

Marking Scheme/Answer Key

Sample Question Paper:2025-26

English Class 9th

Section A

Reading Skill.

20 Marks

Award 1 mark for the correct answer .

There is no partial credit .

Question:1 Unseen passage

10×1=10

- (a) drug addiction is eating into the vitals of our society
- (b) a person takes drugs in the beginning out of curiosity
- (c) when a person gets used to taking any kind of intoxicating drug it becomes addiction.
- (d) his whole body writhes in pain which drives him to madness.
- (e) Drug addiction: a threat to human beings
- (f) (iv) to think clearly and to rationalize
- (g) (ii) False
- (h) (iv) Anti social
- (i) (iii) body pain
- (j) (ii) to pay for the drugs

Question:2. Unseen passage

10×1=10

Award 1 mark for the correct answer

There is no partial credit

- (a). (iii) Ganga

- (b). (iii) 10%
- (c). (i) fifth
- (d). (iv) Third
- (e). mother and goddess
- (f). Namami Gange Programme
- (g). (i) sewage treatment (ii) surface cleaning
- (h). It's water is used for irrigation, transportation and fishing
- (i). (i) metals thrown out by tanneries (ii) waste produced by industries
- (j). (i) reduce pollution (ii) revive river Ganga

#### SECTION B

#### GRAMMAR.

10 Marks

Award 1 mark for the correct answer.

There is no partial credit.

Question: 3

- (a). (ii). left
- (b). (ii). is whistling
- (c). (iii). Ashoka ,the great , adopted Buddhism.
- (d). (ii). should
- (e). (iii) He is known to me.
- (f). (ii). The teacher asked me what my name was.
- (g). (I). to
- (h). (ii). some
- (I). ( ii). a
- (j). (iv). Tell me what you have done .

(k). (iv). was

(l). (iv). but

## SECTION. C

### WRITING SKILL.

10 Marks

Question: 4

Letter/Application.

5Marks

Format 1. Mark

Sender's address, date, receiver's address, subject, salutation, complimentary close

-Award full marks if all aspects included.

-Award 0.5 mark if more than one aspect is missing.

-Award zero mark if more than two aspects are missing.

Content. 2 Marks

-Award full marks if all points included (format,tense,formal tone, vocabulary etc)

-Well developed with sustained clarity.

Award 1.5 marks if

- Almost all points included.

-Reasonably well developed.

Award 1 mark if

-Some points included.

-Fair attempt at developing ideas.

Award 0.5 mark if

-Most of points not included.

-Limited awareness about the task given.

Expression. 1 Mark

Award full marks if

-Tense,tone and vocabulary are appropriate.

-Coherence and relevance of ideas.

Award 0.5 mark if

-There is little deviation (tense, tone, vocabulary)

-Almost relevant.

Accuracy. 1 Mark

-Award full marks if there is one or two grammatical/spelling mistake/mistakes.

-Deduct 0.5 marks if there are more than two grammatical/spelling mistakes.

- Model Answer

H.No-78

Model Town

Rewari

29 May 2024

The Manager

Info Tech Computers

Gurugram

Sublect---cancel the order of 20 computers.

Sir,

I am writing to inform you that we are cancelling our order of 20 computers, placed on 15th April 2024, due to an inordinate delay in supplying the computers. As per our agreement, the computers were supposed to be delivered to us by 15th May 2024. Since the time of delivery has long expired we are compelled to cancel the order. You are also directed to refund the advance amount paid to your firm on 15th April 2024 through cheque no-151029. We are sorry for any inconvenience this cancellation may cause. Thanking you.

Yours sincerely

Raj/Rani

Note: Other relevant point/points are also acceptable.

Or

The Principal

Government Model Sanskriti Sr Sec School

Mahendergarh

Subject -- To make arrangement of computer classes

Respected sir/ma'am,

I am student of 9th class of your school. On behalf of my class I want to make a humble request. We have no computer classes. These days computer knowledge is essential in all spheres of life. We can see computers everywhere in our daily life. For a student without computer knowledge future is dark. Internet is a source of information. One can find many e-books, projects, models, study material on internet free of cost. This provides a wonderful platform to grow. We are lagging behind many students of other schools who are studying computer in their schools. Kindly start computer classes in our school also. We'll be highly obliged. Thanking you.

Yours obediently

XYZ

Note -- Other relevant point/points are also acceptable.

Question: 5.

5 Marks

(I) Advertisement

Format 1 Mark

Box, Heading, content, contact no, address /email

- Award full marks if all aspects included .
- Award 0.5 marks if more than one aspect is missing .
- Award zero mark if more than two aspects are missing .

Content 3 Marks

Suggested value points

- Format
- Catchy phrase
- Details of vehicle -make, model,run, etc
- Selling price

Accuracy. 1 Mark

- Award full marks if there is one or two grammatical/spelling mistake/mistakes .
- Deduct 0.5 marks if there are more than two grammatical/spelling mistake/mistakes.

- Model Answer

-	Car For Sale
<p>A 2008 white Maruti Alto car is available for sale .It is fully insured, company maintained, running in good condition, having good mileage, completed 30000 kms.Expected selling price 50000 rupees,No bargaining.</p> <p>Interested persons can contact:ABC Mob.No.94xxxxxx00</p>	

Note --Other relevant point/points are also acceptable.

