

DWARKA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

SEC.12, DWARKA

SUBJECT: ENGLISH

CLASS: IX

SAMPLE PAPER

General Instructions:

1. All questions are compulsory.
2. This paper is consists of three sections.
3. Section A READING (20 marks).
4. Section B WRITING & GRAMMAR (30 marks).
5. Section C LITERATURE (30 marks).

M.M: 80
Time: 3 Hrs.

SECTION A (READING)

Q1. Read the following passage carefully:

(12 marks)

GULLIVER IN LILLIPUT

1. When I stood up, and looked around I saw a beautiful scene. The country round appeared like a vast garden. The enclosed fields, which were about forty feet square, resembled to so many beds of flowers. These fields were intermingled with woods and the tallest trees appeared to be seven feet high. The town looked like the painted scene of a city in theater.

2. Once when I was coming out of my house to take fresh air, I saw the Emperor advancing horseback towards me. This could have cost him dear because the beast was wholly unused to such a sight, which appeared as a man mountain moved before him. The horse stood up on his hinder feet but the Emperor was an expert equestrian, kept his seat until his servants ran in and held the bridle, while his master had time to dismount. The Emperor surveyed me round with great appreciation kept out of my reach. He ordered his servants to give me food and drink. These were kept on a kind of vehicles upon wheels. They pushed forward these vehicles until I could reach them. I took these vehicles and soon took all the food and drink.

3. The Empress and young Princes, attended by many women sat at some distance in their chairs. However, after the accident that happened to the Emperor's horse, they got up and came him.

4. The Emperor was taller by almost breadth of my nail than any of his court members. This alone was enough to strike fear and respect upon the beholders. His feature were strong and masculine. His complexion was olive. His body and limbs were proportioned, all his motions graceful and his manners of movement majestic. He was then twenty-eight years and three quarters old. He had reigned about seven years with great happiness and had won many wars.

5. I lay on my side so that my face was parallel to his. He stood but three yards away. His dress was very plain but he had on his head a helmet of gold, adorned with jewels. He was holding his sword in his hand to defend himself. It was about three inches long. His voice was high pitched but very clear and I could hear it when I stood up. The women and court members were all magnificently clad. The Emperor spoke to me and I gave answers but neither us could understand a word. Several of his priests and lawyers present there had been Commanded to talk to me, and I spoke to them in as many languages as I had the little knowledge but it served no purpose The court retired after about two hours.

6. I was left with a strong guard to prevent the crowd from making any impertinence But some of them shot their arrows at me as I sat on the ground by the roof of my house. The officer of the guards commanded six of the ringleaders to catch and deliver them bound into my hands. Soldiers followed his commands. I took all of the six ringleaders in right hand; put five of them into my pocket. As to the sixth, I made a countenance as if i would eat him. The poor man cried with fear.

1. Complete the following statements:

(4 marks)

(a) The height of the tallest trees was-----.

(b) The narrator was called a_____.

(c) The Emperor was _____ and _____.

2. Answer these questions briefly:

(6 marks)

(a) Why could the narrator and the emperor not understand each other?

(b) What happened when the horse saw the narrator?

(c) ... 'they got up and came near him.' Who were they? Whom did they approach?

3. Find words from the passage, which mean the same as the following:

(2 marks)

(a) rudeness (Para 6)

(b) grand (Para 4)

Q2. Read the following passage carefully:

(8 marks)

SUMMERS OF PEACE

Even as the pleasant weather gives way to warmth and the mercury begins its ominous ascent. Heralding yet another scorching summer, I breathe freer. For, soon enough, I know the hot dusty winds will bring long and sudden spells of power cuts and dry taps and hence peace and tranquility. This of course is not because one harbours masochistic tendencies. Only I happen to be an eternal optimist who never fails to spot an opportunity in any calamity; harrowing summers included.

For all its obvious and undeniable charms, putting up in a metropolis has its own pitfalls; particularly if one is blessed with a streak of innate meekness and an army of relatives. This is the case with me and my house has become a veritable Guest House, for anybody and everybody, even with slight acquaintance, drops in my place either for an interview or to leave his ward. Anybody and everybody with just a nodding acquaintance with me makes it a point to drop in at my place either to appear for an interview or to leave his ward for a couple of days for some competitive examination or simply to go sightseeing.

It is only when the summer rages at its scorching best and power and water play truant with impunity that the guests shy away from dropping in just like that and leave me in comparative peace. 'Comparative' because duties and responsibilities do not vanish with the guests and looking after a pair of demanding children and a circumspect wife—a fairly common mix these days—is an equally daunting task. Right from providing unskilled help in the kitchen to preparing the children for school carrying endless buckets of water from the community tap to fill up the insatiable desert cooler.

However, when the temperature shoots up to uncomfortable levels and my efforts are no longer adequate to preserve the same degree of comforts, my wife very wisely decides to spend the summer vacation with her parents who happen to be located in one of the more famous hill stations of the north. Finally, thoroughly enervated and left to fend for myself, I have a big sigh of relief. I can now afford to savour the joys of indulging in my favourite pastime—guzzling beer and sleeping.

