

**2020  
CLASS - IX  
ENGLISH**

Total marks : 80

Time : 3 hours

**General instructions:**

- i) The question paper consists of 18 questions, divided into Units I, II, III and IV.
- ii) Internal option is given in some questions.
- iii) Alternate question for the visually impaired students is provided in question 13.  
**Only the visually impaired students has to attempt such alternate questions.**
- iv) Marks allocated to every question are indicated against it.

**N.B : Check that all pages of the question paper is complete as indicated on the top left side.**

**UNIT – I (Literature)**

**Answer the following questions:**

- 1. How can you say that Rip Van Winkle was a good man and a generous neighbour? **3**
  - 2. Why did the principal of Cotton College announce that T. Ao had passed before the official declaration of the result? **3**
  - 3. How had everything changed when Rip woke up? **3**
  - 4. How does Chief Seathl pay tribute to nature? (A Simple Philosophy) **5**
- Or**
- What kind of man was Ebenezer Scrooge and what were his views on Christmas?
- 5. **Answer either 5(i) or 5 (ii) or 5 (iii)** **5**
- (i) Read the lines and answer the questions that follow:

*The sun does arise,  
And make happy the skies.  
The merry bells ring  
To welcome the spring.  
The skylark and thrush,  
The birds of the bush,*

*Sing louder around,  
To the bells' cheerful sound,  
While our sports shall be seen  
On the echoing green.*

- (i) What time of the year is it? (1)
  - (ii) What time of the day is it? (1)
  - (iii) Mention the rhyme scheme. (1)
  - (iv) List the words from above that bring out the happiness that envelope everything. (2)
- (ii) Discuss the relationship between Lord Ullin and his daughter. (5)
- (iii) Give the summary of the poem, 'Peace'. (5)
6. Marie : *Monseigneur the Bishop told me this afternoon , while you were out to take them to Monseigneur Gervais, who has often admired them and sell them for as much as I could .*
- (i) What is 'them' referred to here? 1
  - (ii) Why had the Bishop told Marie to sell them? 2
7. Why was the convict eager to reach Paris? 3
- Or**
- Why does Persome feel that people pretend to be sick?

### UNIT – II (Reading)

**8. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:**

Success in life depends largely on good health. Keep the body fit and clean. Fresh air, regular habits of suitable recreations makes one strong to play the game in the every sense of the word. Avoid anything that will sap your health. Smoking in youth is harmful to the body and clouds the brain. Be temperate in all things and beware of drink. It is the deadly enemy of health and efficiency. Above all, remember your character is a priceless possession, therefore, keep it pure. Be truthful in all things, courteous to everybody, fair to your rivals, kind and helpful to those who are weak and suffering, and do not be afraid to stand up for what is good and noble. In your leisure hours, avoid idling; fill such hours with exciting and interesting hobbies and companionships and associations calculated to exercise over you an influence for good. To a long extent, you will be known by the company you keep.

- (i) Answer the following questions:
- a. How are we to maintain good health? 1
  - b. What is our priceless possession and how are we to keep it pure? 2
  - c. How must we spend our leisure time? 1
  - d. How are we known by others? 1

- (ii) Complete the following by filling in the blanks: 3x1=3
- a. \_\_\_\_\_ is harmful and is known as the enemy of health and efficiency.
  - b. We should be kind and helpful to the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. One should be bold and courageous to stand up for what is \_\_\_\_\_.

**9. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:**

Mr. and Mrs. Williams had always spent their summer holidays in England in the past, in a small boarding-house at the seaside. One year, however, Mr. Williams made a lot of money in his business, so they decided to go to Rome to stay at a really good hotel while they went and saw the sights of the famous city. They flew to Rome and arrived at their hotel late one evening. They expected that they would have to go to bed hungry, because in the boarding houses, that they had been used to in the past, no meals were served after seven o'clock in the evening. They were therefore surprised when the clerk who received them at the hall of the hotel asked them whether they would be having dinner there that night. "Are you still serving dinner then?" asked Mrs. Williams. "Yes, certainly, madam. We serve it till half past nine." answered the clerk. "What are the times of the meals then?" asked Mr. Williams. "Well, Sir", answered the clerk, "We serve breakfast from seven to half-past eleven in the morning, lunch from twelve to three in the afternoon, tea from four to five and dinner from six to half-past nine." "But that hardly leaves anytime for us to see the sights of the Rome!" Said Mrs. Williams in a disappointed voice.

