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ENGLISH

Standard : IX

Max. Score : 80

Time : 2½ hrs

INSTRUCTIONS

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

Questions 1 - 5. Read the extract from 'The Jungle Air Crash' and answer the questions that follow. Each question carries one score. (5 × 1 = 5)

It was still light when the rain woke me up. I was lying under a section of three seats turned upside down. There was no sign of my mother, of any other passengers, or of the plane. All I could hear were frogs croaking – and the rain. I had a bump on my head and a gash in my foot. I felt no pain, but I couldn't muster the energy to move and look round. Thus I spent the whole night lying under the seat half-asleep, in shock. The next morning, I crawled out slowly because everything swam dizzily before me. I saw a small package and opened it. It contained some sweets and a Christmas cake. I tasted the cake and dropped it. It was soaking wet and revolting. Then I picked up a long stick with which to probe the ground to avoid snakes, poisonous spiders and ants. My parents had taught me about the perils of the jungle in the years we had lived in it — that it is not the big animals that are the most dangerous, but the snakes and the insects.

1. What woke the author up? (1)
2. Why couldn't the author eat the cake? (1)
3. What did the author learn from her parents? (1)
4. Where was the author lying when she woke up? (1)
5. Read the following sentence.
 'I picked up a long stick'. Begin the sentence with 'A long stick' (1)

Questions 6-9. Read the following lines from the poem 'Another Chance' and answer the questions that follow. Each question carries one score. (4 × 1 = 4)

How often we wish for another chance
 To make a fresh beginning.
 A chance to blot out our mistakes
 And change failure into winning.

It does not take a new day
 To make a brand new start,

It only takes a deep desire
To try with all our heart.

To live a little better
And to always be forgiving
And to add a little sunshine
To the world in which we're living.

6. How can we overcome failure in our lives?
7. What, according to the poet, will help us live a better life?
8. 'It does not take a new day' What does the poet mean by this line?
9. Write the rhyme scheme followed in the first stanza.
10. **Read the following lines from the poem 'Song of the Rain' and write an appreciation focusing on the theme, imagery and other poetic devices.**

I am dotted silver threads dropped from heaven (1 × 4 = 4)

By the Gods. Nature then takes me, to adorn
Her fields and valleys.

I am beautiful pearls, plucked from the
Crown of Ishtar by the daughter of Dawn
To embellish the gardens.

When I cry, the hills laugh;

When I humble myself, the flowers rejoice;

When I bow, all things are elated.

The field and the cloud are lovers

And between them I am a messenger of mercy.

I quench the thirst of one;

I cure the ailment of the other.

The voice of thunder declares my arrival;

The rainbow announces my departure.

**Questions 11-15. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow.
Each question carries one score. (5 × 1 = 5)**

Ludwig van Beethoven is one of the most known classical composers of all time. Beethoven's career as a composer did not start very well. His music teacher had said that "as a composer, he is hopeless". At a later stage in life, he was also strongly criticized for the music that he created. Although Beethoven is today known for his beautiful music, it did not come easily for him at all. Writing a symphony already on its own is a task that most of us can't even imagine, but to make it even worse, in his late 20's, Beethoven began to lose his hearing.

Beethoven was slowly but surely going deaf, but he did not give up. He knew that the only thing he could do in life was related to music, and there was no way he would let that go. As a result, he continued to write music. At early stages of his deafness he began to use lower notes, as he could not hear so well the higher ones, but once he went completely deaf, he could rely only on the sounds that were inside his mind. Beethoven wrote many great pieces during his life time, but one of the most famous ones is his Ninth Symphony. That symphony was written when he was completely deaf. Life without music was not an option for him.

11. What was Beethoven famous for?
12. Why didn't Beethoven give up writing music in spite of being deaf?
13. What task, according to the passage, is unimaginable for ordinary people?
14. Why did Beethoven begin to use lower notes?
15. Which is his most famous composition?
16. **Prepare a profile of Khalil Gibran using the hints given below. Use appropriate linkers wherever necessary.** (1 × 5 = 5)

Born	:	January 6, 1883, Lebanon
Famous as	:	Lebanese American philosophical essayist, novelist, poet, artist.
Early Life	:	Immigrated with his parents to Boston, 1895
Influences	:	Friedrich Nietzsche, William Blake
Themes	:	Love, death, nature, longing for the homeland
Principal works	:	<i>The Madman</i> (1918), <i>The Forerunner</i> (1920), <i>The Prophet</i> (1923), <i>Sand and Foam</i> (1926).
Death	:	April 10, 1931, New York, U.S.

Questions 17-19. Answer any TWO of the following questions. Each question carries five score. (2 × 5 = 10)

17. 'A Letter from an Uncle' tells us about the efforts of Sir C. V. Raman for encouraging agriculture. Agriculture clubs have been active in schools to promote agriculture in school campus. Send an **email** to one of your friends about the activities of your school agriculture club.
18. The Drama Club of your school has decided to conduct a drama festival in your school. The play 'Listen to the Mountain' will be staged at the inaugural function. Prepare a **notice** inviting the students and parents to the programme.
19. The Chinaman took Mikali to his house. He asked his wife to breastfeed the hungry baby. Mikali became very happy and excited. He jotted down his feelings in his diary. Prepare the **diary entry** of Mikali.

