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Class 9 Sample Paper 2024

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Practice Paper (Session: 2023- 2024)

Class: IX **Sub: English- Language and Literature (184)**
Time: 3 hours **Maximum Marks: 80**

General Instructions:

1. This Question Paper contains THREE sections- READING, WRITING & GRAMMAR and LITERATURE.

2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

SECTION A: READING SKILLS (20 marks)

Reading Comprehension Through Unseen Passages

Q1. Read the following text. **(10 marks)**

MaharanaPratap, the brave ruler of Mewar, was a legendary figure in the Indian history. He was born on May 9, 1540 in the region of Kumbhalgarh. His name became synonymous with indomitable courage, determination, and a firm commitment to his homeland.

MaharanaPratap ascended to the throne of Mewar in 1572 after the death of his father, MaharanaUdai Singh II. He fought with the ambitious Mughal emperor Akbar throughout his reign because Akbar wanted to capture Mewar.Unlike many of his contemporaries who succumbed to Mughal dominance, MaharanaPratap refused to bow before Akbar and decided to fight for the preservation of his ancestral land and cultural heritage.

One of the defining characteristics of MaharanaPratap's character was his unwavering commitment to the principles of valor and honour.His famous horse, Chetak, exemplified these values, as the loyal and fearless horse played a vital role in many of his battles.The battle of Haldighati in 1576, where MaharanaPratap faced Akbar's formidable army under the leadership of the famous commander Raja Man Singh, is a testament to his indomitable spirit.Despite being outnumbered, they fought with remarkable valor and the battle became a defining moment in their legacy.

MaharanaPratap's life was marked by numerous hardships and sacrifices. He took refuge in the rugged Aravalli mountains, living a life of hardship and constant struggle. He was known to live a simple and ascetic life, emphasizing self-reliance and the importance of the welfare of his people.

The character of MaharanaPratap also reflected his commitment to preserving the cultural and religious traditions of Mewar. He was a patron of the arts and promoted a deep reverence for valor, honor, and chivalry. His court was a hub of cultural activities. He supported artists, scholars, and poets who enriched the heritage of Mewar.

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MaharanaPratap's legacy endures in the annals of Indian history, not only for his military prowess and bravery but for his unwavering spirit even in the face of adversity.His devotion to his people, his motherland and his unwavering pursuit of honor has made him an enduring symbol of valor and patriotism.

Even today, his memory is celebrated in songs, stories, and festivals. His name continues to inspire generations to stand up for what they believe in and to defend their heritage with unwavering determination The life and legacy of MaharanaPratap is an integral part of India's rich historical heritage, and his name is synonymous with the indomitable spirit of a true patriot and warrior.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

1.Select the qualities and characteristics that are synonymous with MaharanaPratap's legacy in Indian history? 1

A) Indomitable courage, determination, and commitment to his homeland
B) Exceptional culinary skills and artistic talents
C) Mastery of foreign languages and diplomacy
D) A preference for a nomadic lifestyle and exploration

2.Describe MaharanaPratap's reign and his resistance against the Mughal emperor Akbar. What set him apart from his contemporaries, and what were the core principles that guided his determination to preserve his homeland and cultural heritage? Rationalize your response in about 40 words. 2

3. Complete the sentence appropriately. 1

The author's use of vivid adjectives in the paragraph (3), such as "valor and honour " and "loyal and fearless ", greatly affects the reader about Maharana Pratap's famous horse Chetak because _____

4. Find the word which means 'with an uneven or jagged surface' from the passage 1

a. refuse
b. hardship
c. rugged
d. ascetic

5. Complete the sentence appropriately. 1

According to the author, the character of Maharana Pratap not only reflects the quality of a great warrior but also reflects the quality of a protector of cultural and religious traditions of Mewar. For instance, _____

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6. Based on the reading of the passage, examine, what aspects of Maharana Pratap's legacy have solidified his enduring position in Indian history, and how has his unwavering spirit in the face of adversity, dedication to his people and motherland, and commitment to honor made him a symbol of valor and patriotism? Answer in about 40 words 2

7.Based on the understanding of the above passage, what kind of life did Maharana Pratap lead during his refuge in the Aravalli mountains? 1

A) A life of luxury and comfort
B) A simple and ascetic life marked by hardship and struggle
C) A nomadic and wandering lifestyle
D) A secluded life in a palace

8. Study the following two statements that are given from the above paragraph: 1

Statement 1. "Maharana Pratap's life was marked by numerous hardships and sacrifices."
Statement 2. "He took refuge in the rugged Aravalli mountains, living a life of hardship and constant struggle."

