

ANNUAL EXAMINATION: 2020-21
ENGLISH – Language
and Literature
CLASS-IX

Time allowed: 3 hrs 15 mins

Maximum Marks : 80

- Please check that this question paper contains 14 typed pages.
- Please check that this question paper contains 5 questions in Part A and 6 in Part B .
- Please write down the serial number of the question before attempting it.
- Write your name, class, section and roll number clearly on top of the answer sheet.
- Use an A4 sheet or any foolscap ruled sheet for answering the questions.
- 30 minutes is allotted for scanning and uploading the answers.

General Instructions :

- Separate instructions have been given for each question. Follow them carefully.
- Do not exceed the word limit.
- Answers to be written in neat and clear handwriting and the scanned image uploaded to Google Classroom should be clearly visible.

Part A (40 Marks)

READING (20 marks)

1. Read the passage given below.

The choices we make on a daily basis—wearing a seatbelt, lifting heavy objects correctly or purposely staying out of any dangerous situation—can either ensure our safety or bring about potentially harmful circumstances.

You and I need to make a decision that we are going to get our lives in order. Exercising self-control, self-discipline and establishing boundaries and borders in our lives are some of the most important things we can do. A life without discipline is one that's filled with carelessness.

We can think it's kind of exciting to live life on the edge. We like the image of "Yeah! That's me! Living on the edge! Woo-hoo!" It's become a popular way to look at life. But if you see, even highways have lines, which provide margins for our safety while we're driving. If we go over one side, we'll go into the ditch. If we cross over the line in the middle, we could get killed. And we like those lines because they help to keep us safe. Sometimes we don't even realize how lines help to keep us safe.

I'm not proud of this, but for the first 20 years of my life at work, I ignored my limits. I felt horrible, physically, most of the time. I used to tell myself "I know I have limits and that I've reached them, but I'm going to ignore them and see if or how long I can get by with it." I ran to doctors, trying to make myself feel better through pills, vitamins, natural stuff and any- thing I could get my hands on. Some of the doctors would tell me, "It's just stress." That just made me mad. I thought stress meant you don't like what you do or can't handle life, and I love what I do.

But I kept pushing myself, traveling, doing speaking engagements and so on— simply exhausting myself.

Finally, I understood I was living an unsustainable life and needed to make some changes in my outlook and lifestyle.

You and I don't have to be like everyone else or keep up with anyone else. Each of us needs to be exactly the way we are, and we don't have to apologize for it. We're not all alike and we need to find a comfort zone in which we can enjoy our lives instead of making ourselves sick with an overload of stress and pressure.

On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer ANY TEN questions from the twelve that follow. (1x10=10)

- i. The reason why living on the edge has become popular, is because of the
 - a) constant need for something different.
 - b) population being much younger.
 - c) exhausting effort to make changes.
 - d) strong tendency to stay within our limits.
- ii. Choose the option that best captures the central idea of the passage from the given quotes.

It's all about quality of life and finding a happy balance between work and friends. —Philip Green (1)	To go beyond is as wrong as to fall short. —Confucius (2)	Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance you must keep moving. —Albert Einstein (3)	Balance is not something you find, it's something you create. —Jana Kingsford (4)
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- a) Option(1)
- b) Option(2)
- c) Option(3)
- d) Option(4)

- iii. Which of the characteristics are apt about the writer in the following context: "I know I have limits and that I've reached them, but I'm going to ignore them and see if or how long I can get by with it."?

1. negligent
2. indecisive
3. spontaneous
4. reckless
5. purposeless
6. patient

- a) 2 and5
- b) 3 and6
- c) 1 and4
- d) 2 and3

- iv. Which of the following will be the most appropriate title for the passage?

