

CLASS-IX

ENGLISH

MARKS-80

TIME- 3HRS

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## GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:-

1. All question are compulsory
2. This question is divided into three sections.

SECTION 'A' READING 20 MARKS

SECTION 'B'; WRITING SKILLS &amp; GRAMMAR

SECTION 'C'; LITERATURE 30 MARKS

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## Section 'A' Reading (20 marks)

Q.No.1) *Read the passage given below carefully.*

1. Tourists to Jammu and Kashmir have another attraction- a floating post office on the Dal Lake in Srinagar, the first in the country. ' Floating post office , Dal Lake'- claimed to be the only such post office in the world- is built on an intricately carved-maroon house board, fastened on the western edge of the Dal Lake.
2. This post office lets you avail of all the regular postal services available in the country while being afloat. The seal used on everything posted from Floating Post office is unique – along with the date and address, it bears the design of a boatman rowing a Shikara on the Dal Lake. The special feature of this post office is that letters posted from here carry a special design which has the picturesque scenery of Dal Lake and Srinagar city. These pictures reach wherever these letters are posted to and hence promote Kashmir as a tourist destination across the world.
3. This is actually a heritage post office that has existed since British times. It was called Nehru Park Post Office before 2011. But then the chief Postmaster Samuel Renamed it as 'Floating Post Office'.
4. The post office's houseboat has two small rooms – one serves as the office and the other a small museum that traces the philatelic history of the state postal department. It has a shop that sells postage stamps and other products. But for the locals, the Floating Post Office is more than an object of fascination. Rs.1-2 crore is deposited per month in Floating Post Office by communities living in and around the Dal Lake.
5. The lake has several islets that are home to more than 50,000 people. The greatest fear is the recurrence of 2014 like floods in which the houseboat had gone for a toss uncontrollably pushed by the floods. Rescue teams had anchor it using special mechanism in a nearby highland. Then it was brought back on the Dal after the water receded. The biggest boon is that at no time of the year do you need a fan in this post-office!.

Q.No.1.1 Attempt any eight of the following questions on the basis of the passage you have read

1x8=8

- (a) What is the location of the Floating Post Office in Srinagar?
- (b) What is special about the seal used in the post office?
- (c) How is the post office helpful in promoting tourism?
- (d) Who renamed the post office as 'Floating Post Office'?
- (e) What are the two rooms of the post office used for?
- (f) How is the post office beneficial to the locals?

- (g) What is the greatest fear that the post office has?
- (h) How is the post office a big boon to the people?
- (i) Find the word from the passage which means the same as 'attraction' (para 5)

**Q.No.2) Read the passage given below carefully.**

1. It is an indisputable fact that the world has gone too far with the innovation of new technologies such as mobile phones, the internet and so on , due to which people are able to tour the cosmos virtually sitting as one place using their smart devices or other technological gadgets. Through mobile internet access is often times hurried and short, it can still provide common internet features like alerts, weather data, emails, search engines, instant messages, and games and music downloading.
2. Due to easy access of smart phones, communication has been very effective and instant. People are able to convey their message all around the globe to their loved ones without spending hefty sums of money. Adults are always fond of such gadgets and they always welcome and adopt such new technology readily. Further, young people have been able to broaden their minds and improve their skills by doing research on the internet, For instance, they use smart phones look up any new word they come across. As we know that most of the universities have online teaching provision and smart phones assist the students complete their assignment on time.
3. The mobile phone has been a lifesaver for a lot of people in case of an emergency. Likewise, use of smart phones can be of vital importance in preventing crimes in the society by providing information to the security forces in time.
4. Nonetheless, for the young the use mobile phone can be like an addiction and they can misuse it. Young people are also prone to getting involved in undesirable activities on the internet. This might have adverse effect on their academic performance. Therefore, young people should always be monitored and made aware of its bad outcomes.
5. Also a major contributor to its popularity is the availability of prepaid or pay as you go services from a phone shop or an online store. This allows subscribers to load text or airtime credits to their handsets by the use of their credit cards, debit cards or by buying a prepaid card from the network they subscribe to. This plan also doesn't commit a particular customer to a contract. If prepaid card is not that appealing to you, then you can opt to subscribe using the pay by month plan.

**Q.No..2.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each.** **2x4=8**

1. How are smart phones helpful in communication?
2. What are the benefits of mobile phones for the young generation?
3. How can mobile phones be considered 'lifesavers'?
4. Mention any two demerits of mobile phones?
5. How is a prepaid card useful to mobile phone users?