Now choose the appropriate conclusion:

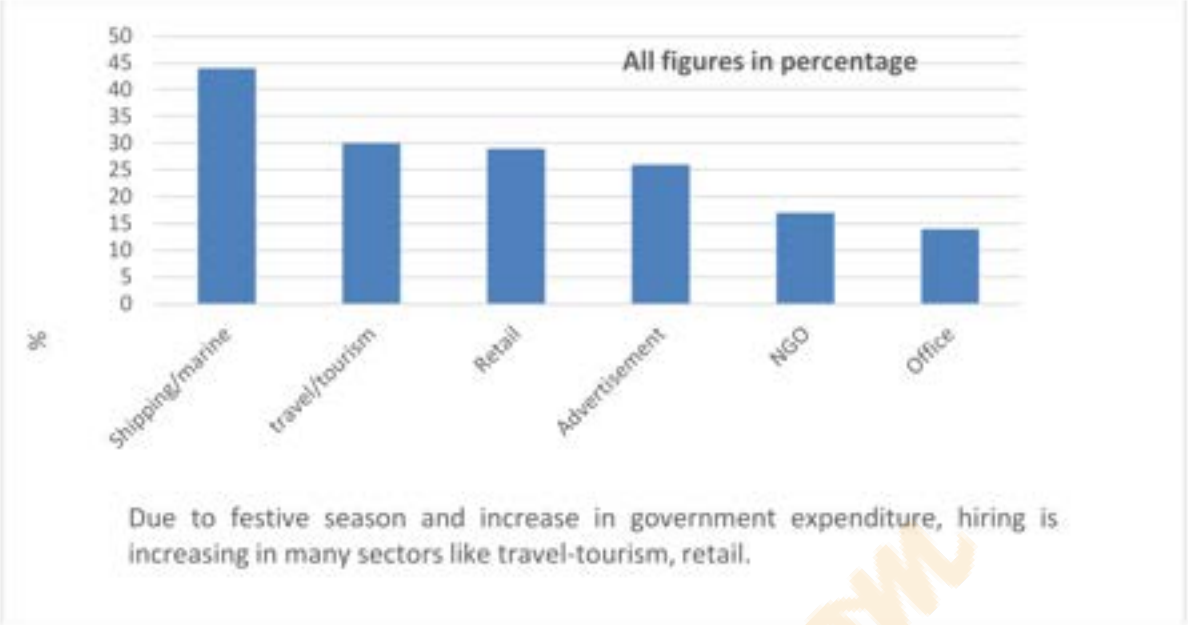
A. the first statement defines the second statement.
B. the first statement does not define the second statement.
C. Both the statements are false.
D. the first statement compares the second statement.

Q2. Read the following text. (10 marks)

In the past years, there has been an increase in hiring in other sectors apart from the traditional job sectors. According to the latest report of hiring platform Foundit, in October, there was a decline in e-recruitment sectors like customer service, software, hardware, telecom, Finance and Accounts, Sales, Logistics, while Apart from Shipping/Marine, Travel and tourism, there has been growth in the offline retail sector. Increase in some of these sectors is because ofholidays.
Hiring in the shipping/marine sector increased by 44% last month on an annual basis. This growth in travel and tourism sector was 30%. Apart from this, growth of 29% and 26% has also been recorded in Retail and Advertising, Market Research and Public Relations sectors.

According to food service and facility management company Sodexo, about 4 lakh new jobs have been created in the food production and kitchen industry this year. Pradeep Chavda, HR Director of the company's India unit, says that about 3.2 lakh jobs were created in the year .2022In this respect, it is an increase of about 20 to 25%

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Due to festive season and increase in government expenditure, hiring is increasing in many sectors like travel-tourism, retail.

The number of standalone restaurants is increasing across the country, along with weddings, parties, functions, outdoor catering and corporate events. Apart from this, the number of cloud kitchens is also increasing. Due to this, apart from catering chefs, chef de party, pastry chefs, cooks and other kitchen support staff, the demand for ground staff is also increasing.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

1. Complete the following appropriately, based on your understanding of para 1 & 2 1

   We can say that the situation of e-recruitment sectors is comparable with the offline retail sector and one of the reasons for the growth in offline retail sector hiring is_____.

2. Fill the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets, based on your understanding of para 2. 1
   According to the latest report from Foundit, _____ (Customer service/ Shipping/Marine/ Software/Offline retail) sectors experienced a decline in e-recruitment in October.

