

ATOMIC ENERGY CENTRAL SCHOOL NO.3 RAWATBHATA

POST-MID TEST JANUARY 2017

CLASS: IX
SUB: ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE ('A' COURSE)

TIME 1:30 MINUTES
MAX MARKS: 40

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. This question paper contains three section A, B, & C
2. All questions are compulsory
3. You may attempt any section any time
4. All the questions of particular sections must be attempted in an order

Section: A Reading 10 Marks

Q1) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow 5 Marks

1. At Hardwar, the first thing that hits the eye, is the presence of the Ganga. It certainly appears to be a big river. But look around and away from the water and the second thing that will strike the eye, is the amount of constructions on the riverside and the ghats. There are bridges, pillars, staircases that seem to lead to nowhere in particular and some of them even seem to stick out of the river water for no discernible reason! The third thing is the ads for vests and briefs. It seems almost mandatory, like a dip in the river.

2. To take a dip in the river hang on to the chains that have been fixed to the stairs, duck and pray that the slush beneath your feet does not make you lose your balance. That is the holy dip taken by 98% of visitors, in a nutshell.

3. But I am one of the two percent who travel further upriver and camp on white beaches. I go to sleep in a tent listening to the tinkle of the river. Next morning, along with a few other campers, we prepare to hand over our lives to rubber dinghies, paddle muscles and river guides, in a bid to enjoy the white water rafting sport on the Ganga. White water rafting one of the most religious and extreme sports around, specially when you encounter one of the rapids on the course. Then it seems the river wants to convey a message. She does not respect you too much and seems to tell you that she has complete power over you.

(a) At Hardwar which of the following is not visible?

- i) The presence of Ganga.
- ii) The constructions on the riverside and the ghats.
- iii) The advertisements of luxury hotels.
- iv) Ghats and bridges.

(b) These are chains fixed to the stairs.

- (i) To protect the visitors from losing their balance while taking a holy dip.
- (ii) They liberate the visitors from their sins.
- (iii) They keep the river clean.
- (iv) To ease the dip.

(c) Ninety eight percent visitors

- i) take holy dip hanging on the chains.
- ii) go further upriver and camp on white beaches.
- iii) do not take a holy dip.
- iv) feel afraid.

(d) "Seems to tell you that she has complete power over you" – Explain –

- i) She (Ganga) is dangerous.
- ii) She can swallow you anytime.
- iii) One should be careful of the strong water currents of the Ganga.
- iv) She can take your life.

(e) Which word in passage means „visible or noticeable“ –

- i) Discernible
- ii) appears
- iii) mandatory
- iv) slush

Q2) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow 05 Marks

Nobody knows why we sleep, but we all need to. There are no rules about how much sleep is necessary but the average adult sleeps for 7 hours. About 8% of adults are happy with 5 hours or less and 4% want 10 hours or more. Babies need between 14 to 18 hours whereas the elderly need less than they did when young but often take a nap during the day. If you miss a couple of hours of sleep, no harm is done. You may feel tired and irritable the next day but the body soon makes up for the loss. If you try to stay awake night after night however, you soon begin to behave strangely. You lose the ability to concentrate and your judgment is impaired. You begin to imagine strange things and your behavior becomes deranged.

There are a number of causes for sleeplessness - worry, depression, illness & pain, noise and light room temperature etc.

Read the questions given below and write the option you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet:

(a) Mark as True or False :-

- i) An average adult sleeps for 7 hours
- ii) 8% of adults are happy with 3 hours of sleep.
- iii) 10% of the adults want 10 hours or more.
- iv) Worry and depression can cause sleeplessness.

Options:

- (i) (i), (ii) are True (iii) & (iv) are False
- (ii) (ii), (iii) and (iv) are True, (i) is False
- (iii) (i) and (iv) are True, (ii) & (iii) are False
- (iv) (iii) and (iv) are True, (i), (ii) are False

b) The result of keeping awake night after night is

- i) Strange behavior
- ii) Loss of concentration
- iii) Impaired judgment
- iv) Loss of vision

Options:

- (i) I, ii, iii
- (ii) i & ii
- (iii) iii & I
- (iv) ii, iii & iv

c) Which word means „short sleep“:

- i) deranged
- ii) impaired
- iii) nap
- iv) sleeplessness

d) The major causes of sleeplessness are :

- i) worry and depression
- ii) noise and light , room temperature
- iii) physical illness and pain
- iv) food

Options:

- (i) I, ii, iii
- (ii) ii & iii
- (iii) i , ii, iii & iv
- (iv) only i & ii

e) If some days“ or hours“ sleep is missed no harm is done. Which harm is being talked about?

- i) physical
- ii) mental
- iii) Psychological
- iv) All – (i), (ii) & (iii)

Section B: Writing & Grammar 20 Marks

Q3) You are Priyanshu/Priyanka of Class IX. You went for a movie outing with your friends. You watched the movie ‘M.S. Dhoni-The Untold Story’ based on the life of Indian Cricketer M.S. Dhoni. Share your experiences in the form of diary entry.(100-120 words) 6 Marks

Q4) Adventure sports have become a craze these days. Youngsters are indulging in such sports much more than before. Write an article on the topic ‘Increasing Trend of Adventure Sports’ as Prachi in about 200-250 words. Take help from the given clues. 7 Marks

- Adventure sports are refreshing
- Popular in India
- Positive impact on economy
- India: a hub of adventure sports

Q5) Fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate words from the given options. Write only the correct answers against the question numbers in your answer sheet. No need to copy the passage.

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(a).....the first prize in the debate competition, Raghu decided to put in his maximum effort in all the (b).....inter-school competitions. His teacher advised him not (c).....overconfident. (d).....is not always necessary. (e).....a good student, he knew the meaning (f)..... what his teacher advised him .

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| (a) (i) Win | (ii) Won | (iii) To win | (iv) Winning |
| (b) (i) comes | (ii) come | iii) came | iv) coming |
| (c) (i) feeling | (ii) to feel | (iii) felt | (iv) feel |
| (d) (i) Winning | (ii) Will win | (iii) Win | (iv) Won |
| (e) (i) Be | (ii) Is | (iii) Being | (iv) Be |
| (f) (i) of | (ii) at | (iii) before | (iv) to |

Q6) The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correct word in the answer sheet against correct blank number. No need to copy the passage
4 Marks

	Incorrect	Correct
My father became chief secretary of Tamil Nadu		
(a)on 1962. Soon after, he told my cousin and me,
(b)whenever we accompanied him to any functions
(c)we were to sit on the car on either side of him
(d)and gave him a nudge if we aw a policeman
(e)salute him which he wa preoccupied studying
(f)his notes. He said so that he was concerned
(g)of the policemen standing in the hot sun
(h)He felt that he would return their greetings.

Literature (Textbooks) 10 Marks

Q7) Read one of the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow. 4 Marks

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 thi, in which we all hall lie.

- What does the poet mean with ‘uniforms’?
- What is the destined end of all the people?
- Which wordhas the same meaning as ‘unfamiliar’?
- Does the poet want to spread brotherhood in the world?How?

Or

No,
The root is to be pulled out-
Out of the anchoring earth;
It is to be roped, tied,
And pulled out-snapped out

- Explain ‘No’ in the stanza.
- What treatment did the poet want with the roots?
- Which word is similar to ‘chopped’?
- Why did the poet want to pull out the root of a tree?

Q8) Answer the following questions in 30-40 words. (Any three)6 Marks

- How did Montmorency ‘contribute’ to the packing?
- Why did Santosh want to fight the system?
- Maria possesses some contradictory characteristics. What are they?
- To whom does the Prince send the sapphires and why?