

**TEST PAPER**  
**ENGLISH**  
*(Communicative)*

**CLASS IX**

*Time Allowed : 3 Hours]*

*[Maximum Marks : 80*

**General Instructions :**

*This question paper consists of three sections :*

*Section A — Reading (20 marks)*

*Section B — Writing and Grammar (30 marks)*

*Section C — Literature (30 marks)*

*[Textbooks (20 marks)*  
*Novel (Long Reading Text) (10 marks)]*

- 1. Attempt all questions.*
- 2. Do not write anything in the question paper.*
- 3. All the answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper and written in the answersheets provided to you.*
- 4. Attempt all questions in each section before going on to the next section.*
- 5. Read each question carefully and follow the instructions.*

**SECTION A — READING**

**(20 Marks)**

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

**(8 marks)**

Reshma Anand has always supported the agriculture-based enterprises in the remote parts of India. Her venture, 'Earthy Goods' works at helping them grow into competitive and viable business. Reshma has many stories to share from her life changing and adventurous trip, but there is one incident that is very close to her heart. "I was in the Chamba district in Himachal Pradesh, and the village I had to visit was a half hour trek from the place we were staying."

Reshma, though, took two hours to reach the village. Once she got there, she found out that the village, which comprised sixty odd vegetable-growing families, had no roads. "And, while I was talking to them, my phone rang. I was so surprised : the village had access to telecom but they lived in the most primitive way." She considers herself lucky that she has never faced any awkward situations. "But I was often looked at with suspicion. They think, 'Why has this woman with her short hair and Western clothes, come here ?'" She smiles.

Talking about the relevance of natural products, derived from recipes of home remedies, in the city, she says, "Nature has given us everything. I remember whenever my grandmother had fever or cough, she used to boil some tulsi leaves in water and have it. In cities people lead busy

lives and might find it difficult to grow tulsi, so just dunk a tulsi tea bag in hot water and savour the goodness.”

Unfortunately, we have always underestimated the power of simple and natural, home-made remedies that are not only effective but do not cause any side effects as well. Fortunately, the outlook is now changing, and people are resorting to home remedies for maintaining their beauty and health. The fact that economy has gone down over the years is also a contributing factor to the rise in popularity of the natural remedies.

**Answer the following questions briefly :**

**(1 × 8 = 8 marks)**

- (a) Explain the line : ‘they lived in the most primitive way’.
- (b) How has Reshma helped people living in the remote parts of India ?
- (c) Why was Reshma looked at with suspicion ?
- (d) Why have people in the cities resorted to ‘Tulsi’ tea bag ?
- (e) What is the current trend towards home remedies ?
- (f) The village comprised of \_\_\_\_\_.
- (g) Grandmother \_\_\_\_\_ when she had cough or fever.
- (h) Popularity of natural remedies is rising \_\_\_\_\_.

**2. Read the passage given below carefully :**

**(12 marks)**

1. We often make all things around us the way we want them. Even during our pilgrimages we have begun to look for whatever makes our heart happy, gives comfort to our body and peace to the mind. It is as if external solutions will fulfil our needs, and we do not want to make any special efforts even in our spiritual search. Our mind is resourceful – it works to find shortcuts in simple and easy ways.

2. Even pilgrimages have been converted into tourism opportunities. Instead, we must awaken our conscience and souls and understand the truth. Let us not tamper with either our own nature or that of the Supreme.

3. All our cleverness is rendered ineffective when nature does a dance of destruction. Its fury can and will wash away all imperfections. Indian culture, based on Vedic treatises, assists in human evolution, but we are now using our entire energy in distorting these traditions according to our convenience instead of making efforts to make ourselves worthy of them.

4. The irony is that humans are not even aware of the complacent attitude they have allowed themselves to sink to. Nature is everyone’s Amma and her fierce blows will sooner or later corner us and force us to understand this truth. Earlier, pilgrimages to places of spiritual significance were rituals that were undertaken when people became free from their worldly duties. Even now some seekers take up this pious religious journey as a path to peace and knowledge. Anyone travelling with this attitude feels and travels with only a few essential items that his body can carry. Pilgrims traditionally travelled light, on foot, eating light, dried chickpeas and fruits, or whatever was available. Pilgrims of olden days did not feel the need to stay in special AC bedrooms, or travel by luxury cars or indulge themselves with delicious food and savouries.

5. Pilgrims traditionally moved ahead, creating a feeling of belonging towards all, conveying a message of brotherhood among all they came across whether in small caves, ashrams or local settlements. They received the blessings and congregations of yogis and mahatmas in return

while conducting the dharma of their pilgrimage. A pilgrimage is like penance or sadhana to stay near nature and to experience a feeling of oneness with it, to keep the body healthy and fulfilled with the amount of food, while seeking freedom from attachments and yet remaining happy while staying away from relatives and associates.