3. Based on the survey results, what does the study's findings suggest about the current labor market trends? 1

4. Describe the main takeaway from the study mentioned in the above passage. Rationalize your answer in 40 words. 2

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5. According to Sodexo, how many new jobs were created in the food production and kitchen industry this year? 1

6. What percentage increase in job creation is mentioned in the passage compared to the previous year? 1

a) 10% b) 15% c) 20% d) 25%

7. How has the growth in standalone restaurants, events, and the rise of cloud kitchens contributed to the significant increase in job opportunities in the food production and kitchen industry, as reported by Sodexo in 2022?Answer in about 40 words. 2

8. Apart from catering chefs and pastry chefs, which of the following positions is mentioned as in-demand in the industry? 1

a) Accountants
b) Ground staff
c) Marketing managers
d) IT specialists

SECTION B: WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR (20 marks)

GRAMMAR 10

Q3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed. 1x10

i) Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of an enquiry letter:

I will meet you in person to discuss the final pricing and the quantity of different fabrics I_____(need). Feel free to contact me in case of any questions.

ii) Read the given sentence from a prominent business blog. Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence.

Historically, post-independence, the RBI adopted development financing and relies heavily on priority sector lending as the primary tool to augment economic growth.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

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iii) Manisha and Sarita had a conversation about their favourite podcasts.

Report Manisha's question.

Do you listen to any podcasts?

iv) Read the dialogue between Umesh and his friend, Amol, regarding weather forecast.

Umesh: What is the weather going to be like today?
Amol: The forecast said it's going to be cold all weekend.

Select the correct option to complete the reporting of the above dialogue.

Umesh asked Amol _____. Amol replied that The forecast had said it was going to be cold all weekend.

A. what was the weather going to be like that day.
B. if the weather was going to be like today.
C. what the weather was going to be like that day.
D. what was the weather going to be like today.

v) Fill the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the concluding line of an issued circular by a state government.

All Heads of departments/Organizations and local bodies as well as all authorities concerned _____ (might/ can/ shall) implement the aforesaid directions in letter and spirit.

vi) Identify the error and supply correction for the given sentence from a survey report on road accidents in India.

Unfortunately, the worst affected age group in Road accidents is 18-45 years, which accounted for about 67 percent of total accidental deaths.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

vii) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the opening line, from a detailed report on Chandrayan-3 Mission.

On August 23, the Indian space research organization ISRO created history to making the first lunar mission that successfully soft-landed on the south pole of the moon.

Option No.	error	Correction

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A	Created	creates
B	That	what
C	to	by
D	On	in

viii) Complete the given notice, by filling the blank with the correct option.

The school magazine 'EDU-MATTERS' _____in the first week of February. Students are requested to contribute articles, poems, riddles, short stories, funny anecdotes, cartoons etc. to the undersigned by 10th December.

A. published B. having published C. has published D. will be published

ix) Report the dialogue between a doctor and his patient, by completing the sentence:

Patient – Hello doctor, good morning.
Doctor – Good morning. Please have a seat and tell me what seems to be the problem.

The patient wished the doctor good morning and the doctor also wished him in return, offered him a seat and asked _____.

x) Fill the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the study about jaggery from an esteemed newspaper.

If mixed with warm water, tulsi leaves, and ginger, it _____great for the entire ENT or system.

A. works B. will work C. was working D. has worked

xi) Complete the line from an article, by filling the blank with the correct option.

The North Central Railway has _____a step towards fulfilling its promise of a 90-minute journey from Delhi to Agra.

A. moving B. move C. moved D. moves

xii) Identify the error and supply correction for the following note from an autobiography:

My father became chief Secretary of Tamil Nadu in 1962 'soon after, he told my cousin and me, whenever we accompanied him to any function, we were to sit on the car on either side of him.

Use the given format for your response.

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WRITING (10 Marks)

Q4 A. You areAnshika/Anmol. You happened to go to Jaipur on a hot summer day with your mother and sister in a crowded bus. Make a Diary entry about your experience in not more than 120 words.

OR

Q4 B."It was a sunny day, and I had invited a few friends at home.Suddenly it started raining heavily……"

Complete the story in 100-120 words, giving it a suitable title.

Q5 A. You happen to visit a Colorful Garden in Full Bloom: You found it to be a flourishing garden bursting with colorful flowers, buzzing insects, and the sweet fragrance of blossoms.

Write a descriptive paragraph about your visit in not more than 120 words.

OR

Q5 B. You own a Beloved Pet: Paint a picture of your favorite pet, detailing their appearance, personality, and the bond you share. Write the descriptive paragraph in not more than 120 words.

SECTION D : LITERATURE TEXTBOOK AND SUPPLEMENTARY READING TEXT (40 marks)

Q6. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given.

A. It was a hot summer night; about ten o'clock. I had my meal at the restaurant and returned to my room. I heard a noise from above as I opened the door. The sound was a familiar one. One could say that the rats and I shared the room. I took out my box of matches and lighted the kerosene lamp on the table.