**Q.No..3.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage answer any four of the following:** **1x4=4**

- 1) In para-1, synonym of 'innovation' is.....
  1. Production 2. Sincerity 3. Invention 4. Prevention
- 2) mobile internet can provide access to:
  1. Telegram 2. Emails 3. School 4. University
- 3) Grown-up should.....the use of new technology by the young people.
  1. Reject 2. Criticize 3. Monitor 4. Accept

4) Meaning of the word 'adverse' in Para 4:

1. Positive      2. Negative      3. Admirable      4. Unguided

5) According to the passage, one can opt for.....plan if prepaid plan doesn't suit.

1. Yearly      2. Weekly      3. Monthly      4. Daily

### Section-B (writing skills & Grammar-30)

**Q.No.3)** *Recently you have visited a school for the deaf and dumb. You are sympathetic for their situation, they are in. Make a diary entry writing down your feelings about their situation in about 100 150 words.* (8X1=8)

**Q.No.4)** *Write a short story based on the following hints in about 150-200 words. Give A suitable title to the story.* (10X1=10)

Once upon a time---boy lived with mother---boy hated mother----had only one eye-always embarrassed---- wished mother would disappear ----- few years later-----boy left his mother----- came to the city and got settled- forgot his one eyed mother----received a letter-school alumni reunion----after reunion, visited his old house----saw his mother on cold ground with a letter----- boy during childhood met with an accident lost ---lost his eye----mother donated her eye --boy cried .

**Q.No.5)** *complete the passage by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones given below. Write your answers in the answer sheets against the correct number. Do not copy the entire passage. (4x1=4)*

Vegetarianism promotes i).....natural way of life. But despite its implicit message ii).....love and non-violence, it has not spread. Leading vegetarian way of life iii).....the animal kingdom to coexist with man. The animals iv).....milk, manure and energy.

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| 1. A) the      | b) a        | c) any    | d) an            |
| 2. A) from     | b) of       | c) for    | d) by            |
| 3. A) helps    | b) help     | c) helped | d) will help     |
| 4. A) supplies | b) supplied | c) supply | d) have supplied |

**Q.No.6)** *Read the conversation given below. Based on your reading it, fill in the blanks appropriately.(4x1=4)*

Teacher : Why are you late, Sam?

Sam : I missed the school bus.

Teacher : You should have reached the bus stop on time.

Sam : My mother is ill and was hospitalized yesterday.

Teacher : I' m sorry to hear that.

Teacher asked Sam why he was late. Sam replied that a)..... The teacher told him that b).....Sam said that his mother was ill and c)..... The teacher said that d).....to hear that.

**Q.No.7) There is an error in each of the lines against which a blank is given. Write the incorrect and the correction in the space provided. (4 MARKS)**

	<b>Incorrect</b>	<b>correct</b>
In the absence of rain all the river	a) .....	.....
Get dry. Crops failed in the absence of	b) .....	.....
Water. There is a food shortage and we	c) .....	.....
Have to go with other countries with a	d) .....	.....
Begging bowl. Who don't know the	e) .....	.....
Advantages of trees? In the absence of	f) .....	.....
Forests we get not fruits, nuts, fibres	g) .....	.....
And herbs at medicinal use	h) .....	.....

### **SECTION-C LITERATURE (30)**

**Q.No.8) Read one of the extracts given below and answer the questions**

**(1x4=4)**

The wind blows out weak fires  
He makes strong fires roar and flourish.  
His friendship is good.  
We praise him every day

1. What does the wind do to weak fires?
2. What does the poet want us to do?
3. Who is 'him' in the given lines?
4. Find a word from the extract that is opposite in meaning to 'condemn'

**OR**

And he said, 'you are far too selfish  
To dwell in a human form,  
To have both food and shelter,  
And fire to keep you warm  
Now, you shall build as the birds do,  
And shall get your scanty food  
By boring, and boring, and boring

1. What comforts did the woman enjoy?
2. What curse did the saint cast on her?
3. Do you feel she deserved such a fate?
4. Identify the poetic device used in the second stanza of the extract.

**Q. No.9 Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each. (ANY FIVE)**

**(2x5=10)**

- 1. How did Lakshamana Sastry handle the new teacher?**
- 2. How did Ron Forbes influence Evelyn to listen to music and then play the instrument?**
- 3. Why does the poet appeal to the wind to come softly?**
- 4. What did Saint Peter ask the old lady for? What was the lady's reaction?**
- 5. What is the significance of the two roads in the poem?**
- 6. What were the values that Kalam Inherited from his parents?**

**Q.No.10 Answer one of the following questions in about 120-150 words:**

**(1x8=8)**

- 1. Write a short paragraph on:- KALAM'S Childhood (events) memories that shaped his life.**
- 2. How would you compare a mechanical teacher to human teacher?**

**Q.No.11 Answer one of the following questions in about 100-150 words**

**(1x8=8)**

- 1. What lies behind Evelyn's success? How does she acknowledge it? How is she an inspiration for the handicapped?**
- 2. Give the character sketch of Albert Einstein ?**

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