A most welcome and direct fallout of the scorching summer is a healthier bank balance. With the guests shying away and the better half away with the kids considerable economy is automatically affected in the day-to-day expenditure. In addition, the steep fall in the electricity bill is like icing on the cake. Left alone to enjoy the rewards of sweet summer, the amount saved looks like a mini fortune. I treat myself to all the good things in life. A little sweat is but a small price to pay for such extravaganza. If only, there were two summers in a year!

1. Answer these questions briefly:(6 marks)

- (a) How does the narrator help s wife?
- (b) What is like icing on the cake for the narrator?
- (c) Name two favourite pastimes of the narrator.

2. Find words from the passage, which mean the same as(2 marks)

- (a) Coming up (Para 1)
- (b) disappear (Para 5)

SECTION B- WRITING AND GRAMMAR

(30 Marks)

Q3. Write an article on the topic- ‘Smart phones: A modern utility or a health hazard’. You can use hints along with your own ideas to write this article in 100-120 words. Give your article a suitable title. (8 marks)

- Smart phones’ growing popularity among all age groups
- Keeps everyone connected all the time
- Electromagnetic radiations
- Distraction while driving, family time
- Studies getting affected

OR

Write a descriptive paragraph on ‘Helen Keller’ with the help of given hints.

{she was an American author, political activist, and lecturer.... first deaf-blind person to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree. The Story of My Life..... and its adaptations for film and stage.....Sullivan taught Keller the word "water"; she helped her make the connection between the objectand the letters by taking Keller out to the water pump..... and placing Keller's hand under the spout. Keller understood and repeated the word Keller became determined to attend college.....Through her many speeches and appearances.....she brought inspiration..... encouragement to millions of people.....remarkable life..... stood as a powerful example of how determination, hard work, and imagination allow an individual to triumph over adversity. overcoming difficult conditions with a great deal of persistence..... she grew into a respected and world-renowned activist who labored for the betterment of others.....}

Q4. Based on the cue given, write a story in about 220 - 250 words. (10 marks)

Mihir was a naughty and adventurous child who always played pranks on others. One day while walking along the seashore, he found a tiny tortoise. He picked it up and put it in his pocket to take it to school.

Q5. In the following passage one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and after it. The first one has been done as an example(4)

	Before	word	after
It must have around midnight when I drove	e.g. have	been	around
home. As I approached the gates	(a).....
bungalow, I switched the headlights of the car	(b)

so that the beam wouldn't swing the bedroom window. There was pin-drop silence in bungalow.

(c)
(d)

Q6. Read the conversation between John and David and complete the paragraph given below. (4)

John : I went to an English play last night.
David : Was it good?
John : I thought as I enjoyed it a lot.
David : Which play was it?
John : 'The mousetrap'. I had never seen it before.
David : I also want to enjoy.
John : Good. You must read it.

John told David that (a) _____. David asked him if it was good. John replied that (b) _____. At this David asked him which play it was. John replied that it was 'The Mousetrap'. He further said that (c) _____. David said that (d) he _____. John appreciated the play and told him that you had to read it.

Q7. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the incorrect and corrected word. (any four) (4)

	Incorrect	correction
Scientists were extremely concerned about	_____	_____
The changed taking place in our climate. The changes	_____	_____
are said for be alarmingly rapid and the result of human	_____	_____
activity whereas on the past it had been natural and much slower.	_____	_____
Rising temperature could given rise to incidence of floods	_____	_____
and droughts, having an harmful effect on agriculture.	_____	_____

SECTION C (LITERATURE AND LONG READING TEXT)

Q8. Read the following extracts carefully and answer the questions that follow. (1x4=4marks)

“Well, he just told the boys and girls things and gave them homework and asked them questions.”

- a. Who is talking to whom in this line?
- b. What does 'he' refer to here?
- c. What job did 'he' do?
- d. How does the listener react to this information?

OR

She gradually moved from orchestral work to solo performances. At the end of her three-year course, she had captured most of the top awards.

- a. Who is she in these lines?-

- b. Where did she pursue her three-year course?
- c. What were her achievements at the end of her course?
- d. What made her achievements so great?

Q9. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words. (Any four)

(2x4=8marks)

1. How did Abdul Kalam earn his first wages?
2. Why did the narrator (Jerome) volunteer to do the packing?
3. **How does the poet suggest that all people on earth are the same?**
4. What things about the book did she find strange?
5. Where does the traveller find himself? What problem does he face?
6. Why did Aurangzeb ban the playing of the pungi?

Q10. Answer the following in about 100-120 words.

(8 marks)

Of the three, Jerome, George and Harris, who do you think is the best or worst packer? Support your answer with details from the text. (100-150 words)

(8)

OR

What do you think happens in the end of the story 'The Lost Child'? Does the child find his parents? How to ensure not to get lost? (100-150 words)

Q11. Long reading text

(8)

Give a character sketch of the Swallow in the story 'The Happy Prince'. (100-150 words)

OR

'Never lose your hope'. Explain the statement using your own experience of depression in the light of 'The Last Leaf'. (100-150 words)

