Madhya Pradesh Board

QUESTION PAPER



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QUATERLY EXAM- 2024

ENGLISH

Class-IX

Time 3.00 Hours **Max. Marks - 75**

Instructions: -
1- All questions are compulsory.
2- Marks are indicated in front of each question.

Section–A (Reading)

Q.1 Read the following passage and answer the questions on the basis of comprehension of the passage- 5 marks

Lalita sowed some tomato seeds in her garden. The seeds grew into little plants after a few days. She removed every weed. She never allowed any insect near her pet plants. When the days were hot, she watered the plants. She put compost under the plants. The flowers grew and became big. The tiny green tomatoes began to show. Lalita and her sister watered the plants daily. A very large beautiful tomato grew in the plant. Her father said, "It is the finest tomato I have ever seen". The sisters were very happy.

I. What did Lalita sow in her garden?
(a) Plants (b) seeds (c) trees (d) grass

II. What did she not allow?
(a) birds near plants
(b) insects near plants
(c) flies near plants
(d) pets near plants

III. What did she put under the plants?
(a) Water (b) Compost (c) Weeds (d) Flowers

IV. Which of the following is similar in meaning to 'tiny'?
(a) large (b) big (c) small (d) giant

V. Why were the sisters happy?
(a) because flowers grew in their garden
(b) because a tomato grew in their garden
(c) because plants grew in their garden
(d) because their father was happy

Q.2- Read the following passage and answer the questions on the basis of comprehension of the passage. 5 marks

Necessity is indeed the mother of invention. When areas in and around Leh began to experience water shortages, life didn't grind to a halt. Why? Because Chewang Norphel, a retired civil engineer in the Jammu and Kashmir government came up with the idea of artificial glaciers. Ladakh, a cold desert at an altitude of 3,000-3,500 metres above sea level, has a low average annual rainfall rate of 50 mm. Glaciers have always been the only source of water. Agriculture is completely dependent on glacier melt unlike the rest of river/monsoon fed India. But over the years with increasing effects of climate change, rainfall and snowfall patterns have been changing, resulting in severe shortage and drought situations. Given the severe winter conditions, the window for farming is usually limited to one harvest season.

1- What kind of landform is Ladakh ?
i) Hot desert (ii) Cold desert
iii) Dry desert iv) Hot and Dry desert

2- Who was Chewang Norphel?

i) a retired principal ii) a retired activist
iii) a retired social worker iv) a retired civil engineer

3- Ladakh is at an altitude of metres above sea level.
i) 2000-2500 ii) 1500-2000
iii) 3000-3500 iv) 2500-3000

4- Find the word in the paragraph which means the same as 'a body of dense ice'.
i) river ii) desert iii) glacier iv) all the above

5- Severe shortage of water is the result of :
i) climate changes ii) changes in rainfall
iii) changes in snowfall patterns iv) all the above

Section- B (Writing)

Q.3- **Read the following passage and make notes on it. Give a suitable title.** (4 marks)

When planning to go on a vacation, the tendency is to make sure that the travel plans are hassle free, before stepping out of one's doors. This involves booking by train, bus or even by air to one's chosen destination. Yet the greatest holidays can be enjoyed by going on foot and I am not referring to trekking expeditions into the wilds. Any holiday can be made into a walking trip by opting out of a bus ride or a train journey or a taxi drop, by selecting to go on foot. Besides, walking is a great form of exercise and, above all, helps you to go deep into the local culture, the daily lives of people, their food and their music.

Walking helps you enhance the adventurous streak in you. If you are out on a beach holiday, instead of workouts at the gym, head out to the water for your exercise. Resort pools are a great way to have fun and stay fit and are suitable for all ages. Wake up early to start your day with a swim and you can also recruit family and friends to join in to make the activity even more interesting.

Q.4- You are Nishant, residing at 43, Anupam Nagar, Civil Lines, Jabalpur (M.P.). Write a letter to your friend inviting him to your elder sister's marriage. 4 marks

OR

You are Abhishek Saxena, residing at 54, DIG Colony Indore. Write an application to your principal for two days sick leave.

