

## Code No. 602

CLASS : 9th (Ninth)

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### ENGLISH

(Only for Fresh/School Candidates)

Time allowed : 3 hours ]

[ Maximum Marks : 80

- Please make sure that the printed pages in this question paper are **16** in number and it contains **10** questions.
- The **Code No.** on the top of the question paper should be written by the candidate on the front page of the answer-book.
- Before beginning to answer a question, its Serial Number must be written.
- Don't leave blank page/pages in your answer-book.
- Except answer-book, no extra sheet will be given. Write to the point and do not strike the written answer.
- Candidates must write their Roll Number on the question paper.
- Before answering the question, ensure that you have been supplied the correct and complete question paper, **no claim in this regard, will be entertained after examination.**

**General Instructions :**

- (i) *This question paper is divided into **four Sections – A, B, C and D. All questions are compulsory.***
- (ii) *Attempt all the parts of a question together.*
- (iii) *Stick to the word limit wherever prescribed.*

**SECTION – A****(Unseen Comprehension)**

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

One of the things that distinguishes man from other animals is the power of speech. While it is true that most animals and birds can utter cries which indicate emotion, anger, fear, affection, their range of sounds is very limited, and they are not capable of expressing more complicated emotions. On the other hand, man can express a very wide range of ideas and emotions through speech. Words are only symbols to which special values and meanings have become attached by general agreement.

The same object, consisting of printed pages and a cover, is called by a French speaker *livre*, by an English speaker *book*, and by a Hindi speaker *kitab*, the object is the same in each case, but in each linguistic community a different word to describe it has been agreed upon. Other symbols may be used instead of linguistic ones : a red light is used to indicate danger; a policeman's upheld hand tells us to stop; a forefinger held to the lips warns us to be quiet; but these substitutes are fairly few in number and therefore, cannot be used except in very limited circumstances.

**Questions :**

1 × 6 = 6

- (a) What distinguishes a man from an animal ?
- (b) What can most animals and birds utter ?
- (c) What can man express through speech ?
- (d) What are words ?
- (e) What does a red light indicate ?
- (f) Find a word in the passage which means 'differentiates'.

**OR**

Salt, a miraculous gift of nature, is one of most useful and amazing minerals on Earth derived from the sea and rocks. Do you know that it is the only rock that humans can eat ? Salt has seasoned our history, language and food, besides making nutritious foods more palatable. Used in all bakery products, prepared foods, sauces, soups, spices, cereals, dairy foods, meats, poultry. It is also an extraordinary effective food preservative, retarding the growth of spoilage by micro-organisms and making food storage possible long before refrigeration.

How much salt is necessary for human consumption ? Medical experts agree that everyone should practice some reasonable 'moderation' in salt consumption. For the average person, a moderate amount might run from 4 to 10 gm a day, or roughly half to one and one-third teaspoons. The equivalent of one to two gm of this salt allowance would come from the natural sodium in food. The rest would be added in processing, preparation or at the table.

**Questions :** $1 \times 6 = 6$ 

- (a) Name the only rock that humans can eat.
- (b) What is salt derived from ?
- (c) Write any two uses of salt.
- (d) How does salt work as a food preservative ?
- (e) How much salt is necessary for human consumption per day ?
- (f) Find a word in the passage that means 'delicious'.

**SECTION - B****(Writing)**

2. (a) Attempt any **one** of the following : 6

You are Abhinav/Amrita of 10-R, Kamla Nagar, Noida. You have read an advertisement for the post of receptionist in a 5-star hotel. Write a letter in response to the advertisement applying for the post.

**OR**

You are Amrish/Amrisha living at 150, K. G. Marg, Allahabad. You bought a refrigerator from A. K. Electronics, Jawahar Nagar, Allahabad. It does not function

properly. Write a letter to the Sales Manager of the shop, complaining about the defect and asking for immediate replacement or repair as necessary.

- (b) Attempt any **one** of the following : 6

You are Mr. R. C. Sharma. You have a three bedroom flat in Dwarka, which you want to sell. Draft an advertisement in not more than 50 words to be published in 'The Times of India', under classified Column. Contact : 2758902.

OR

Design a poster for promoting "Road Safety".

### SECTION - C

#### (Grammar)

3. Attempt any **twelve** sentences in all :  $1 \times 12 = 12$

- (a) Fill in the blanks with the appropriate form of the verb given in the brackets :

- (i) James ..... (attend) karate classes every Saturday.

- (ii) I knew Hitesh was very busy, so I .....  
(not disturb) him.
- (iii) I ..... (cook) dinner when the visitors  
arrived.
- (iv) The lights went off because we .....  
(not pay) the electricity bill.
- (b) Fill in the blanks with suitable articles  
wherever necessary :
  - (i) ..... apples I bought are sour.
  - (ii) Our city will have ..... University  
soon.
  - (iii) We go to ..... Church on Sundays.
  - (iv) Radha gave him ..... one-rupee  
note.
- (c) Change the voice of the following sentences :
  - (i) He wore a blue shirt.
  - (ii) Who wrote this letter ?
  - (iii) It is time to take coffee.
  - (iv) You must follow the traffic rules.
- (d) Fill in the blanks with appropriate  
conjunctions :
  - (i) You won't pass the test ..... you  
study.

- (ii) ..... you come back from your trip,  
we'll meet to discuss the problem.
- (iii) Can't you wait ..... we get home ?
- (iv) He went to bed ..... he was tired.
- (e) Fill in the blanks with appropriate modals :
  - (i) I ..... speak Swedish, Dutch and Japanese.
  - (ii) Parents ..... to take care of their children.
  - (iii) Plants ..... have sunlight in order to make food.
  - (iv) I ..... rather read a novel than watch that stupid movie.
- (f) Fill in the blanks with prepositions :
  - (i) She greeted me ..... a smile.
  - (ii) Ravi goes to school ..... bus.
  - (iii) The train went ..... the tunnel.
  - (iv) His birthday is ..... 30 November.