Question: 5.

(ii) NOTICE.

5 Marks

Format. 1 Mark

Box, NOTICE (centre), Heading (centre), date of issue (aligned left), signature with designation (bottom left)

- Award full marks if all aspects included.
- Award 0.5 mark if more than one aspect is missing.
- Award zero mark if more than two aspects are missing.

Content. 3 Marks

Suggested value points

- Correct format
- Drawing attention
- Date,time
- Instructions

Accuracy. 1 Mark

- Award full marks if there is one or two grammatical/spelling mistake/mistakes.
- Deduct 0.5 mark if there are more than two grammatical/spelling mistake /mistakes .

Model Answer

Government Model Sanskriti Sr Sec School, Mahendergarh

#### NOTICE

#### Commencement of Half-Yearly Exam

Date: 29 August 2024

All the students are informed that the half -yearly exams for class 3rd to 12th will be conducted from 15th September 2024 to 28th September 2024 to. Timings of the exams will be 8.30 am to 11.30 am.

Wish you all the students all the best for your exams. For further information, please contact the undersigned.

ABC

Exam Incharge

Note --Other relevant point/points are also acceptable.

SECTION. D

LITERATURE

40 Marks

Question 6.

5×1=5 Marks

- (a) Now Margie hated school more than ever.
- (b) Margie 's mother sent for County Inspector because Margie 's mechanical teacher was giving her test after test in geography and she was doing worse and worse.
- (c) Chapter: The Fun They Had  
Writer : Issac Assimov
- (d) The mechanical teacher had been giving Margie test after test in geography.
- (e) Sorrowfully.

Or

- (a) The writer inherited honesty and self - discipline from his father.
- (b) Kalam had three brothers and one sister.
- (c) Ramanadha Sastry,Arvindan and Sivaprakashan were Kalam's childhood friends.
- (d) Chapter: My Childhood  
Writer: A P.J.Abdul Kalam
- (e) Upbringing

Question 7

2×3=6

Content 2Marks. Expression. 1 Mark

Deduct 0.5 Mark for two or more grammatical /spelling mistake /mistakes

(a)

Suggested value points

-in 1938

-All India Radio Lucknow

-any other relevant point

Model Answer

All India Radio opened in Lucknow in 1938.It came as a big break for Bismillah Khan.His shehnai was often heard on radio.

(b) Suggested value points

-Mr Macdonald Kezia' s neighbour

-loving father

- played with children

-any other relevant point

Model Answer

Mr Macdonald was Kezia' s nextdoor neighbour.He was a loving father.He loved to play with his children.The children enjoyed a lot in his company.

(c) Suggested value points

-supporter of peace and democracy

- form world government

-any other relevant point

Model Answer

Einstein was a supporter of peace and democracy. He was in favour of a world government. He wanted all the world to function as one unit. That is why the world remembers him as a 'world citizen'.

(d) Suggested value points

- shave daily
- grow a thin moustache
- keep attractive smile

Model Answer

The author decided to take two important and earth shaking decisions. He decided that he would shave daily and grow a thin moustache to look more handsome. He also decided that he would keep an attractive smile on his face.

Question. 8.

1×6=6

Content. 4 Marks

Expression. 2 Marks

( Fluency. 1 mark and Grammar 1 mark)

Suggested value points

- born in Village
- live her own way
- refused to marry until get proper education
- became mountaineer
- first woman to conquer Mt. Everest twice
- any other relevant point/ points are also acceptable

Model Answer

Santosh Yadav was born in a small village of Haryana. Her family belonged to agriculture. She was sent to the village school. From the beginning, she loved to live life in her own way. As the custom prevailed in society, her parents decided to marry her when she turned to sixteen. But she refused to marry. She said that she would never marry if she was not given proper education. She went to Delhi and joined a school. After schooling, she joined Maharani College in Jaipur for higher studies. She decided to become a mountaineer in her life. She worked hard. She became the first woman to conquer Mt. Everest twice. She always helped her team mates. She was an environmentalist also. She brought down 500 kilograms of garbage from the Himalayas.

Or

Suggested value points

- new teacher discriminated
- separated Kalam and his friends
- science teacher against social barriers
- invited Kalam for a meal
- science teacher 's wife refused to serve Kalam
- later great change in her attitude
- any other relevant point /points

Model Answer

Kalam narrates two incidents from his school days. A new teacher had joined Kalam's school. When he saw Kalam wearing a Muslim cap, he asked him to go and sit on the back bench. He separated Kalam and his friends on the basis of religion. Lakshmana Sastry told the teacher that he should not spread the poison of social inequality and communal intolerance in the minds of innocent children.

But Kalam's science teacher was against all social barriers. He wanted to break them. He invited Kalam for a meal at his house. His wife was a conservative lady. She refused to serve Kalam in her kitchen. The teacher didn't get angry. He served Kalam with his own hands. The next time Kalam noticed a great change in the teacher's wife. She took Kalam inside her kitchen and served him meal.