Q.5- Write an essay on the any one of the following topics in 150 to 170 words- 5 marks

(a) My Best Friend (b) Any Indian Festival
(c) My Hobby (d) Any Great Leader

Q.6- Write a short paragraph on the importance of trees on the basis of the given picture in about 70words - 3 marks



Section–C (Grammar)

Q.7 Fill in the blanks – (any 5) **5 marks**

I. Christmas is celebrated ---------- December 25. (in/on)
II. How---------- pages did you read? (much/many)
III. The bank ---------- some interest for your money. (give/gives)
IV. The rainy season starts ---------- the summer. (before/after)
V. Hindi ---------- the official language of Madhya Pradesh. (is/are)
VI. Sharad ---------- watching TV when the power went off. (was/were)

Q.8 Do as directed – (any five) **5 marks**

I. Children are playing in the park. (Change into present perfect tense)

II. our / we / protect / should / forests.
(Rearrange the jumbled words into a meaningful sentence)

III. If you don't study regularly, you won't learn your lessons.
(Rewrite using 'Unless' in place of 'If')

IV. Simran knows the answer to the questions. (Make Negative)

V. The train was delayed. The weather was bad.
(Combine the sentences using 'because')

VI. He is very tired. He cannot work anymore. (Combine using 'so---that')

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Section–C (Literature)

Q.9– Choose the correct answer– any four– **4 marks**

1. What did Tommy find?
   (a) an old book with yellow crinkly pages
   (b) a tele book
   (c) a brand-new book
   (d) a diary

2. Who are darling dreamers in the poem 'Rain on the Roof'?
   (a) Poet's mother (b) starry spheres
   (c) Poet and his sibling (d) patter of rain

3. Kezia was beaten up with a ruler by her father because
   (a) She failed in her exam.
   (b) She disagreed to sleep alone.
   (c) She wanted to eat ice cream.
   (d) She torn down the papers of her father's speech.

4. Where did Bismillah play the Shehnai on 15th August 1947 ?
   (a) Ganga Ghat (b) Banaras (c) Red Fort (d) Montreal

5. Which award was given to Evelyn in 1991?
   (a) painter of the year (b) teacher of the year
   (c) soloist of the year (d) student of the year

Q.10– Read the following extract and answer the questions given below– **3 marks**

(A) Evelyn Glennie's loss of hearing had been gradual. Her mother remembers noticing something was wrong when the eight-year-old Evelyn was waiting to play the piano. 'They called her name and she didn't move. I suddenly realised she hadn't heard,' says Isabel Glennie. For quite a while Evelyn managed to conceal her growing deafness from friends and teachers. But by the time she was eleven her marks had deteriorated and her headmistress urged her parents to take her to a specialist.

1. Evelyn's loss of hearing took place, when she was-------
   a) one year old b) eight years old c) eleven years old
2. Evelyn managed to hide her deafness from-
   a) her mother b) her friends c) her specialist
3. Who urged her parents to take her to a specialist?
   a) friends b) teachers c) headmistress

3 marks

(B)

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood.
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveller, long I stood
And locked down once as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth

1. What does 'yellow wood' mean?
   a) Spring b) autumn c) winter
2. Why was the traveller feeling sorry?
   a) because he could not travel
   b) because he could not travel both the roads
   c) because he could travel
3. From which poem the above lines have been taken?
   (a) Wind (b) The Road Not Taken (c) Rain on the Roof

Q.11– Anwer the following questions in about 30 words (any 6)– 12 marks

I. What kind of teachers did Margie and Tommy have?
II. What things about the book did she find strange?
III. Why was Kezia afraid of her father?
IV. When and how did Bismillah Khan get his big break?
V. Who helped Evelyn to continue with music? What did he do and say?
VI. Why did Margie's mother send for the County Inspector?
VII. Why did Bismillah Khan refuse to start a shehnai school in the U.S.A.?

Q.12– Answer the following questions in about 30 words– (any 2) 4 marks

I. Where does the traveller find himself? What problem does he face?
II. What does the poet like to do when it rains?
III. What should we do to make friends with the earth?

Q.13– Answer the following questions in about 30 words– (any2) 4 marks

I. What are the things the child sees on his way to the fair?
II. In the fair he wants many things. What are they?
III. When does he realise that he has lost his way?

Q.14– Answer the following questions in about 70 words– (any 1) 3 marks

I. What are the main features of the mechanical teachers and the schoolrooms that Margie and Tommy have in the story?
II. How does Kezia begin to see her father as a human being who needs her sympathy?

Q.15– What is the central idea of the poem 'The Road Not Taken'? 3 marks
OR What do you like to do when it rains?

Q.16– What do you think happens in the end of the story 'The Lost Child'? Does the child find his parents? 3 marks

Or

Why does the lost child lose interest in the things that he had wanted earlier?

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