- a) Much too soon
 - b) 20 years at work
 - c) Importance of self discipline and self control
 - d) Have enough to do?
- v. The phrase “potentially harmful circumstances” refers to circumstances that can
- (a) certainly be dangerous.
 - (b) be fairly dangerous.
 - (c) be possibly dangerous.
 - (d) seldom be dangerous.
- vi. Select the option that makes the correct use of “unsustainable”, as used in the passage, to fill in the blank space.
- a) In the long run, the_____ officials followed emergency procedures.
 - b) Emergency procedures were_____by the officials.
 - c) Officials reported an_____set of events during the emergency.
 - d) Officials admit that the emergency system is_____in the longer run.
- vii. The author attempts to_____the readers through this write-up.
- a) rebuke
 - b) question
 - c) offer aid to
 - d) offer advice to
- viii. The author uses colloquial words such as “yeah” and “Woo-hoo!”. Which of the following is NOT a colloquial word?
- a) hooked
 - b) guy
 - c) stuff
 - d) stress
- ix. What does the author mean when he says, “to get our lives in order”?
- a) To resume our lives.
 - b) To organize our lives.
 - c) To rebuild our lives.
 - d) To control our lives.
- x. Choose the option that correctly states the two meanings of ‘outlook’, as used in the passage.
1. A person’s evaluation of life
 2. A person’s experiences in life
 3. A person’s point of view towards life
 4. A person’s regrets in life
 5. A person’s general attitude to life
- a) (1) and (4)
 - b) (2) and (3)
 - c) (3) and (5)

d) (4) and (5)

- xi.** The author explains the importance of discipline and boundaries in our lives using the example of
- a) Road accidents.
 - b) traffic rules.
 - c) lines on the highway.
 - d) safe driving.
- xii.** What is the message conveyed in the last paragraph of the passage?
- a) Love what you do.
 - b) Love yourself to love others.
 - c) Be the best version of yourself.
 - d) Be yourself.

2. Read the passage given below.

The UN's 2017 International Year tells that sustainable tourism is an important tool for development, most importantly in poor communities and countries. Today sustainability – environmental, social, and economic – is increasingly recognised as the benchmark for all tourism business. As noted by the UN World Tourism Organisation, 57% of international tourist arrivals will be in

CATEGORY	DEFINITION
Ecotourism	Responsible travel to natural areas that conserves the environment, socially and economically sustains the well-being of local people, and creates knowledge and understanding through interpretation and education of all involved (including staff, travelers, and community residents). ⁴
Ethical Tourism	Tourism in a destination where ethical issues are the key driver, e.g. social injustice, human rights, animal welfare, or the environment. ⁵
Geotourism	Tourism that sustains or enhances the geographical character of a place – its environment, heritage, aesthetics, culture, and well-being of its residents. ⁶
Pro-Poor Tourism	Tourism that results in increased net benefit for the poor people in a destination. ⁷
Responsible Tourism	Tourism that maximizes the benefits to local communities, minimizes negative social or environmental impacts, and helps local people conserve fragile cultures and habitats or species. ⁸
Sustainable Tourism	Tourism that leads to the management of all resources in such a way that economic, social, and aesthetic needs can be fulfilled while maintaining cultural integrity, essential ecological processes, biological diversity, and life-support systems. ⁹

emerging economies, by 2030. The various 'Tourism Terms' are defined as -

Based on data collected by a survey by Travel Bureau, the following market profile of an ecotourist was constructed:

Age: 35 - 54 years old, although age varied with activity and other factors such as cost. **Gender:** 50% female and 50% male, although clear differences based on activity were found.

Education: 82% were college graduates, a shift in interest in ecotourism from those who have high levels of education to those with less education was also

found, indicating an expansion into mainstream markets.

Household composition: No major differences were found between general tourists and experienced ecotourists

Party composition: A majority (60%) of experienced ecotourism respondents stated they prefer to travel as a couple, with only 15% stating they preferred to travel with their families, and 13% preferring to travel alone. (** experienced ecotourists = Tourists that had been on at least one “ecotourism” oriented trip.)

Trip duration: The largest group of experienced ecotourists- (50%) preferred trips lasting 8-14 days.

Expenditure: Experienced ecotourists were willing to spend more than general tourists, the largest group (26%) .

Important elements of trip: Experienced ecotourists top three responses were: (a) wilderness setting, (b) wildlife viewing, (c) hiking/trekking.

Motivations for taking next trip: Experienced ecotourists top two responses were (a) enjoy scenery/nature, (b) new experiences/places.

