family to relocate to Hamburg?
- 4) What does Otto strongly advocate in his book?

C. Pick out the words from the passage that mean the following: [4]

- a) drew the attention as if by a magic spell (Para 1)
- b) searching / exploring (Para 4)
- c) far and wide (Para 4)
- d) levels / ranks (Para 4)

SECTION B – WRITING & GRAMMAR (30 Marks)

3. Given below is the profile of Sachin Tendulkar, the cricket legend. Write his bio-sketch using the inputs given in about 100-150 words. [8]

Birth: 24 April, 1973, Dadar, Bombay

Family: Parents-Ramesh Tendulkar & Rajni Tendulkar; Wife-Anjali, doctor; two children

Qualities: calm, patient, religious

Test debut: 15 November 1989 against Pakistan

Participation: Test Matches and International Matches

Achievements: 100 international centuries, scored more than thirty thousand runs in international cricket, double century in an ODI etc

Awards: Arjuna Award - 1994, Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna - 1997, Padma Shri - 1999, Padma Vibhushan-2008, Bharat Ratna - 2013

Nick names: Little Master; Master Blaster

OR

You went to see the Taj at Agra on a trip organised by your school. You were spellbound to see the spectacular beauty of the monument, but the lack of cleanliness around it disappointed you. Write a diary entry in about 100-150 words expressing your admiration and your disappointment.

4. Imagine that you encountered two strange people. They were different from normal human beings but they were exciting and quite interesting. Write a story narrating your experience with them. [10]



OR

Write a story in about 150-200 words beginning with the given lines.

A boy was waiting for the bus at the bus stop. He saw an old man who was crossing the road. Suddenly he noticed a car hurtling towards the old man from the opposite side. Then he.....

5. Complete the following passage by choosing the appropriate options given below. [4]

Spiders are usually found in plants, shrubs, grasses (a) _____ sometimes under stones. The spider species weave webs to trap (b) _____ insects and act as bio-controlling agents to keep the insect population (c) _____ control. Spider family in India is not very much harmful to humans (d) _____ spider bite, sometimes needs treatment.

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| (a) (i) or | (ii) and | (iii) but | (iv) as |
| (b) (i) another | (ii) a | (iii) other | (iv) others |
| (c) (i) below | (ii) into | (iii) at | (iv) under |
| (d) (i) but | (ii) and | (iii) as | (iv) that |

6. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correct word as shown in the example given below: [4]

	Incorrect	Correct
The internet provide solutions to most	eg. provide	provides
in the worldly problems. So children,	(a) _____	_____
instead of contacting there own parents,	(b) _____	_____
use the help of internet in case of much problem,	(c) _____	_____
thus again reduce communication that leads to	(d) _____	_____
a generation gap between them.	X	

7. Rearrange the following jumbled words to make meaningful sentences. One is done as an example for you. [4]

by and large / power / is / a government / in India / undertaking / generation

Example: In India, power generation is by and large a government undertaking.

- is growing / power / in our / phenomenal rate / the need for / at a / country
- the past / consumes / compared to / more power / our generation / generation
- rate of / annually / increase is / eight to / ten percent / the
- faces / power / the whole / severe / country / shortage of

SECTION C – LITERATURE (30 Marks)

8. Read one of the extracts below and answer the questions. [4]

“Observing my hesitation, he told me not to get upset, saying “Once you decide to change the system, such problems have to be confronted.”

- Who is the speaker and why did he hesitate?
- What system is mentioned here that had to be changed?
- What is the meaning of ‘confronted’?
- What was the change that the speaker saw when he visited the house next time?

OR

Remember, no men are strange, no countries foreign,
Beneath all uniforms, a single body breathes
Like ours: the land our brothers walk upon
Is earth like this, in which we all shall lie.

- What does he mean by ‘uniforms’?
- What do we have to remember?
- What is common about human beings?
- Where shall we all lie?

9. Answer any THREE of the following question in 30 – 40 words each. [6]

- a) “I forgot the danger and smiled feebly at myself”, says the doctor. What danger was he in? Why did he smile when he was in danger?
- b) How did little Kezia come to know that her father too had a big heart?
- c) Why did the author bring back Bruno from the zoo? How did they accommodate him then?
- d) What was Montmorency’s role in helping George and Harris in packing?
- e) Why is it said that SantoshYadav found a special place in the hearts of her fellow climbers?

10. Answer any TWO of the following question in 30 – 40 words each. [4]

- a) What made the swallow stay back with the Prince even though it was too cold?
- b) How did Prashant prove his leadership qualities at the time of the super cyclone?
- c) What helped the boy come back to life after his house was burnt and his cat was lost?
- d) Why did Bill Bryson’s mouth remain navy blue for several days?

11. Answer any ONE of the following in about 100-150 words. [8]

- a) “A poised mind and humorous attitude can help in overcoming any difficult situation. Do you agree? Justify your answer quoting the example from ‘If I were you.’
- b) Ustad Bismillah Khan’s life is a perfect example of the rich, cultural heritage of India and the love for one’s own mother land. Explain.

12. Answer any ONE of the following in about 100-150 words. [8]

- a) Making someone happy by our deeds is the best service to humans. Explain with the example of the woman who returned the cat for the boy in the story ‘A House is not a Home’.
- b) More than scolding or advice, loving concern can change a scoundrel to a decent man. Elucidate with the example of Lushkoff.
