MID-TERM EXAMINATION

Question Paper 2024-25

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MID-TERM EXAMINATION
SESSION: 2024-2025
SUBJECT: ENGLISH
CLASS – IX

Time Allowed: 3hours 15minutes **Max. Marks: 80**

Note:

- Please check that this question paper contains 5 printed pages.
- Please check that this question paper contains 12 questions.
- 15 minutes time has been allotted to read this question paper. The students will read the question paper only and will not write any answer on the answer-book during this period

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

Read the following instructions carefully and follow them:

1. *This question paper contains 12 questions. All questions in Section A and B are compulsory.*
2. *This Question paper is divided into THREE sections - Section A, B and C.*
3. ***Section A** question number 1 (a)to (j) and number 2 (A) to (J) carries 1 mark each and has to be written in 10-20 words*
4. ***Section B** question number 3 and 4 are Creative writing. Each question carry 5 marks. Answer to these questions should not exceed 150 words. Question number 5, 6 and 7 has to be done according to instructions given.*
5. ***Section C**-question number 8 (A) and (B) are very Short Answer type questions and has sub-parts. Each sub-part carries 1 mark. Answer to these questions should not exceed 20 words. Question no. 9 and 10 are Short Answer type questions and each carry 3 marks. Answer to these questions should not exceed 60 words. Question number11 and 12 are Long Answer type questions and carry 6 marks each. Answers to these should not exceed 150 words.*

Section A

1. Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow: **(1X10=10)**

i. Every time a child takes a soft drink, he's laying the groundwork for a dangerous bone disease. No, fizzy and sugary drinks don't cause osteoporosis. But, because they are often a substitute for a glass of milk, kids are not getting the calcium and vitamin D they need to build a strong skeleton. Many of them also lead a sedentary lifestyle, so they aren't getting the bone building benefits for vigorous exercise either. These children tend to suffer from brittle bones and tend to suffer from fractures later on in life. They could be at a risk of being diagnosed with osteoporosis at an early age.

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ii. The Indian Society for Bone and Mineral Research, a body of osteoporosis experts is trying to spread awareness about this bone crippling disease. Osteoporosis starts in childhood but has consequences later in life. The condition causes bones to become riddled with holes, like the framework of a house that's been attacked by termites. That can lead to broken bones, which in turn can cause deformity, chronic pain or disability.

iii. Osteoporosis can be fatal: up to 25 per cent of older people who suffer a broken hip die within a year. Osteoporosis isn't just your grandmother's health threat. Although it strikes over 50 million women in India, it also menaces over 12 million men. Osteoporosis causes loss of height, pain in joints and back, fractures and a fear of fractures, and can be very depressing. So, it is important that we adopt preventive measures, to save millions of people.

iv. There is a new medical understanding of the best ways to protect ourselves and our children. "Simple lifestyle changes and nutrition will help save your bones," says Dr. Mittal. To get us moving in the right direction, he says, "It's never too late to adopt bone-friendly habits—exercise, get enough sunlight, and have adequate calcium.

a. Why are fizzy and sugary drinks blamed for osteoporosis?
b. How do bones get weak?
c. When does osteoporosis become apparent? Why is it called fatal?
d. How does osteoporosis affect us?
e. Which society is spreading awareness about this bone crippling disease?
f. Why does the writer say that osteoporosis 'isn't just your grandmother's health threat'?
g. What is the bone-friendly habits?
h. The word that could be a synonym for 'inactive' is …….. (para 1).
i. Find the word in the passage which means 'deadly' (para 3).
j. Pick up the word from the passage which could be a synonym for 'ample' (para 4).

2. Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow: (1X10=10)

(i) Keep your watch accurate. For some people, moving up the time on their watch will help them get up earlier. For others, they will remember that the time on the watch is wrong and will disregard it altogether. It may be helpful to set your watch just two minutes ahead instead of five or ten.

(ii) Keep a clock, phone, computer or anything that displays time in each room of your house. One of the easiest ways to run late is simply by not realizing that the time is passing as quickly as it is.

(iii) Set all your clocks and watches to the same time. Don't be an optimist. Things usually take longer than what you'd expect, even without major delays. If you have a dinner appointment at 7:30 p.m., don't think you can work till 7 p.m., then take a bath, dress and reach on time. Realistically, calculate the time you will take at each step and then add 10 minutes more to allow for unexpected delays, or you cannot get your job done in time.

(iv) Wake up when you are supposed to wake up. Don't hit the snooze button, keep on lying in bed, and watch TV at the very start of your day. Maybe you can try even setting your clock 10 minutes earlier than you need. If you have difficulty with this, move your alarm clock to somewhere away from your bed; that way, you will have to get up to turn it off. Commit yourself

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to being 15 minutes early for everything. If you have to reach your place of work at 8:00, don't even tell yourself this. Just tell yourself (and everyone else who listens — but don't annoy them or make them think that they are late or early!) "I have to be at work at 7:45." If you do this, you will be on time even with little unforeseen delays. You will be on time even with a traffic jam.