On the basis of your understanding of the passage attempt ANY TEN questions from the twelve that follow. (1x10=10)

- i. In the line “.....recognised as the benchmark”, the word “benchmark” DOES NOT refer to
- a) a basis for something.
 - b) the criterion required.
 - c) the ability to launch something new.
 - d) a standard point of reference.
- ii. The World Tourism Organisation of the UN, in an observation, shared that
- a) emerging economies of the world will gain 57% of their annual profits from International tourists.
 - b) countries with upcoming economies shall see maximum tourist footfall from all over the world in the next decade.
 - c) a large number of international tourists in 2030 will be from developing countries.
 - d) barely any tourist in the next decade shall travel from an economically strong nation to a weak one.
- iii. One of the elements that is important to ecotourists on trip is
- a) wild and untouched surroundings.
 - b) Cultural exchange.
 - c) car and bus rides.
 - d) fully furnished flats.
- iv. Choose the option that lists the correct answers for the following:
1. Asha Mathew, an NRI, loves animals and wishes to travel to places that safeguard their rights and inculcate awareness of their rights. What kind of tourist is she?

2. Gurdeep Singh from UK is an environmental scientist and has always chosen to travel to enhance the geographical character of the places he visits. What kind of tourist is he?
- (1) is an ecotourist and (2) is a geotourist
 - (1) is an ethical tourist and (2) is a geotourist
 - (1) is a sustainable tourist and (2) is a pro-poor tourist
 - (1) is a geotourist and (2) is a responsible tourist

v. Based on your understanding of the passage, choose the option that lists the inherent qualities of geotourism.

1. showcases adventure sports

2. promotes landscape appreciations

3. promises luxurious travel

4. includes being environmentally responsible

5. believes in commercializing forests

6. initiates donations for the underprivileged

- 1 & 2
- 5 & 6
- 2 & 4
- 3 & 5

vi. In the market profile of an ecotourist, the information on gender indicates that

- Female ecotourists were more than the male ecotourists.
- the activity preferences were varied in females and males.
- the choice of things to do on a trip were quite similar for both the genders.
- Male ecotourists were frequent travellers.

vii. The education aspect in the market profile of the ecotourist revealed that

- Main stream market trends were popular with undergraduates.
- ecotourists were only those who had basic education.
- mainstream markets were popular tourist destinations for educated ecotourists.
- ecotourism was no more limited to the small group of highly educated travellers.

viii. According to the survey conducted by the Travel Bureau, the total percentage of experienced ecotourists who preferred to travel alone was

- 60%.
- 13%.
- 15%.

- d) 75%.
- ix.** According to the survey, one of the most powerful driving forces leading experienced ecotourism to invest in new trips was
- setting up work stations in new places.
 - the chance to go camping in the wild.
 - competing with other ecotourists as frequent travellers.
 - the opportunity to travel to new places.
- x. Choose the option that lists statement that is NOT TRUE.**
- Economically backward countries will benefit from sustainable tourism.
 - The tourism business currently recognizes sustainability as an important factor.
 - Emerging economies will receive negligible international tourists in the near future.
 - The sustainability factor in tourism is a significant means for development.
- xi. The survey clearly showed that the age range of ecotourists:**
- remained the same for the choice of tourist- attractions to visit.
 - changed with the monetary requirements for the trip.
 - fluctuated due to male-female ratio.
 - was constant across various features of the trip.
- xii. Who isn't an experienced ecotourist?**
- The person who has travelled as an ecotourist once earlier.
 - The person who is yet to travel even once as an ecotourist.
 - The person who is a regular ecotourism enthusiast and traveller.
 - The person who is not regularly travelling on ecotourism trips.

LITERATURE – 10 mks

3. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the most appropriate options from those given. [attempt ANYONE]

(5 Marks)

I. He also felt a special interest in a fellow student, Mileva Marie, whom he found to be a "clever creature". This young Serb had come to Switzerland because the University in Zurich was one of the few in Europe where women could get degrees. Einstein saw in her an ally against the "philistines"- those people in his family and at the university with whom he was constantly at odds.