**Short answer type questions :**

(4 × 2 = 8 marks)

- (a) What change has taken place in our attitude towards pilgrimages ?
- (b) What happens when pilgrimages are turned into picnic spots ?
- (c) Why are we complacent in our spiritual efforts ?
- (d) How does nature respond when we try to be clever with it ?

**Find words from the passage which mean the same as the following :**

(4 × 1 = 4 marks)

- (e) made / turned (Para 3)
- (f) very satisfied (Para 4)
- (g) Which word in Para 5 is the opposite of 'detachment' ?
- (h) What is the noun form of 'traditionally' ?

### SECTION B — WRITING AND GRAMMAR

(30 Marks)

3. You had the most difficult examination today, but you knew everything in the paper and are happy about it. Write a diary entry about it in about 100-120 words. Remember to mention the subject and the initial anxiety you had felt prior to the paper.

(8 marks)

Or

You read the following news clip in the newspaper and decide to write an article based on it. Discuss what makes children heroes and what can various agencies do in order to help them do their best. Word limit 100-120 words.

Delhi, 26th January... 14 brave children who performed various feats that showed courage were awarded National Bravery Awards by the President of India. The occasion was the eve of the 67th Republic Day.

4. Given below is the beginning of a story. Complete it in 200-250 words.

(12 marks)

Yash saw his last paisa disappear. He had spent all he had.

Or

Write a short story in about 200-250 words beginning with the statement :

"The bird worked hard through the summer...."

5. Choose the most appropriate option from the ones given below to complete the following passage :

(3 marks)

Smile is a precious gift given by God to (a) \_\_\_\_\_. We learn to (b) \_\_\_\_\_ even before we learn to speak. Smile is a / an (c) \_\_\_\_\_ language not bound by grammar or vocabulary.



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| (a) (i) animals    | (ii) birds         |
| (iii) human beings | (iv) all creatures |
| (b) (i) laugh      | (ii) cry           |
| (iii) smile        | (iv) write         |
| (c) (i) Indian     | (ii) universal     |
| (iii) general      | (iv) foreign       |

6. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in the space provided against the correct blank number. (4 marks)

	<i>Incorrect</i>	<i>Correct</i>
My box was lift into the cart.	(a) _____	_____
I got into and we moved on.	(b) _____	_____
We can have gone about	(c) _____	_____
half the mile when the cart suddenly stopped.	(d) _____	_____

7. Read the conversation given below and complete the paragraph that follows. Write the answers against the correct blank numbers in your answer sheet. Do not copy the whole sentence. (3 marks)

- Sub-Inspector** : What is the matter, boys ?  
**Student** : My bicycle is stolen.  
**Sub-Inspector** : Where did you place your bicycle ?  
**Student** : I placed my bicycle under a tree near the entrance.

The Sub-Inspector asked the boys (a) \_\_\_\_\_. The student replied (b) \_\_\_\_\_.  
 The Sub-Inspector further wanted to know (c) \_\_\_\_\_. The student told him that he had placed his bicycle under a tree near the entrance.

### SECTION C — LITERATURE

(30 Marks)

8. Read the following extract and answer the questions given below : (4 marks)  
 "That's right, Harold", he said, reviving, "I was to have fought an American named Murphy at the National next Monday, but I ain't going to now, not if they come to me on their bended knees. Not if the King of England come to me on his bended knees."

**Questions :**

- Why was Bill so adamant not to take part in the boxing match ?
- Was Harold embarrassed to learn Bill was a boxer by profession ?
- Why did Bill have to muster courage to speak ?
- What do the above lines reveal about Bill ?

**Or:**

Three days we've fled together,  
 For should he find us in the glen,  
 My blood would stain the heather.

**Questions :**

- Who does 'we' refer to ? Who is 'we' speaking to ?
- Why are they fleeing ?

- (c) What do you understand by 'glen' ?  
(d) What would happen if they are caught ?

9. Answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each :

(4 × 2 = 8 marks)

- (a) What does the poet feel about her mother's false teeth ?  
(b) What role did the candlesticks play in the play "The Bishop's Candlesticks" ?  
(c) What is the condition of the poet's teeth now ?  
(d) 'Kashi Yatre' was grandmother's favourite novel. Why ? Give two reasons.  
(e) What are the two ways in which the brook is similar to life ?

10. Answer one of the following questions in about 100-120 words : (8 marks)

How does the rain contribute to strengthening the relationship between the field and the cloud ?

Or

How did grandmother feel when she was unable to read 'Karamveera' in her grandchild's absence ?

11. Answer one of the following questions in about 150-200 words : (10 marks)

Why was the friends' passing from Iffley's lock towards Oxford considered the most difficult phase ?

Or

Describe the experience of the three friends when they were caught in incessant rain.

Or

Give a short description of Sorrel Nag.

Or

Name the persons / people who plotted against Gulliver in Liliput ? What was the punishment suggested by them ?