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Class : IX

Marks : 80

Time : 3 hrs

ENGLISH

General Instructions:

1. *This paper is divided into three sections: A, B and C.*

Section A - Reading 20 marks

Section B - Writing and Grammar 30 marks

Section C - Literature 30 marks

2. *All sections are compulsory.*

3. *Read the instructions given with each section and question and follow them faithfully.*

4. *Write down the serial number of the question before attempting it.*

5. *Strictly adhere to the word limit prescribed.*

SECTION A - READING

1. **Read the following passage carefully.**

1. There can't be two opinions on the importance of cleanliness. A clean country means healthy citizens and is always a motivation for the people. Cleanliness should come from the hearts of people, starting from their homes, becoming a habit, thereby manifesting itself as a clean and healthy society. In olden times, there wasn't any non-biodegradable waste. Our forefathers found bio-degradable substances for all our needs. We used to give our kitchen wastes to pets, some we used to burn as fuel and some we used to use as organic fertilizers. This has now changed. We use polyurethane bags and bottles which are often non-biodegradable. Every household has a lot of plastic waste. However public places have become dumping yards for such waste. We need to set guidelines and implement strict laws to reduce those. Every household should be responsible for the waste they generate, 'Swachhta Paramo Dharma' should be our slogan for a year.

2. Our forefathers were well-known for their clean habits. Many ancient foreign travelers have praised our country for this quality. However, we lost our glory with the flow of time. Our roads, and our rivers have become dirty.

3. Our children should be aware of the importance of maintaining an untainted home and a clean public place; 'never litter' should be a lesson taught from a young age. This will enable our future generation to be socially responsible. We also need to bring this to the academic curriculum, which will help them learn and understand the importance of hygiene. Our children must practice leaving the appropriate waste in the appropriate dustbin.

4. Cleanliness moment anchored by our Prime Minister, promises to bring in an effective system of installing enough garbage bins at all public places. These will segregate the wet and dry waste (during the collection itself). We should also have a comprehensive plan to separate wet and dry waste in the household as well. Our plan is also to empower women self-help groups who will also be able to find a little bit of income by collecting and processing dry waste like bottles and plastic covers.

5. A pollution-free atmosphere is also an integral part of our holistic cleansing program. We need to make sure that our vehicles follow pollution free standards. We should also teach our young generations, the ill effects of unnecessary honking and other sound polluting activities. Fresh air and sound pollution-free environment is very important for a healthy life. We have also started tree

plantation campaign in parts of the city to encourage our citizens to own up the dream of a beautiful green city.

6. This is the context in which our Prime Minister has called for a 'Swachhata Abhiyan' or a cleanliness campaign. This campaign was launched on 2nd Oct, 2014. This day was the birth anniversary of Gandhiji who said, 'I will not let anyone walk through my mind with their dirty feet.'

1.1. Answer the following questions in one word or in one sentence.

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- a) How was biodegradable waste managed in olden times?
- b) How can the cleanliness movement help women?
- c) What are the two things important for a healthy life?
- d) When was the Swachhata Abhiyan launched?

1.2. Choose the correct options to complete the following sentences.

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- a) Polyurethane bags and bottles are _____.
(biodegradable, non-biodegradable, waste, raw materials)
- b) Prime Minister promises to bring an effective system of installing enough _____ at all public places.
(toilet, solar panels, dustbins, television)
- c) A _____ is an integral part of our holistic cleansing program.
(public toilet, biodegradable waste, non-biodegradable, pollution free atmosphere)
- d) 2nd October is the birth anniversary of _____.
(Mahatma Gandhi, APJ Abdul Kalam, Jawaharlal Nehru, none of these)

2. Read the following passage carefully.

1. Everybody wants to succeed in life. For some, success means achieving whatever they had desired or dreamt of, and for some it is the name, fame and social position. Whatever be the meaning of success, it is success which makes a person popular.

2. All great men have been successful. They are remembered for their great achievements. But it is certain that success comes to those who are sincere, hardworking, loyal and committed to their goals.

3. Success has been the man's greatest motivation. It is very important for all. Success has a great effect on life. It brings pleasure and pride and it gives a sense of fulfillment. It means all-around development. Everybody hopes to be successful in life, but success smiles on those who have a proper approach, planning, vision and stamina. A proper and timely application of all these things is bound to bear fruit. One cannot be successful without cultivating these certain basic things in life. It is very difficult to set out on a journey without knowing one's goals and purposes in life. Clarity of the objective is a must to succeed in life. A focused approach with proper planning is certain to bring success.

4. Indecision and insincerity are big obstacles on the path to success. One should have the capability, capacity and resources to turn one's dreams to reality. Mere desire cannot bring you success. The desire should be weighed against factors like capability and resources. This is the basic requirement of success. The next important thing is the eagerness, seriousness and the urge to be successful. It is the driving force which decides the success. It is the first step on the ladder of success.

5. One needs to pursue one's goal with sincerity and passion. One should always be in high spirit. Lack of such spirit leads to an inferiority complex which is a big obstruction on the path of success. Time is also a deciding factor. Only the punctual and committed ones are successful in life. Lives of great men are the examples of these. They had all these qualities in plenty which helped them rise on the peak of success.