A. Who is the "young Serb" in the passage ?

- Einstein
- Mileva
- Einstein's mother
- Philistines

B. Why did the young Serb come to Switzerland ?

- i. because the university in Zurich was one of the few in Europe where women could get degrees.
- ii. to make new friends
- iii. to promote global understanding
- iv. to know more about Switzerland

C. What was the attitude of Einstein towards the young Serb ?

- i. He was intimidated
- ii. He found her too clever
- iii. He was interested
- iv. None

D. Which word in the passage means “a person who is guided by materialism and is usually disdainful of intellectual or artistic values ” ?

- i. Ally
- ii. Serb
- iii. Philistine
- iv. All

E. Later, Einstein’s relationship with Mileva changes .

- i. They get married
- ii. They become business partners
- iii. They get married, but divorce each other in 1919
- iv. They stop talking to each other

OR

II. Swallow, Swallow, little Swallow,' said the Prince, 'do as I command you. ' So he plucked out the Prince's other eye, and darted down with it. He swooped past the match-girl, and slipped the jewel into the palm of her hand.

A - Who is the writer of the Happy Prince story?

- i. Khushwant Singh
- ii. R.K. Laxman
- iii. Oscar Wilde
- iv. Ruskin Bond

B - Why did Happy Prince send the sapphire to a young writer and the match girl?

- i. to send hope and make them happy
- ii. to show them his power
- iii. to surprise them
- iv. to show off

C - What made Happy Prince blind?

- i. Giving away two sapphires
- ii. an arrow
- iii. a shooting gun
- iv. stone pelting

D - Why did Happy Prince give away all his assets?

- i. to eradicate misery and sorrow from his city
- ii. wanted to renounce all
- iii. to show his richness
- iv. None

E- What did Swallow do to be with Happy Prince?

- i. helped him flying here and there
- ii. stopped flying to distant places
- iii. sacrificed his trip to Egypt
- iv. All

4. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the most appropriate options from those given. [**attempt ANYONE**] (5 Marks)

I.

**He glides through the water away
from the stroke. O let him go
over the water
into the reeds to hide
without hurt. Small and green
he is harmless even to children.**

A- Who is the poet of this poem?

- i. W.W.E. Ross
- ii. W. Wordsworth
- iii. Phoebe Cary
- iv. James Kirkup

B- What is the style of the poem?

- i. free verse with unequal lines
- ii. sonnet
- iii. ode
- iv. limerick

C- What does the poet think of snakes?

- i. source of joy
- ii. fears them
- iii. dangerous
- iv. harmless animals until disturbed

D- Where did the snake go and disappear?

- i. in the ripples of water among green reeds
- ii. in the bushes
- iii. in a hole
- iv. none

E- What appeal does the poet make to the readers in this poem?

- i. stay away from snakes
- ii. kill snakes

- iii. treat snakes in a kind manner
- iv. None

OR

II

**It has grown
Slowly consuming the earth,
Rising out of it, feeding
Upon its crust, absorbing
Years of sunlight, air, water,
And out of its leprous hide
Sprouting leaves.**

A. The poet feels the growing of a tree is.....

- i. a difficult process
- ii. an exciting event
- iii. a controlled process
- iv. a slow paced process

B. The poem appreciates the.....

- i. strength of human beings
- ii. planting of trees
- iii. resilient qualities of a tree
- iv. ability of man to cut trees

C. "**leprous hide**" means.....

- i. the rough bark of trees
- ii. the earth
- iii. the roots of plants
- iv. the soil

D. What does the strength of a tree lie in?

- i. Leaves
- ii. Root
- iii. Flowers
- iv. Fruit

E. What does the poet equate killing trees with?

- i. killing animals
- ii. killing insects
- iii. killing human beings
- iv. None

GRAMMAR (10marks)

5.A. Choose the correct options to fill in the blanks to complete the note about the Wangala Festival of Meghalaya. (3x1)

The Wangala(i)..... festival for the Garo in Meghalaya, Assam and Nagaland. It is a post- harvest festival (ii)..... the end of the agricultural year. It is popularly known as 'The Hundred Drums' festival. During the signature dance, the leading warrior -(iii)..... with synchronised dance steps and specific hand-head movements.