A. On the basis of your reading the passage above answers the questions below:

i. Keep a_____ in each room.

a. clock b. phone c. computer

d. any one of the above

B. It is good to commit yourself _____ for everything.

a. to be late b.to delay c. to being 15 minutes early d.to search to the last moment

C. To be punctual we should _____.

a. hit the snooze button of the alarm clock b. get up at the right time

c. start watching TV in the morning d. keep on lying in bed

D. It is a good habit to _____.

a. reach your work place in time. b. calculate the time before starting any work.

c. keep lying in bed after the alarm clock buzzes. d. both (a) and (b).

E. According to the passage the watch should be set _____ ahead.

a. five minutes b. ten minutes c. two minutes d. fifteen minutes

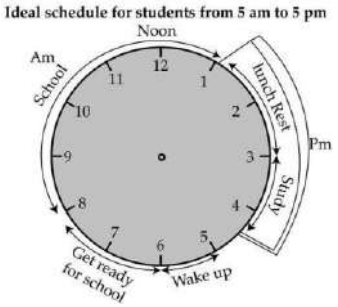
F. The writer suggests to keep the watch ____.

a. ahead of time b. accurate c. inaccurate d. none of these

G. The given picture shows that students should get up _____.

a. before 5 a.m. b. after 5 a.m. c. between 5 a.m. and 6 a.m. d. at 7 a.m.

H. A student spends maximum time in/at _____ during the day time.



a. taking meals b. taking rest c. school d. sleeping

H. A student _____ devote time to studying on his own.

a. can b. should not c. should d. will

I. Proper time _____ helps everyone lead a stress-free life.

a. organization b. management c. planner d. devotion

Section B- Creative Writing and Grammar

3. Every person has a favourite spot in their home where they relax and unwind and spend some me time. Write a descriptive paragraph in about 150 words about your favorite place to relax and unwind at home. **(5x1=5)**

4. You had recently faced a challenging situation in school. Write a diary entry about how you approached it, the obstacles you encountered, and the outcome in 120-150 words. You are Reyansh/Reyanna. **(5x1=5)**

5. Fill up the gaps with the correct tense forms of the verb: **(1x5=5)**

a. The swallow …….. (was flying/had been flying/had flown) for two weeks before he landed on the Happy Prince.

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b. The right time …….. (have already come/has already came/has already come) to start on your project.
c. This …….. (has been going on/is going on/was going on) since yesterday.
d. Bachendri said that Arunima …….. (has won/had won/was winning) her inner fears and limitations.
e. A star …….. (was born/is birthed/was birthed) when Arunima met with an accident.

6. Fill in the blanks by selecting the correct modal from the brackets: **(1x4=4)**
a. It's very cold today. Do you think it …….. (can/may/might) snow later?
b.You …….. (should not/may not/might not) leave your door unlocked when you go out.
c. They …….. (should/must/ought to) have filled the car with petrol before they set off.
d. Mum says we …….. (can/could/may) watch TV after we've finished our homework

7. Choose the verb that agrees with the subject: **(1x5=5)**
a. The frogs at the cottage …….. (croak/croaks) very loudly.
b. The horses …….. (gallop/gallops) wildly across the field
c. The herd of horses …….. (gallop/gallops) wildly across the field.
d. There …….. (have/has) been many hurricanes this year.
e. The woman with all the cats …….. (shop/shops) here regularly

Section C- Literature

8. Read the following passages and answer the questions that follow:
A. "*She had a scarlet cap on her head,* **(1x3**
And that was left the same;
But all the rest of her clothes were burned
Black as a coal in the flame.
And every country schoolboy
Has seen her in the wood,
Where she lives in the trees till this very day,
Boring and boring for food."
a. Who is 'She' here?
b. Why were all her clothes burned?
c. What do you mean by 'boring'?
B. "*And I shall have some peace there, for peace comes dropping slow*
Dropping from the veils of the morning to where the cricket sings; **(1x3=3)**
There midnight's all a glimmer, and noon a purple glow,
And evenings full of the linnet's wings."
a. Who will 'have some peace there'?
b. Where will the speaker go?
c. Write the metaphor used in line 2.

9. Answer ANY FOUR of the following questions in 50-60 words: **(3x4=12)**
a. What did Einstein's friends and family say or think about him?
b. What kind of a school did Margie wish to have?

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c. What makes the Snake and the Mirror humorous?
d. What qualities did Evelyn Glennie possess which took her to the pinnacle of success?
v. e. What was Grandma's role in strengthening the bond between the Little girl and her father?

10. Answer <u>ANY TWO</u> of the following questions in 50-60 words: (3x2=6)

a. How does Iswaran describe the uprooted tree on the highway? What effect does he want to create in his listeners?
b. Why was it difficult for Grandfather to keep Toto as a pet?
c. Why do you think the child got lost in the fair?

11. Answer <u>ANY ONE</u> of the following questions in 100-120 words: (6x1=6)

a. Elaborate Einstein's life from 'brother boring' to a global citizen advocating for world peace.
b. What qualities of the narrator made it possible for him to escape from the clutches of the snake?

12. Answer <u>ANY ONE</u> of the following questions in 100-120 words: (6x1=6)

a. 'Family is not an important thing, it is everything'. Elaborate with reference to The Lost Child.
b. How does Iswaran narrate the story of the tusker? Does it appear to be plausible?

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