

**O. P. JINDAL SCHOOL, SAVITRI NAGAR**  
**Annual Examination (2023 – 2024)**  
**SET- A**

**Class: IX**  
**Subject: English**

**MM: 80**  
**Time: 3 Hrs.**

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**(Fifteen Minutes Extra will be given for reading the Question Paper.)**

**General Instructions:**

1. This paper is divided into three parts: Section A, B & C. All questions are compulsory.
  2. Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.
  3. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.
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**Section A - Reading Skills [20 Marks]**

**Q1. Read the passage given below:**

1. Happiness is like the sun; it is often hidden by the clouds of thoughts, worries and desires. We have to scatter and dissolve these clouds to experience happiness. You don't have to create it, all you have to do is calm your mind, because when there is a quiet mind and inner peace, there is happiness. It is not something far away and unattainable and does not depend on circumstances, objects or events. Happiness is an inseparable part of our consciousness, of our essence, but hidden and covered from sight by our thoughts, desires and worries.

2. The mind is always in a constant race from one thought to another, from one worry to another. It constantly moves from one object or task to another. This restlessness hides the happiness that is within you. It is like a choppy sea that hides the bottom. When the sea gets calm, you can see the bottom. In the same way, when the mind gets quiet, you sense the happiness that is within you.

3. You cannot see a treasure at the bottom of a stormy and muddy lake although it is there. However, when the wind stops, the water becomes still and the mud sinks, you can see the treasure. The treasure is there, whether you see it or not. So is happiness. It is always here, only hidden by thoughts, desires and worries.

4. You can experience more happiness in your life. Only your thoughts stand in your way of experiencing it. Next time you feel happy, stop for a moment and watch the state of your mind. You will be surprised to discover that it is calm, and there are almost no thoughts in your mind. Since the mind is not accustomed to stay in this peaceful state for long, it soon becomes active again and

the sense of happiness disappears.

5. Many people connect happiness to achievement of certain goals. This makes happiness a reward and not an emotion that must be felt. We forget that it is something that comes by looking inward rather than waiting for an external trigger. Once you start looking inwards, you will have to treat yourself as you would treat a valued friend. This will lead to happiness. Take time to appreciate yourself, your work and your accomplishments. Surround yourself with happy people and recall positive memories. It is important to recognise that you have the power to feel happy within you and with practice, it will be felt frequently.

**Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below: (6 Marks)**

I. Select the option that corresponds to the following relation below: Happiness is like the sun, hidden by clouds of worry.

- A. Happiness is where there is a quiet mind and inner peace.
- B. Less work is like a breeze which brings happiness.
- C. The choppy sea hides the treasure of happiness.
- D. The wind blows and brings happiness.

II. Select the option that displays what the writer projects, with reference to the following: (Paragraph 1) Happiness is not something far away and unattainable.

- A. doubt
- B. caution
- C. conviction
- D. denial

III. Why does the writer say that you have to scatter and dissolve these clouds to experience happiness?

- A. Our thoughts and worries hide the true essence of our happiness.
- B. Our inner peace has to be dissolved to enhance true happiness.
- C. Our desires, thoughts and worries are a part of our consciousness and bring happiness.
- D. These clouds don't show us the real truth

IV. Select the phrase that states referenceto the following reason (Paragraph 2):

Opinion	Reason
	This restlessness hides the happiness within

V. The writer says 'Next time you feel happy, stop for a moment and watch the state of your mind'. The state of your mind will be \_\_\_\_\_

- A. resolute
- B. calm

C. firm

D. decisive

VI. Supply one point to justify the following:

‘Connecting happiness to achievement of certain goals makes it a reward, not an emotion.’

**Answer the following in 30 to 40 words:**

**(4 Marks)**

VII. Based on your reading of the text, list two reasons why the writer says ‘happiness is an inseparable part of our consciousness’.

(a) \_\_\_\_\_

(b) \_\_\_\_\_

VIII. What connect does the writer draw out between the treasure that cannot be seen and happiness? (Paragraph 3)

**Q2. Read the passage given below.**

1. There was a time when human interference was minimum, the number of wild animals was quite high and there was no problem of their protection or conservation.