These two incidents show how differences can be created and how they can be resolved. By following the way of Kalam's science teacher and Lakshmana Sastry, people can change their attitude.

Question. 9

5×1=5

- (a) He would be telling how he had taken one of the two diverging roads in a wood and how it had made all the difference.
- (b) The two roads diverged in a wood.
- (c) The poet took the road that was less travelled by.
- (d) Poem: The Road Not Taken  
Poet: Robert Frost
- (e) The poet's choice of the road had made all the difference.

Or

- (a) The root has formed a cave under the earth.
- (b) The strength of the tree is exposed by pulling out its root.
- (c) The most sensitive part of a tree is its root.
- (d) The root remains hidden inside the earth for years.
- (e) Poem : On Killing A Tree  
Poet. : Gieve Patel

Question. 10.

2×3=6

Content 2 Marks.

Expression 1 Mark

(a) Suggested value points

- make body and heart strong-
- any other relevant point

Model Answer

We should make our bodies and heart strong. Only then we can make friends with the wind.

(b) Suggested value points

- lie in bed
- recall sweet memories past and his mother
- any other relevant point

Model Answer

The poet loves to lie in his bed, when it rains.He calls it a bliss.He can recall to his mind the sweet memories of the past and his mother.

(c) Suggested value points

- cursed the woman
- changed into woodpecker
- any other relevant point

Model Answer

The woman didn't give Saint Peter any cake.He became angry as he was hungry.He cursed the woman for being selfish.He changed her into a woodpecker.Now she has to keep boring the trees for her little food.

(d) Suggested value points

- same kind of body
- breathe same air
- eat, sleep and wake in same way
- any other relevant point

Model Answer

All people have the same kind of body.They breathe the same air.They eat in same way.They sleep and wake up in the same way.

Question 11

2×3=6

Content. 2 Marks

Expression 1 Mark

- Deduct 0.5 mark for two or more grammatical /spelling mistake /mistakes

(a) Suggested value points

- lost parents
- felt fearful and unsafe
- any other relevant point

Model Answer

The child has lost his parents in the fair.He is in great fear.He is crying.Without parents,he feels himself unsafe.That is why he loses his interest in all other things.He wants only his father and his mother.

(b) Suggested value points

- break dishes and tear clothes
- mischievous nature
- habit of spoiling things

Model Answer

Toto would break dishes and tear clothes, curtains and wallpapers. He was in the habit of spoiling things. He was mischievous. Whenever author's aunts came near him, he would try to tear her dress. All these things make the author think, "Toto was not the sort of pet we could keep for long."

(c) Suggested value points

- always remained with him
- cooked meal..., washed clothes
- entertained him
- any other relevant point

Model Answer

Mahendra's job was to move from place to place. He had to stay in very uncomfortable conditions. Wherever he went, Iswaran remained with him without making any complaint. He cooked for his master. He washed his clothes. He entertained him by telling thrilling tales. That is why Iswaran was his asset.

(d) Suggested value points

- gave two sapphires of eyes
- prince became blind
- any other relevant point

Model Answer

The prince had given the two sapphires of his eyes for the poor. Now he was completely blind. The swallow had a kind heart. He could not leave the prince in that state.

Question 12.

6×1=6

Content : 4 Marks

Expression: 1 Mark

( Fluency 1 Mark and Grammar 1 Mark)

Suggested value points

- disciple remembered guru's words of wisdom
- guru made up a story

- one who dies first would be the king the next life
- one who dies later would be the minister the next life
- foolish king and minister executed themselves
- any other relevant point /points

#### Model Answer

When the rich merchant was taken to the stake ,the minister found him too thin to execute.The king ordered to bring a person who was fit to be executed on the stake.The servants brought the disciple to the stake because he was fit for impaling .At the hour of crisis,he remembered the guru's words of wisdom that it was not safe to live in the city of Fools could do any foolish thing at any time.The guru saw everything by his magical powers.He arrived to save his disciple.He whispered something in his disciple's ear.Then the guru asked the king to put him to stake first.The disciple also wanted to die first.The king was surprised.He wanted to know why both the guru and the disciple wanted to die first.The guru told him that whoever died on the stake first, would be reborn as the king.The one who died second, would be the future minister.The king did not want to lose his kingdom to someone else in the next round of life.He and his minister decided to go on the stake themselves and be reborn as king and minister.They got themselves executed.Thus the guru saved his disciple.

Or

#### Suggested value points

- dream to paint masterpiece
- Sue asked to paint ivy last leaf
- worked in cold winter rain and caught pneumonia
- he died but succeeded in saving Johnsy' s life
- any other relevant point/ points

#### Model Answer

Behrman was a painter.His dream was to paint masterpiece.But he was not successful yet . When Johnsy fell ill,her friend Sue , asked him to paint an ivy leaf on the outer wall of the house.His dream did come true.He worked in the cold winter rain.He caught pneumonia and died.His painting proved a masterpiece.Even Johnsy,who was herself an artist, couldn't know that it was not a real leaf.She took it to be a real leaf and regained the desire to live.Thus Behrman's painting proved a masterpiece because it saved the life of a girl who had lost all hopes of recovery.