**SECTION – D****(A : Prose Text)**

4. Read the passages given below and answer the questions that follow. Do any **two** passages :

$$5 \times 2 = 10$$

- (a) The Second World War broke out in 1939, when I was eight years old. For reasons I have never been able to understand, a sudden demand for tamarind seeds erupted in the market. I used to collect the seeds and sell them to provision shop on Mosque Street. A day's collection would fetch me the princely sum of one anna. My brother-in-law Jallaluddin would tell me stories about the War which I would later attempt to trace in the headlines in Dinamani.

**Questions :**

- (a) Name the chapter and the writer.
- (b) What is the age of the speaker in these lines ?
- (c) What did the speaker earn each day by selling the tamarind seeds ?

- (d) What is 'Dinamani' ?
- (e) Find in the passage a word that means 'rose'.
- (b) Then my son and I advised my wife, and friends advised her too, to give Baba to the zoo at Mysore. He was getting too big to keep at home. After some weeks of such advice she at last consented. Hastily, and before she could change her mind, a letter was written to the curator of the zoo. Did he want a tame bear for his collection ? He replied, "Yes". The zoo sent a cage from Mysore in a lorry, a distance of eighty-seven miles, and Baba was packed off.

**Questions :**

- (a) Name the chapter and its author.
- (b) Who was Baba ?
- (c) What advice was given by the author and his son ?
- (d) Why did the author's wife take time to give consent to their advice ?
- (e) Find in the passage a word that means 'hurry'.

- (c) Then there was no looking back for this determined young girl. She saved money and enrolled in a course at Uttarkashi's Nehru Institute of Mountaineering. "My college semester in Jaipur was to end in April but it ended on the nineteenth of May. And I was supposed to be in Uttarkashi on the twenty-first. So, I did not go back home; instead, I headed straight for the training. I had to write a letter of apology to my father without whose permission I had got myself enrolled at Uttarkashi."

**Questions :**

- (a) Name the determined girl mentioned in the passage.
- (b) Where did she enroll herself for mountaineering training ?
- (c) Why did she not go back to home from Jaipur ?
- (d) Why did she apologise to her father ?
- (e) Find in the passage a word that means 'consent'.

5. Why does the intruder want to kill Gerrard ?  
How does Gerrard befool the intruder with his  
false story ? (If I Were You) 6

OR

Draw comparison between the mechanical  
teachers and schoolrooms that Margie and  
Tommy have with the teachers and schools  
mentioned in the book that Tommy found.

(The Fun They Had)

6. Answer any **four** of the following questions :

$$2 \times 4 = 8$$

- (a) Why did Evelyn say that men with bushy  
beards give her trouble ?  
(The Sound of Music, Part-I Evelyn Glennie)
- (b) Why does the world remember Einstein as a  
"World Citizen" ? (A Truly Beautiful Mind)
- (c) What was the doctor's reaction to the sight  
of the snake ? (The Snake and the Mirror)
- (d) What was the attitude of the Science  
teacher towards APJ Abdul Kalam ?

(My Childhood)

- (e) What is the belief at Pashupatinath about the end of Kaliyug ? (Kathmandu)
- (f) Why was Bruno sent away to the zoo ?  
(The Bond of Love)

**(B : Poetry)**

7. Read the stanza given below and answer the questions that follow :

*When the humid shadows hover  
Over all the starry spheres  
And the melancholy darkness  
Gently weeps in rainy tears,  
What a bliss to press the pillow  
Of a cottage-chamber bed  
And lie listening to the patter  
Of the soft rain overhead !*

**Questions :**

1 × 4 = 4

- (a) What are the humid shadows ?
- (b) What do they do ?
- (c) Why does the poet call darkness melancholy ?

- (d) What does the poet like to do when it rains ?

**OR**

*He came to the door of a cottage,  
In travelling round the earth,  
Where a little woman was making cakes,  
And baking them on the hearth :*

**Questions :**

$1 \times 4 = 4$

- (a) Who does "he" refer to in the first line ?  
(b) What was "he" doing ?  
(c) Who was making cakes ?  
(d) What is a hearth ?

**8.** Answer any **four** of the following questions :

$2 \times 4 = 8$

- (i) According to Robert Frost, what has "made all the difference" ?  
(ii) Why does the poet want to go to Innisfree ?  
(iii) What shall happen if we hate our brothers ?

(No Men Are Foreign)

- (iv) Where did the Duck live and what did it long for ?
- (v) Give the central idea of the poem "On Killing a Tree".
- (vi) What does the poet wish for the snake ?

(The Snake Trying)

**(C : Supplementary Reader)**

**9.** Answer any **one** of the following questions :

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- (a) What is the significance of the title "The Accidental Tourist" by Bill Bryson ? Explain with reference to Bill Bryson's experience as a traveller.
- (b) How is "The Last Leaf" by O. Henry a story of hope, friendship and sacrifice ?

**10.** Answer any **four** of the following questions :

$2 \times 4 = 8$

- (i) How does the child lose interest in the things he wanted earlier ? (The Lost Child)
- (ii) How did Iswaran control the tusker ?

(Iswaran the Storyteller)

- (iii) Why did the guru want to leave the kingdom quickly but the disciple wanted to stay on ? (In the Kingdom of Fools)
- (iv) Why does God consider the leaden heart and the dead bird as the two most precious things in the city ? (The Happy Prince)
- (v) How did Olga save Lushkoff ? (The Beggar)
- (vi) What role was played by the author's schoolmates to comfort him emotionally ?

(A House is not a Home)