- (i) Answer the following questions:
- a. Why did Mr. and Mrs. Williams want to spend their holidays in Rome? 1
  - b. What did they want to go to Rome for? 1
  - c. When was breakfast served? 1
  - d. What was Mrs. Williams sad to discover? 2
- (ii) Find words in the passage that has the same meaning as: 3x1=3
- a. well-known
  - b. amazed
  - c. lodging

10. **Read the poem carefully and fill in the blanks:**

Four Seasons fill the measure of the year;  
There are four seasons in the mind of man:  
He has his lusty Spring, when fancy clear  
Takes in all beauty with an easy span:  
He has his Summer, when luxuriously  
Spring's honied cud of youthful thought he loves  
To ruminate, and by such dreaming high  
Is nearest unto heaven: quiet coves  
His soul has in its Autumn, when his wings  
He furlth close; contented so to look  
On mists in idleness—to let fair things  
Pass by unheeded as a threshold brook.  
He has his Winter too of pale misfeature,  
Or else he would forego his mortal nature.

(John Keats)

Complete the following sentences:

**4x1=4**

- a. In this poem, man's mind is compared to \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. There are \_\_\_\_\_ seasons in the mind of man.
- c. Winter, in this poem symbolizes \_\_\_\_\_.
- d. Line three in the poem describes \_\_\_\_\_.

**UNIT – III (Writing)**

11. A fancy dress competition is being organized by the school on Children's Day. This will give an opportunity to showcase the hidden talents of the students. As the Student Co-ordinator, write a notice to be put up on the school notice board.

**Or**

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Write an Email to your friend, Mark who lives in Delhi, telling him about an interesting movie you had recently watched.

12. Write a paragraph in about 80-100 words on, 'Importance of trees' using the inputs given: **4**

gives oxygen - purify the air - home for wildlife - provide us with materials, timber for building construction, sporting equipments - many other uses, prevent soil erosion
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13. Based on the visual input given below, write on “Peace – the need of the hour” in about 120-150 words: 5



**Alternate question for the visually impaired students: (5)**  
**Based on the inputs given below, write on “Peace-the need of the hour” in about 120-150 words.**

**prevalence of violence - disharmony among nations - Peace, the basic need - for prosperity - equal responsibility of all - spread message of love and harmony.**

14. You are Susan. Write a letter to your friend Neha who lives in Dimapur, urging her to come and stay with you during vacation.

**Or**

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You are Nora. Write an article in about 150-200 words on ‘Importance of Education’ for your annual school magazine.

**UNIT – IV (Grammar)**

15. Change the narration: **3x1=3**  
(a) She said, “I am coming”.  
(b) He said that he worked in a factory.  
(c) They said, “We are going to the cinema”.
16. Identify whether the underlined clauses are adjective clause, adverb clause, or noun clause: **3x1=3**  
(a) What you heard is not the truth.  
(b) I will not go in the cab that you have hired.  
(c) Do you remember the dark night, when it snowed through the night?

17. Rewrite the following sentences using the correct tense of the verbs given in the brackets: **4x1=4**

- (a) It \_\_\_\_\_ (rain) yesterday.
- (b) Please do not disturb me. I \_\_\_\_\_ (work) on my computer.
- (c) I \_\_\_\_\_ (run) down the lane.
- (d) The Earth \_\_\_\_\_ (go) round the sun.

18. Rewrite the given sentences as directed in the brackets: **5x1=5**

- (a) The cat crawled\_\_\_\_\_ the bed .(Fill in the blank with a suitable preposition)
- (b) The earlier Mughals were some of the most powerful kings of India. (Underline the adjective )
- (c) I like to sing\_\_\_\_\_ dance when I am happy. ( Fill in the blank with suitable conjunction)
- (d) The poor child looked on hungrily.( Underline the adverb and mention its kind )
- (e) I sang a song .( change the voice)

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