

Std. : IX

ENGLISH

Time : 2½ Hours
Total Score : 80

Instructions :

1. 15 minutes is given as cool off time.
2. This time is to be used for reading the question paper.
3. You are not supposed to write anything during the cool-off time.
4. Attempt the questions according to the instructions.

Questions 1-5. The following excerpt is taken from the lesson 'Learning The Game'. Read the passage and answer the questions (5 x 1 = 5)

From a very early age, I played tennis-ball cricket with my colony friends. I loved watching cricket on television and in our games, I often tried to emulate the mannerisms of my favourite players, Sunil Gavaskar and the West Indian legend Viv Richards. But it wasn't just the batsmen that I studied. I also loved bowling. Throughout my career, I have actually bowled a lot in the nets.

I was then studying in the New English School, Mumbai. But my brother Ajit knew that compared to other schools in Mumbai, Sharadashram Vidhyamandir where Ramakant Achrekar Sir was the cricket coach, gave due importance to the game of cricket. He ran summer camps too. Ajit, one day, took me to the camp to get trained under Sir. Anyone could come for a trial at the camp; but then, it was up to Sir to decide who to accept. I was eleven years old then. Achrekar Sir, as I refer to him, started playing cricket at the age of eleven in 1943, which is the age I was when I went to him for the first time.

1. Who were the favourite cricket players of Sachin?
2. What was special about Sharadasram Vidhyamandir?
3. Why did Ajit take Sachin to the summer camp?
4. What is the common factor referred to in the passage about Achrekar and Sachin?
5. Pick out the word from the passage which means 'to imitate'.

Questions 6-9. Read the following lines from the song 'Bang the Drum' and answer the questions that follow. (4 x 1 = 4)

You and I
Together we reach for the sky
It's not about winning
It's all about playing the game
From the East
From the West
Each of us trying our best
Chasing a dream
Burning to follow the flame

6. What do the singers urge the athletes to focus on?
7. Which lines convey that athletes from around the world are participating in the games?

8. What does 'the sky' stand for?
9. Pick out an instance of alliteration from the given lines.
10. **Read the following lines from the poem 'Song of a Dream' and prepare a note of appreciation focusing on its theme, images and poetic devices.**

(1 x 5 = 5)

ONCE in the dream of a night I stood
Lone in the light of a magical wood,
Soul-deep in visions that poppy-like sprang;
And spirits of Truth were the birds that sang,
And spirits of Love were the stars that glowed,
And spirits of Peace were the streams that flowed
In that magical wood in the land of sleep.

Lone in the light of that magical grove,
I felt the stars of the spirits of Love
Gather and gleam round my delicate youth,
And I heard the song of the spirits of Truth;
To quench my longing I bent me low
By the streams of the spirits of Peace that flow
In that magical wood in the land of sleep.

Questions 11-15. Read the story given below and answer the questions that follow.

(5 x 1 = 5)

A fox, observing a fish cart coming, lay down and pretended to be dead.

The cart man, tempted by the idea of making some money by selling the fox's fur, picked up the animal by its tail and flung it into the back of the cart among the fish.

Then he resumed his journey. The fox ate his fill of the fish and jumped out of the cart.

A wolf saw him jumping out and asked him what he had been doing in it. The fox told him how he succeeded in his plan.

The wolf ran ahead of the cart and lay down in its path, pretending to be dead.

The cart man was delighted to find another animal to sell, but he found the animal too heavy to lift.

So he pushed it into a sack, tied the sack to his cart and dragged it away.

11. What did the fox do to get into the cart ?
12. Why did the cart man take the fox into his cart?
13. What did the fox do in the cart?
14. Why didn't the wolf succeed in his plan ?
15. Suggest a suitable title for this story.

Questions 16 - 17. Answer any ONE of the following questions. (1 x 7 = 7)

16. In the story 'Maternity', the miserable life of Mikali touches everyone's heart. Narrate the story of Mikali in your own words.

(Hints:- Mikali -orphan-baby brother -burden- chased by every one- no job- goes to Anatolian camp-has to feed his brother-women chases- gets disappointed-Chinaman offers help-baby is fed)

17. On the basis of your reading of the lessons 'The Race' and 'Learning the Game', prepare a **write-up** on the topic 'Winners are not born, they are made'.

Questions 18-20. Answer any TWO of the following questions. (2 x 5 = 10)

18. Sachin writes a letter to his friend describing his experience in the summer camp. Write the likely **letter**.

19. "You are a real-life hero" - these words of Ram Narayan motivated Tarun and he wrote his feelings in his diary on the same day. Write the likely **diary** entry of Tarun.

20. The Sports club of your school has decided to honour Tarun, the National champion in connection with the School Sports Meet. Draft a **notice** with necessary details.