Questions 20-24. Answer any THREE of the following questions. Each question carries six score. (3 × 6 = 18)

20. Juliane Koepcke, the sole survivor of the plane crash, spent more than ten harrowing days in the forest. Being a news reporter in a leading newspaper, you are asked to prepare a report on her survival. Prepare the likely **news report**.
21. The agricultural club of your school has decided to invite the famous agricultural scientist Dr. M.S. Swaminathan to inaugurate the agricultural day celebrations. You are asked to interview him. Prepare **six questions** that you might ask him.
22. The grandmother in the play 'Listen to the Mountain' is a character who is genuinely concerned about the environment. Prepare a brief **character sketch** of the grandmother.
23. The play 'Listen to the Mountain' tells us that careless exploitation of nature can lead to disasters. Prepare a **write-up** on the topic 'The causes and effects of natural disasters'.
24. In the lesson 'Nobility of Service', Gandhiji upholds his ideal that public servants should not accept costly gifts. Based on this, you are asked to deliver a **speech** at the meeting conducted by the Social Science club to commemorate Gandhiji's 150th birth anniversary. Prepare the **speech**.

Questions 25-29. Given below is an advertisement of a film festival. Study it carefully and answer the questions that follow. Each question carries one score. (5 × 1 = 5)

SHORT FILM FESTIVAL 2018
Film Festival from November 5 - 8
At Tagore Theatre, Thiruvananthapuram

AWARD NIGHT ON NOVEMBER 8
at Kanakakunnu Palace

Open Forum
Discussions on all days on world cinema and contemporary issues at Kairali Theatre
Organised by Kerala State Film Academy.

25. Where is the venue of the short film festival?
26. What programmes other than the film festival are mentioned in the advertisement?
27. Who is the organiser of the film festival?
28. Which programme is conducted at Kanakakunnu palace?
29. What topics are discussed in the open forum?
30. **Read the dialogue between the Grandmother and Narayan and answer the questions that follow. (2 × 1 = 2)**
Grandmother: What did the children say?
Narayan: They don't want a hotel on Dharmagiri if it will ruin our countryside.

- a) What did the grandmother ask Narayan?
 b) What did Narayan reply?
31. Some parts of the conversation between Chinaman and Mikali are missing. Complete them suitably. (5 × 1 = 5)

Chinaman : You look very tired, ____ (a) ____?
 Mikali : Yes, I'm hungry too. Please don't disturb me.
 Chinaman : _____ (b) _____?
 Mikali : No. I'm not coming with you.
 Chinaman : If you come with me, _____ (c) _____
 Mikali : I don't want anything from you because I can't trust you.
 Chinaman : But, why?
 Mikali : _____ (d) _____
 Chinaman : I'm not cruel. I will help you.
 Mikali : OK, My little brother hasn't had milk for weeks.
 Chinaman : Oh! My wife will feed your little brother.
 Mikali : _____ (e) _____

32. Supply the missing words in the following passage. (4 × 1 = 4)

The Chipko movement was a non-violent agitation ____ (a) ____ 1973 that was aimed ____ (b) ____ protection and conservation of trees. It is best remembered for the collective mobilisation of women ____ (c) ____ the cause of preserving forests, ____ (d) ____ brought about a change in attitude regarding their own status in society. The name of the movement 'Chipko' comes from the word 'embrace', as the villagers hugged the trees and encircled them to prevent being chopped.

(at, in, which, but, for)

33. Choose the appropriate phrasal verbs given in brackets and complete the passage. (4 × 1 = 4)

Although senseless, Juliane ____ (a) ____ to shout loudly to attract attention. But nobody heard her. She was determined not to ____ (b) ____ her efforts. On the way she ____ (c) ____ a tiny brook. She had learned from her parents that she should always look for streams which should lead to larger streams. Her grit and courage helped her to ____ (d) ____ the perils of the jungle and that paid off ultimately.

(put up with, made up her mind, came across, give up, put by)

34. Read the passage given below and replace the words / phrases given in bold with those given in brackets. (5 × 1 = 5)

(mediocre, applauded, emerged, arduous, conviction)

Ashok was preparing for the civil service examinations. It was a **difficult and tiring**(a) task. He spent sleepless nights reading and revising and finally his eyes turned red and tired. Although he was an **average** (b) student, his **firm belief** (c) in his abilities

helped him to overcome all difficulties. Finally, he came out (d) as the winner. All his friends praised (e) him for his remarkable achievement.

35. Follow the pattern given below and construct a word pyramid using the word 'umbrella'. (1 × 4 = 4)

Noun Phrase

Determiner + Noun Phrase

Determiner + Adjective Phrase + Noun Phrase

Determiner + Adjective Phrase + Noun Phrase + Prepositional Phrase

Determiner + Adjective Phrase + Noun Phrase + Prepositional Phrase + Relative clause