

# FIRST TERMINAL EVALUATION 2015

## ENGLISH

Class IX

**Time : 2 Hours 30 min****Total Score : 80****Instructions:**

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

**(Questions 1 - 4) Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow.**

No one cared to know where Berl kept the money his son sent him. There were no thieves in Lentshin. The hut consisted of one room which contained all their belongings; the table, the shelf for meat, the shelf for milk foods, the two beds and the clay oven. Sometimes the chickens roosted in the wood shed and sometimes, when it was cold, in a coop near the oven. The goat, too, found shelter inside when the weather was bad. The more prosperous villagers had kerosene lamps, but Berl and his wife did not believe in new gadgets. Only for the Sabbath would Berlcha buy candles from the store.

1. There were no thieves in Lentshin. What could be the reason? (1)
2. Find out a word from the passage which means 'a bird takes rest' (1)
3. On what occasion did Berlcha buy candles? (1)
4. Describe the hut where Berl and Berlcha lived. (2)

**(Questions 5- 9) Read the lines from the poem 'Those Winter Sundays' and answer the questions that follow.**

Sundays too my father got up early  
and put his clothes on in the blueblack cold,  
then with cracked hands that ached  
from labour in the week day weather made  
banked fires blaze.No one ever thanked him.

5. What is special about Sundays? (1)
6. How did the father's hands crack? (1)
7. How did the family members respond to the father's hardwork? (1)
8. Pick out an instance of alliteration from the stanza. (1)
9. Pick out a visual image from the stanza. (1)

**(Questions 10 - 14) Read the following lines and answer the questions that follow.**

Dear dotting sweet heart of my childhood,  
Companion of my austere fate!  
In the lone house deep in the wild wood  
How patiently for me you wait.  
Alone beside your window sitting  
You wait for me and blame the clock,  
While, in your wrinkled hands, your knitting  
fitfully falters to a stop.

10. Pick out a word from the stanza which means 'showing a lot of love'. (1)
11. Why does the poet remember his nanny even now? (1)
12. Where is the house located? (1)
13. Why does Nanny's knitting fitfully falter to a stop? (1)
14. Identify the rhyme scheme of the first four lines. (1)

**(Questions 15 - 19) Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow.**

In olden times people had very few necessities. Life was less burdened, less busy and easier. People had ample spare time. They could sit and gossip. But now life has become busier and faster. Modern man was a worried creature. His mind is always under strain and his life "is full of care". Vacant hours weigh him down. His leisure hours, when unoccupied make him miserable.

I used to feel miserable in the evenings because my evenings were always free. I simply sat and brooded on things. I did not know how to utilise these hours. Then my friend, Santhosh Kumar told me a secret. He had a hobby. It was stamp collection. He owned innumerable stamps. It was almost a treasure for him. But stamp collection did not excite my interest.

15. People had ample spare time in olden times. Why? (1)
16. What is the peculiarity of modern men? (1)
17. How does modern man's life become miserable? (1)
18. Find out a word from the passage which means 'think deeply' (1)
19. What was the hobby of Santhosh Kumar? (1)
20. Attempt any one of the following in about 120 words (7)

- A. Lentshin village in the story 'The son from America' is self sufficient. How far are we using our natural resources to become self sufficient? Comment.

(Hints:- villagers planted vegetables - pastured goats- promoted organic farming - made village self sufficient - need to increase food production - less use of fertilizers - less dependence on other states - ensures food security)-

**OR**

- B. The story 'The Tattered Blanket' shows the son's tattered love for his mother. Substantiate your views.

(Hints :- Amma in her old age - Gopi very busy - no time to write letters - long absence - selfish motive - escapes saying Amma can't remember - attitude towards parents now a days.)

21. Imagine that Samuel goes back to America with the money. He writes a letter to his father. Write the likely letter. (6)



22. A reporter was on the scene when the villagers were questioning the Princess. He reported the incident in the newspaper. Prepare the likely **news report**. (6)
23. After visiting his mother, Gopi returned to Delhi with grief. He wrote his feelings in his diary. Write the likely **diary entry**. (5)
24. Write a **profile of Ira Singhal**, the IAS topper, making use of the hints given below (6)

Name	:	Ira Singhal
Born	:	31 August, 1983
Father	:	Rajendra Singhal
Mother	:	Anitha Singhal
Education	:	MBA (University of Delhi)
Keen interest	:	Dancing, Football
Achievement	:	Civil Service topper (2014)
Ambition	:	Service to the nation, service to the physically challenged people

**Questions 25 -29) Read the newspaper headlines given below and answer the questions that follow.** (5)

- a) K.G SATHAR PASSED AWAY ON JULY 24
- b) FAMOUS SCHOOL RECEIVED AWARD FOR THE BEST VEGETABLE GARDEN
- c) INDIA DEFEATED SRILANKA BY 7 WICKETS
- d) MAN LANDED ON MOON
- e) PRIME MINISTER VISITED CHINA
25. Pick out the headline that is related to sports and games.
26. Identify the headline that comes under obituary.
27. Which headline is related to international affairs?

28. Write the headline that speaks about agriculture.
29. Which headline is related to space?
30. There are a few errors in the given passage. They are underlined. Edit the passage. (5)

“Delhi are (a) too expensive. You know I has (b) four children to look after now. I can't made (c) ends meet with my salary. And one has to keep up their (d) status. It will be a great help if I can raise some money by sell (e) my share of the family property”.

31. Fill in the blanks with suitable phrasal verbs given below. (5)

Raju .....(a) his cap and..... (b) to the play ground. He ..... (c) a stranger. He tried to .... (d) something with Raju. But Raju couldn't .....(e) what he said. The stranger went away mumbling something

[put across, make out, put on, come across, set out]

32. Supply the missing word in the following passage choosing the right ones from the box given below. (4)

Kamalam, her eldest daughter, a widow, who was sitting huddled up on the thinna/(a) the veranda, her head and ears covered /(b) a thin bath towel, got up reluctantly, walked slowly /(c) the gate and screwing up her eyes peered/ (d) the darkness.

(with, on, to, into, from )

33. Read the conversation given below and answer the questions that follow.

Kamalam : What is the point of telling her that you haven't written for a year?

Gopi : I am always on my toes.

- a. What did Kamalam ask Gopi?
- b. What did Gopi's reply? (2)

34. Complete the following conversation between Gopi and Kamalam suitably. (5)

Gopi : Good morning , Kamalam.  
Kamalam : Good morning Gopi. How are you?  
Gopi : ---- (a) Where is our mother?  
Kamalam : ----- (b) Why don't you write letters?  
Gopi : I am always on my toes  
Kamalam : You had better --- (c)  
Gopi : If I get time --- (d)  
Kamalam : Your time!  
Gopi : Let's divide the property, ----- ? (e)  
Kamalam : I know you won't come here after that.

35. Look at the following word pyramid

Chair  
The chair  
The wooden chair  
The strong wooden chair  
The strong wooden chair in the visiting room

Now construct a similar word pyramid with the word 'shirt'. (4)