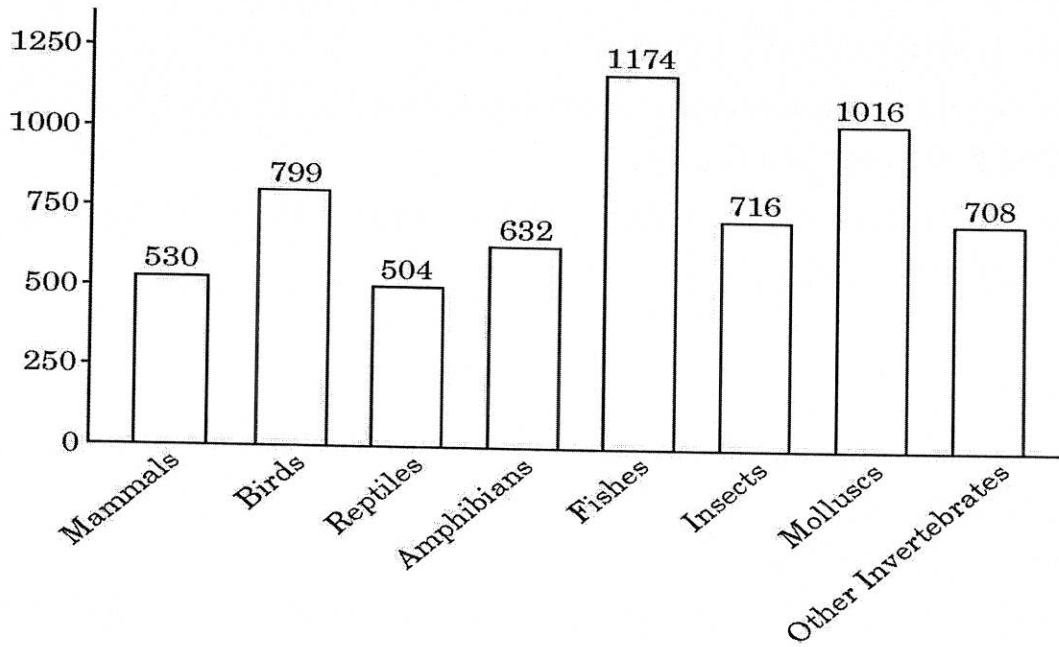
2. Due to the irrational use of natural and biotic resources of the Earth in the past, most of the wildlife has been destroyed beyond retrieval. According to an estimate, in India about 200 species of wild animals and birds have become extinct and another 2500 are on the verge of extinction. Some of them are Blackbuck, Chinkara, Wolf, Swamp Deer, Nilgai, Indian Gazelle, Antelope, Tiger, Rhinoceros, Gir Lion, Crocodile, Flamingo, Pelican, Bustard, White Crane, Grey Heron, Mountain Quail etc.....

3. In India, the Government and NGOs are taking keen interest in protection of wildlife. The Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, has several provisions for the conservation of wildlife. As many as 165 game sanctuaries and 21 national parks have been deployed to protect the natural habitat and wild animals. Apart from this, Wildlife Conservation Week is also celebrated from 1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> October every year. But still there is a long way to go in this direction.

4. Preservation of wildlife does not mean a blanket protection to all faunal and floral species; rather it implies a proper, judicious control over the multiplication of plants and animals which interact together to provide a proper environment to man whose very existence is in peril today.

5. It is our urgent duty to protect the natural splendor of ecosystems and to evolve a system of coexistence with every living creature upon the Earth.

\*based on IUCN Red List data



Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below: (6 Marks)

I. Select the appropriate options to fill in the blanks.

Most of the wildlife has been \_\_\_\_\_ beyond \_\_\_\_\_ due to the irrational use of natural resources on the Earth.

- A. destroyed
- B. retrieval
- C. desertion
- D. build
- V. revived

- A. I and II
- B. II and III
- C. III and IV
- D. IV and V

II. Infer one reason for the following, based on the information in the passage.

The number of wild animals was quite high and there was no problem of their protection or conservation.

III. Select the correct option to complete the sentence.

Judicious control over the multiplication of plants and animals which provide \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. natural splendor of ecosystem
- B. proper environment to man
- C. blanket protection
- D. happy and comfortable living

IV. Fill in the blanks by selecting the correct option.

The Wildlife Protection Policy has several provisions for \_\_\_\_\_ of wildlife.

- A. Conservation
- B. Safety
- C. Habitation
- D. Wellbeing

V. Substitute the word extinction with one word similar in meaning from the passage.

Many species are at the verge of extinction because of carelessness of human race.