6. Hard labour is one of the basic requirements of success. There is no substitute for hard labour.

It alone can take one to the peak of success. Every success has a ratio of five per cent inspiration and ninety-five per cent perspiration. It is the patience, persistence and perseverance which play a decisive role in achieving success. Failures are the pillars of success as they are our stepping stones and we must get up and start again and be motivated.

2.1. Answer the following questions briefly. **8**

- a) To whom does success come certainly?
- b) What are the basic things in life we need to achieve success?
- c) What did great men have in plenty to rise to the peak of success? Give any two examples.
- d) What is one of the basic requirements of success?

2.2. Find the words from the passage that mean the same as the following. **4**

- a) endurance (para 2)
(achievements, remembered, committed, sincere)
- b) obstruction (para 4)
(capacity, obstacles, eagerness, clearance)
- c) motivation (para 5)
(plenty, inferiority, passion, spirit)
- d) continued effort and determination (para 6)
(perseverance, patience, inspiration, persistence)

SECTION B - WRITING AND GRAMMAR

3. You are greatly inspired by some famous personalities around the globe like Steve Jobs, Albert Einstein and Nelson Mandela. You have also read the autobiographies of some great leaders. Write an article in about 100-150 words on the topic 'Today's Youth - Tomorrow's leaders'. **8**

OR

You spent a part of your summer vacation in your village. You found that the life in village is closer to nature, which we miss in the cities. You are now back home. Write a diary entry about your stay in your village and your feelings in about 100-150 words.

4. I hit a six and the ball flew over the wall. It was an old derelict building. As I went to get the ball, I saw Complete the story in about 150 -200 words with a suitable title. **10**

OR

Ravi was travelling by train. Suddenly the train stopped and some strange-looking men entered the compartment and

Write a story in about 150-200 words and supply a suitable title.

5. **Complete the following passage given below by choosing the most appropriate option given below.** **4**

The brain uses energy a) _____ exercise willpower. When the blood sugar drops, your brain b) _____ unable to concentrate, so a small nibble c) _____ nudge the brain back into self-control mode. Everyone should d) _____ careful about it.

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| a) (i) at | (ii) in | (iii) to | (iv) with |
| b) (i) was | (ii) is | (iii) are | (iv) were |
| c) (i) could | (ii) can't | (iii) would | (iv) can |
| d) (i) be | (ii) been | (iii) have been | (iv) being |

6. **Read the following passage carefully. There is one error in each line. Write the error word and the correction against the correct blank number as given in the example.** **4**

	Error	Correction
It has been rightly say that the	e.g. say	said
choice of books are as important as	a) _____	a) _____
the choice of friends. Books that is	b) _____	b) _____

selected are friends of a lifetime.

c) _____

c) _____

I know that it is no possible to

d) _____

d) _____

read all the books on a particular subject.

7. Rearrange the given words and phrases to form meaningful sentences.

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- a) young / are / people / more and / opting / more / for a / chart / diet / vegetarian
- b) a / is / vegetarianism / growing / steadily / trend / of / because / health / reasons
- c) are / curd / soyabean / milk / good / non-vegetarian / substitutes / and / for / food
- d) the same / we / in a day / twenty four hours / all have

SECTION C - LITERATURE

8. Read the extract and answer the following questions.

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Please give me a ride on your back

Said the Duck to the Kangaroo.

I would sit quite still' and say nothing but Quack,

The whole of the long day through

And we'd go to the Dee and the Jelly Bo Lee?

Over the land and over the sea

- a) What is the Duck doing in the first line?
- b) What did the Duck assure the Kangaroo?
- c) What are Dee and Jelly Bo Lee?
- d) Name the poem and the poet.

OR

Einstein was deeply shaken by the extent of the destruction. This time he wrote a public missive to the United Nations. In it he proposed the formation of a world government. Unlike the letter to Roosevelt, this one made no impact.

- a) What did Einstein write and to whom?
- b) Why did he write a letter to Roosevelt earlier?
- c) What did he propose?
- d) Find the word from the extract that means 'a long and official letter'.

9. Answer any five of the following questions in about 30-40 words each.

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- a) What qualities did Santhosh Yadav possess as a mountaineer? Support your answer with examples.
- b) How does the writer pass his time in Kathmandu Bazaar?
- c) How did Evelyn hear music despite being deaf?
- d) With what tricks would Baba entertain the family?
- e) What saved Johnsy's life?
- f) How did Zan's mother save important documents from the burning house?

10. Answer any one of the following questions in about 100-150 words.

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Write three incidents which made the packing a humorous story. Describe them in the order in which they took place.

OR

Sometimes as we think we cannot be cheated since we consider ourselves over-smart. Was this proved correct for Gerrard in the play, "If I Were You". Discuss the values to be stronger and not be cheated.

11. Answer any one of the following questions in about 100-150 words.

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In the story, 'The Adventures of Toto', Toto is not a sort of pet we could keep for long. Explain giving examples from the text.

OR

Describe Sergei's role in reforming Lushkoff.