- (i)
 - a) is important
 - b) are an important
 - c) was the important
 - d) is an important
- (ii)
 - a) being celebrated for marking
 - b) celebrated to mark
 - c) celebrated to marking
 - d) being celebrated for mark
- (iii)
 - a) leads the youngsters
 - b) is lead the youngsters
 - c) was leading the youngsters
 - d) had leads the youngsters

B. Choose the correct options to fill in the blanks to complete Venu's narration. (3x1)



I saw Supanddi standing in the field. When I (i)..... doing there, he (ii)..... he was trying to win a Nobel prize. I was confused and enquired how standing in the rice field would help him do so. He stumped me by saying that he (iii)..... won Nobel prizes had all been out- standing in their fields!

- (i)
 - a) exclaimed what he was
 - b) told him what he was
 - c) asked him what he was
 - d) says to him about what
- (ii)
 - a) ordered that
 - b) refused that
 - c) questioned that
 - d) replied that
- (iii)
 - a) has heard that people who has
 - b) was hearing that people who were
 - c) had heard that people who had
 - d) did hear that people who had

C. Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct options for ANY FOUR of the six sentences given below.

(4x1)

- (i) Youconsult the Thesaurus if you need groups of synonyms for

those words.

- a) Had to
- b) Need to
- c) Used to
- d) might

(ii) Everybody.....keen to participate in the upcoming *nukkad natak*.

- a) are
- b) has
- c) is
- d) were

(iii) The good news is that...volunteers dropped out this month than in the last two months.

- a) fewer
- b) less
- c) few
- d) a little

(iv) It was historic day for the organisation when honour was bestowed upon its employees.

- a) a; an
- b) an; the
- c) the; a
- d) an; a

(v) At this time tomorrow we our project details to ma'am.

- a) Are presenting
- b) shall be presenting
- c) have been presenting
- d) will have presenting

(vi) P Sainath spoke about the state of the media and how it

- a) will have changed
- b) has changed
- c) would have changed
- d) can be changing

Part B

WRITING (2x5= 10marks)

1. Attempt **ANY ONE** of the following in 100-120 words. (5marks)

You recently attended a wedding. The ostentatious display of wealth made you reflect on the

disparity existing in society. Make a diary entry in 100-120 words expressing your feelings. 5 mks

OR

Last summer vacation you went to your friend's village. Her grandmother looked after you as if you were her grandchild. Describe her in 100-120 words.

2. Write a short story in 100 – 120 words, with the help of the cues given below and complete it. Give a suitable title to the story. (5 marks)

Going to Mangalore by train to attend the ceremony where your aunt will receive the Sahitya Akademi award..... got stuck in a traffic jam reached the railway station late boarded a wrong train realised after five hours now you ...

OR

A story titled **The Return Gift**.

LITERATURE (30marks)

3. Answer ANY TWO questions in 20-30 words each, from (A) and (B) respectively. (2x4=8)

A. (Anytwo) (2x2=4)

- How did Abdul Kalam earn his first wages?
- Why did Santosh's parents agree to pay for her schooling in Delhi?
- What is the significance of the two roads in the poem The road not taken?

B (Anytwo) (2x2=4)

- Why did the grandfather hide Toto for some time when he brought him home?
- What does the swallow see when he flies over the city?
- Where had Prashant gone on 27th October 1999? Why?

4. Answer any two of the following questions in 40-50 words each from (A) and (B) respectively. (3X4=12 Marks)

A.(Anytwo)(3X2=6 Marks)

- What kind of father was Mr Macdonald and how was he different from Kezia's father?
- What does the wind symbolise?
- Why does the intruder choose Gerrard as the man whose identity he wants to take on?

B. (Any two) (3X2=6 Marks)

- In the story 'A House is Not A Home' how do the schoolmates change the author's understanding of life and people?
- What difference do you notice in the child's behavior before and after he gets lost?
- What are the two strange things the guru and his disciple find in the kingdom of Fools?

5. Answer the following question in about 80 words. ANY ONE (5 Marks)

On two occasions Bruno ate/drank something that should not be eaten/ drunk. What

happened to him on these occasions?

OR

The Everest expedition shows Santosh's concern for her team-mates and for the environment. Elaborate

6. Answer the following question in about 80 words. ANY ONE (5 Marks)

Behrman had a dream. How did it come true?

OR

Sergei says, "I am happy that my words have taken effect." Is he right in saying so? Give reasons for your answer.