- A. multiplying
- B. disappearance
- C. diseased
- D. poaching

VI. Select the option that can be the best title for the passage.

- A. Wild Animals
- B. Sanctuaries
- C. Natural Resources
- D. Conservation of Wildlife

**Answer the following in 30 to 40 words:**

**(4 Marks)**

VII. List any two examples of Government and NGOs trying to protect the wildlife.

VIII. Why does the Government make certain recommendations for protection of wild animals?

### **Section B – Grammar & Writing Skills – [20 Marks]**

**Q3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks as directed:**

**(10 marks)**

I. Fill in the blank: There isn't \_\_\_\_\_ cash left with us.

- A. some                      B. any                      C. more                      D. much

II. The police spoke separately to \_\_\_\_ suspect.

- A. every                      B. each                      C. some                      D. few

III. Both the boys have got a scolding but either of them paid heed. Use the given format for your response.

<i>Error</i>	<i>Correction</i>

IV. By the next month, we shall \_\_\_\_\_ the project.

- A. has completed              B. completing              C. completed              D. have completed

V. The Principal and Dean of our college \_\_\_\_\_ camping for the cause on behalf of the homeless.

- A. have been                      B. were                      C. was being                      D. has been

VI. Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between the Postmaster and Rama.

Postmaster : Rama, show me a document to verify your identity.

Rama : Sure, I will show you my driving licence.

The postmaster asked Rama to show him a document to verify her identity to which Rama affirmed and said

- A. that was her driving licence.
- B. this was her driving licence.
- C. this is her driving licence.
- D. that she would show him her driving licence.

VII. Identify the error in the given sentence:

Considering all the drawbacks of the contemporary era, the best known leader among them were Mahatma Gandhi, Sardar Patel and Jawaharlal Nehru.

<i>Error</i>	<i>Correction</i>

VIII. According to the prevailing rate, two dozens \_\_\_\_\_ rupees one hundred.

- A. costs                      B. cost                      C. costing                      D. costed

IX. Identify the error in the given sentence:

This is true that the pictures speaks more than a thousand words.

<i>Error</i>	<i>Correction</i>

X. The train had left before the passengers \_\_\_\_\_ .

- A. arrives
- B. arrived
- C. arriving
- D. had arrived

XI. I always keep \_\_\_\_ money in my wallet for emergencies.

- A. any                      B. every                      C. some                      D. many

XII. Turn into indirect speech: She said to me, "We planned to return to hostel."

**Q4. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below.**

**(5 marks)**

A. You recently participated in a Robot Making event in your school. Participants from as many as 30

schools took part in the event. Write about the event in about 100- 120 words describing how many robots were made and who was awarded the best prize etc.

**OR**

**B.** Your school celebrated Sports Day on 15 December. Famous sports person Neeraj Chopra was the chief guest on the occasion. Write a descriptive paragraph on Neeraj Chopra in about 100- 120 words.

Born on 24 December 1997- at Khandra, Panipat, Haryana - Indian track and field athlete - Olympic champion and World champion in Men's javelin throw - first Asian athlete to win an Olympic gold medal in javelin and the first Asian to win gold at the World Championship.

**Q5. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below.**

**(5 marks)**

**A.** You are Ashish/Anshika living in Delhi. You had a chance to attend a wedding ceremony in Mumbai. Your father took you there by airplane. You are very excited as it was your first journey by plane. Write a diary entry in 100-120 words sharing your experience.

**OR**

**B. Write a story on the basis of the outline given below in about 100-120 words.**

An old man had two daughters. He loved both of them. Once he asked them.....

**Section C – Literature – [40 Marks]**

**Q6. Read the extracts given below and attempt ANY ONE of the two given:**

**(5marks)**

**A.** “Your children are not your children. They are the sons and daughters of Life’s longing for itself. They come through you but not from you. You may give them your love but not your thoughts. For they have their own thoughts.”

I. Whose lines have been quoted here in this paragraph?

- A. Jainulabdeen      A. Kalam’s father      B. Khalil Gibran      C. Kalim Aajiz

II. In this particular excerpt, to whom are these lines addressed –

- A. Abdul Kalam      B. Ashiamma, Kalam’s mother  
C. Parents in general      D. His father

III. In what context have these lines been spoken ?

- A. When Kalam wanted to leave Rameshwaram  
B. When Kalam completed his elementary education.  
C. When Kalam’s mother was reluctant to part with her son.  
D. When Kalam’s new teacher made him sit in the last row of the class.