Questions 21-25. Answer any THREE of the following questions. (3 x 6 = 18)

21. Prepare a **profile** of Nelly Kim Furtado using the hints given below. Use appropriate linkers wherever necessary.

Name : Nelly Kim Furtado

Nationality : Canadian

Born : 2nd December, 1978

Profession : Singer, song writer

Popular album : Whoa, Nelly!(2000)

Major albums : Folkore(2003), Loose(2006), Mi Plan(2009), The Spirit Indestructible (2012)

Awards : Billboards (2001), Grammy(2002), Juno (2007)

22. The Nehru stadium witnessed a daring participation of a twelve year old boy in a 400 meter race. Imagine that you are the reporter of a leading daily. Prepare the **news report** of the event.

23. The story 'Maternity' teaches us the value of love and compassion. Write a **paragraph** on how Mikali was treated by Chinaman and his wife.

24. Determination, hardwork and motivation played a major role in shaping Sachin's career as a true cricketer. Prepare a **speech** on 'The Role of Motivation in Success' to be delivered in the school assembly highlighting the life of Sachin.

25. Life was never a bed of roses for Mikali. The love and responsibility towards his brother urged him to face the challenges in his life. Prepare a **review** of the story 'Maternity'.

Questions 26 - 30. Read the passage and answer the questions given below.

(5 x 1 = 5)

India beat Pakistan by 89 runs (DLS)

June 17, 2019 00:42 IST

India vs Pakistan (IND vs PAK) Highlights , ICC World Cup 2019: India extended their unblemished World Cup record against Pakistan after Rohit Sharma's century and tidy bowling secured their 89-run victory via the Duckworth-Lewis method in the tournament's most anticipated group match on Sunday.

ICC Cricket World Cup, 2019, Match 22

INDIA	VS	PAKISTAN
336/5 (50.0)		212/6 (40.0)
India beat Pakistan by 89 runs (D/L)		



TOP BATSMEN

Rohit Sharma (IND)
140 runs in (113 balls)

Virat Kohli (IND)
77 runs in (65 balls)

TOP BOWLERS

Mohammad Amir (PAK)
3 for 47 in 10 overs

Kuldeep Yadav (IND)
2 for 32 in 9 overs



26. Who was the second highest scorer in the match?
27. Which player scored a century in the match?
28. Which bowler took the maximum wickets in the match?
29. India won the match by runs.
30. Which method was used to decide the winner?

31. Read the diary entry made by Ram Narayan . A few expressions are underlined.

(5 x 1 = 5)

Tarun had to pass through a herculean task. I could see everything in black and white. Tears were rolling down his cheeks. Those were not crocodile tears. I felt pity for him and wished that he would never give up his determination to win. He didn't disappoint me . I think Tarun would turn out to be a promising athlete.

Here is another diary entry about Tarun's performance. Fill in the blanks using the expressions underlined in the above passage.

My son will never be the same .He will(a).....to be a hardworking and ambitious young man. It was a(b)..... for him to win in the race. When he fell the third time, I doubted that he would(c)..... I was startled to see things (d)..... There were many in the gallery shedding tears for him. In that circumstance, I felt certain that those were not..... (e).....

32. Report the following comment of the Chinaman about Mikali. (2 x 1 = 2)

Chinaman: "I cannot bear the sight of Mikali wandering across the streets with the wailing baby in his arms. I am ready to help him in any possible way."

Chinaman said that he..... (a).....
and he added that (b).....

33. Complete the conversation between Chinaman and Mikali. (5 x 1 = 5)

Chinaman : My dear boy, why are you crying?

Mikali : I feel so lonely.

Chinaman : You are from the refugee camp, _____ (a) _____ ?

Mikali : Yes I am.

Chinaman : _____ (b) _____ ?

Mikali : It's my brother on the shoulder and he is hungry.

Chinaman : (c) _____ ?

Mikali : I can't take him to my mom because she is no more.

Chinaman : Oh! I'm sorry. If you come with me,
_____ (d) _____

Mikali : No sir. Thank you.

Chinaman : Don't worry boy, my wife will feed the child.

Mikali : _____ (e) _____

34. Edit the following profile of Sachin Tendulkar. (5 x 1 = 5)

Sachin Ramesh Tendulkar was born(a) in 24th April 1974 in Mumbai, Maharashtra. He is (b)a Indian cricketer and captain, widely regarded as one of the (c)great cricketers of all time. In 2012, Tendulkar (d)is nominated to the Rajya Sabha. He retired (e)with cricket on 16th November, 2013. 'Learning the Game' is an extract from his autobiography.

35. Fill the blanks using suitable linkers given in the box. (4 x 1 = 4)

(soon, and, once again, at first, later)

The race started. _____ (a) _____ Tarun was leading. Seeing himself ahead of everybody, Tarun felt very proud of himself. _____ (b) _____ everything changed. Tarun did not notice the shallow path on the track _____ (c) _____ he slipped. Seeing the other kids going past him he got up and started running _____ (d).