(The Snake and the Mirror)

i. Make one inference about the following sentence, "The sound was a familiar one." Rationalize your response in 40 words 2

ii. State True or False: The writer lived in a well kept and neat house. 1

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iii. The narrator says he lighted the lamp. Infer one reason for him doing so: 1

a. the house didn't have any power supply
b. he wanted to go outside in dark night
c. he needed to study in the light of lamp
d. he liked to sleep in the light of lamp

iv. Which word/phrase would correctly substitute 'shared', in the given sentence from the extract. 1

OR

B. Kathmandu is vivid, mercenary, religious, with small shrines to flower-adorned deities along the narrowest and busiest streets; with fruit sellers, flute sellers, hawkers of postcards; shops selling Western cosmetics, film rolls and chocolate; or copper utensils and Nepalese antiques. Film songs blare out from the radios, car horns sound, bicycle bells ring, stray cows low questioningly at motorcycles, vendors shout out their wares.

(**Kathmandu**)

i. What makes Kathmandu vivid? 1

A. An array of things
B. Film rolls and chocolates
C. Nepalese antiques
D. Vendors shouting out their wares

ii. "Film songs blare out from the radios, car horns sound, bicycle bells ring, stray cows low questioningly at motorcycles, vendors shout out their wares."
What inference can you make about Kathmandu city from the statement. 1

iii.. What effect does the writer want to create by mentioning so many things to describe Kathmandu? Answer in about 40 words. 2

iv.. Which of the following words is closest in meaning to 'vivid' as mentioned in the extract:1

A. Bright
B. Graphic
C. Typical
D. Memorable

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Q7 Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given.

A. Let us remember, whenever we are told
To hate our brothers, it is ourselves
That we shall dispossess, betray, condemn.
Remember, we who take arms against each other
(No Men Are Foreign)

i. Fill the blank with one word. 1

When the speaker says "it is ourselves That we shall dispossess, betray, condemn", his tone is _____.

ii. Which of the following best describes the speaker's attitude towards negative forces who want to profit by spreading difference and hatred? 1

A. Indifferent
B. Dejected
C. Dismissive
D. Respectful

iii. Why does the poet want us to remember "whenever we are told to hate our brothers, it is ourselves, that we shall dispossess, betray, condemn." Explain in about 40 words. 2

iv. Which of the following words can replace the word "dispossess" as mentioned in the line : "That we shall dispossess, betray, condemn." 1

a. Seize
b. Disinherit
c. Impound
d. Disgrace

B. No motion has she now, no force—
She neither hears nor sees,
Rolled round in earth's diurnal course
With rocks and stones and trees
(A Slumber Did My Spirit Seal)

i.. What does the following line signify? "No motion has she now, no force" 1

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ii.. What is the significance of the following, "Rolled round in earth's diurnal course With rocks and stones and trees". Explain in about 40 words. 2

iii.. Complete the sentence with the appropriate option. 1

The poet imagines her to be an _____ part of nature.

iv.. Mention the rhyme scheme used in the above stanza of the poem. 1

Q8.Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words.4x3=12

i. Margie was being taught by a mechanical teacher. Would you like to be taught by a mechanical or a human teacher? Why? Explain with reference to the chapter "The Fun They Had".

ii. What does the poet mean when he says that every tinkle on the shingles has an echo in the heart? Elaborate with reference to poem "Rain on the Roof"

iii. Santosh and Maria both were very unconventional women who rose to fame with their hard work and determination. Comment on this statement with reference to the chapter "Reach for the top"

iv. In the poem "A Legend of the Northland", the old woman ignites the fury of the Saint. What repercussions did she have to face and why? Elaborate

v. Kezia was a very timid girl. Family plays a crucial role in shaping up the personality of a child. Explain with reference to "The Little Girl" as to why Kezia was a timid girl?

Q9. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words 2x3=6

i. Sue and Jhonsy shared a special bond. Justify by taking examples from the chapter "The Last Leaf".

ii. Explain briefly how Sergei helped the beggar in transforming his life? (The Beggar)

iii. "A House is not a Home" justify the aptness of the title of the chapter with reference to examples from the chapter itself.

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Q10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 6

A. Family plays an important role in shaping up the future of a child. Justify this statement with reference to A P J Abdul Kalam and Albert Einstein.

(My Childhood and A Truly Beautiful mind)

OR

B. In the poem "On Killing A Tree", the poet explains how does a tree offer resistance to its destruction? How and when does its resistance fail? Elaborate

Q11. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 6

A. In the chapter "The Happy Prince", the little Swallow feels colder and colder but kept up her determination to help/support the Prince. How did the bird show his great strength and courage? Explain

OR

B. In the chapter "The Lost Child", the child gets attracted to a lot of things in the beginning but the same things lose their attraction for the child towards the end. Explain why does this happen taking examples from the chapter.

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