IV. The word which means ‘*a yearning desire*’ is \_\_\_\_\_

V. ‘My Childhood’ is an excerpt from \_\_\_\_\_

OR

“The culmination of her hard work and sincerity came in 1992, just four years after she had shyly asked the Aravalli mountaineers if she could join them. At barely twenty years of age, Santosh Yadav scaled Mt Everest, becoming the youngest woman in the world to achieve the feat. If her climbing skills, physical fitness, and mental strength impressed her seniors, her concern for others and desire to work together with them found her a special place in the hearts of fellow climbers. Within twelve months, Santosh found herself a member of an Indo-Nepalese Women’s Expedition that invited her to join them. She then scaled the Everest a second time, thus setting a record as the only woman to have scaled the Everest twice, and securing for herself and India a unique place in the annals of mountaineering.”

I. When did Santosh conquer Mount Everest the second time?

- A. in 1992                      B. in 1993                      C. in 1994                      D. in 1995

II. Choose the option that lists the set of statements that are not true :

1. Santosh was a member of an Indo-Nepalese Women's Expedition.
2. She was physically fit and mentally strong.
3. Santosh's parents wanted her to become a sportsperson since her childhood.
4. Santosh was always supported by her family to pursue her studies.
5. Santosh had boldly asked the Aravalli mountaineers to let her join them.
6. Santosh had genuine concern for fellow mountaineers.

- A. 1, 2, 3                      B. 3, 4, 5                      C. 4, 5, 6                      D. 1, 5, 6

III. Find a word in the above extract which means the same as 'journey for a purpose'.

- A. Expedition                      B. Member                      C. Scaled                      D. Annal

IV. The word 'scaled' in the extract means \_\_\_\_\_

V. What made Santosh scale Mt Everest the second time?

**Q7. Read the extracts given below and attempt ANY ONE, of the two given:**

**(5marks)**

“Remember they have eyes like ours that wake

Or sleep, and strength that can be won By love.

In every land is common life

That all can recognise and understand”

I. 'They' in the extract refers to \_\_\_\_\_

- A. the rich people.                      B. the poor people.  
C. the poet's countrymen.                      D. the people from other countries.

II. Which word in the extract is the opposite of 'fragility' / 'vulnerability'?

- A. Strength                      B. Won                      C. Like                      D. Common

III. What is the poet's message in this stanza?



- A. Physical strength cannot be won.      B. Physical strength can be won by hatred.  
 C. Mental strength can be defeated by apathy. D. Physical strength can be won by love.

IV. In what respect are their eyes compared to ours?

V. What is it that can be recognised or understood?

**OR**

“So hack and chop

But this alone won't do it.

Not so much pain will do it.

The bleeding bark will heal

And from close to the ground

Will rise curled green twigs,

Miniature boughs

Which if unchecked will expand again to former size.”

I. The phrase 'former size' refers to

- A. the piece of tree that was cut      B. the sapling that was planted  
 C. the plant that is growing in the garden      D. none of the above

II. The figure of speech in the line 'The bleeding bark will heal' is

- A. antithesis      B. anti-climax      C. alliteration      D. repetition

III. A word from the lines that means 'branches' is \_\_\_\_\_

- A. boughs      B. ground      C. expand      D. none of the above

IV. What is the origin of the 'curled green twigs'?

V. What do you think about the tone of the poet? Do you think he is serious about cutting trees?

**Q8. Answer any four of the following questions in 40 – 50 words each:      (4x3=12 marks)**

- I. How was Sharapova treated by the seniors in the training camp?  
 II. Why does the poet want the people to have firm bodies and strong hearts? (Wind)  
 III. What did Grandmother ask Kezia to make and why?  
 IV. Describe the evolution of Shehnai from Pungi. (The Sound of Music)  
 V. What things were there to gain as far as the intruder was concerned? (If I Were You)

**Q9. Answer any two of the following questions in 40 – 50 words each:      (2x3=6 marks)**

- I. What superstition had Johnsy developed?  
 II. Why did the Swallow not leave the prince and go to Egypt?  
 III. Why did the king, at the end of the trial, put the blame on the merchant? (In the Kingdom of Fools)

**Q10. Answer any one of the following questions in about 100 - 120 words:**

**(6 marks)**

“And surely such a woman Was enough to provoke a saint.” Saints are renowned to be calm, meditative and forgiving. Do you think it was justifiable on the part of Saint Peter to grow angry and curse the woman?

**OR**

How would you react to your school being replaced by a computer operated system and a mechanical teacher replacing your present teacher, keeping in mind the lesson 'The Fun They Had'?

**Q11. Answer any one of the following questions in about 100 - 120 words:**

**(6 marks)**

Do you think, it is advisable to keep a monkey like Toto as part of pets in the house? Why/Why not?

**OR**

The story 'The Beggar' is all about the transformation of a rogue. Do you agree? Justify with reference.

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