

# CBSE

## English Language & Literature, Class-IX

### Sample Question Paper

#### For 2021 Examination

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 80

#### PART-A

(40 MARKS)

#### READING

(20 MARKS)

1. (i) (a) cost effective  
(ii) (b) E-books  
(iii) (c) Books should be read only by youngsters  
(iv) (b) It is free from any health hazard.  
(v) (c) E-books  
(vi) (c) both (a) & (b)  
(vii) (b) high tech gadgets  
(viii) (c) literacy building  
(ix) (a) joint family  
(x) (d) pleasure  
(xi) (c) 'click through' features  
(xii) (d) E-books cannot be accessed from internet. (10×1 = 10)
2. (i) (b) its ability to fight and cure so many diseases.  
(ii) (a) digestion and cures skin irritation  
(iii) (b) cirrhosis of the liver  
(iv) (c) deficiency  
(v) (d) 200  
(vi) (c) digestion, curing skin irritation and sun burn.  
(vii) (d) all of these  
(viii) (c) potassium and magnesium  
(ix) (c) fibre  
(x) (a) sugar  
(xi) (b) similar  
(xii) (d) beneficial (10×1 = 10)

#### LITERATURE

3. (i) (b) to make music her life  
(ii) (d) all of these  
(iii) (b) highest  
(iv) (c) solo and orchestral  
(v) (d) gradually (5×1 = 5)
- OR
- (i) (a) Sivasubramania Iyer and Abdul Kalam  
(ii) (b) at the idea of serving food to a Muslim boy  
(iii) (b) refused to serve food  
(iv) (a) perturbed  
(v) (b) visit again next weekend

Flower Arrangement Competition. The reason for winning today was that I spent the last two days planning and designing how the arrangement should be like. This time I have used biodegradable material to arrange my leaves and flowers. Today, the competition started at 9 a.m. in our school. Twelve schools participated and the age group was between 13-15 years. We had to make arrangements with fresh dry flowers. There were many beautiful entries. I had made a bouquet of roses, marigolds and lilies. All the arrangements were on display for the visitors and judges. All of them appreciated my work. The judges declared the prizes. I could not believe my ears when my name was called out for the first prize.

It was truly, a memorable day.

Good Night Diary !

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### HONESTY

- A. Ramu was a porter. He was a very honest boy. One day, an old man hired him to carry the luggage to his house. On reaching his home, the old man gave Ramu ₹ 100 for his labour. Ramu charged only ₹ 90 for that much work. Since neither of them had any change, the old man told him to keep the money. Later on, in the evening, Ramu came back to return ₹ 10 to the old man. The old man was touched by the boy's honesty. He wanted to help Ramu in some way or other. He asked him to stay with him. Ramu stayed in his house and started working as the old man's caretaker. He looked after the members of the family, cleaned the house, did gardening, etc. The old man was very happy seeing his dedication towards work. So, he helped Ramu to pursue his education. After finishing all the household chores, Ramu used to sit to study. He worked so hard that he finally became a police officer. Till date he is indebted to the old man for his help, but the reality is that it's his honesty that had made him earn this position in life. **(5 marks)**

OR

### DRIVE SAFELY

- B. It was 6'o clock in the evening and there was a lot of traffic on the road. Mohan was driving his car when suddenly two teenagers on bike overtook his car. They were driving very fast and rash. They were also screaming and singing songs. It seemed as if they were drunk. Inspite of the heavy traffic, they seemed to be juggling their bike through the crowd. In order to save a boy who was going on cycle, they turned to the left and lost their balance and went and hit the speeding bus which was coming from the opposite direction. The entire traffic came to a halt. Even Mohan stopped his car and went to see the two boys, who were badly injured. As they were not wearing helmets, they got multiple injuries on their head. Mohan immediately called up for an ambulance as they were bleeding profusely. Medical aid came immediately and they were taken to the nearest hospital. Even Mohan went along with the ambulance. Doctors attended them immediately and told that they had internal injuries which would take time to heal, but they were out of danger. We all thanked God for saving them and felt this could be a lesson to both of them for driving recklessly.

## LITERATURE

10. A. (i) The County Inspector found that the Geography sector had been geared too quick. He slowed it up to an average 10 years level. He found the overall pattern of Margie quite satisfactory.  
 (ii) Maria's determination, mental toughness and her hunger for success to prove herself to the world motivated her to keep going.  
 (iii) Toto was very naughty and he troubled everyone. The other pets were not happy with him and he broke a lot of dishes, tore clothes, curtains and wallpapers. He had become very difficult to handle and so grandfather gave Toto away.

B. (i)

#### Value Points :

- organizes small work groups
- assigns tasks to people
- provided them with help

(CBSE Marking Scheme 2011)

4. (i) (d) all of these  
 (ii) (a) Robert Frost  
 (iii) (c) abaab; abaab  
 (iv) (b) alliteration  
 (v) (a) adventurous

(5×1 = 5)

OR

- (i) (c) making cakes  
 (ii) (d) A Legend of the Northland  
 (iii) (c) Saint Peter  
 (iv) (c) greedy  
 (v) (a) one

## GRAMMAR

5. (i) (b) last  
 (ii) (b) few  
 (iii) (b) prepared (3×1 = 3)  
 6. (i) (b) How are you?  
 (ii) (c) What time is it?  
 (iii) (a) Will you wait for me? (3×1 = 3)  
 7. (i) (b) have lived  
 (ii) (a) the  
 (iii) (b) sit  
 (iv) (c) can't meet  
 (v) (a) is  
 (vi) (c) Who (4×1 = 4)

### Commonly Made Error

- Due to limited practice, students remain unsure of answers as they are unable to comprehend.

### Answering Tip

- Regular practice of grammar rules while writing is a must. To develop this skill, they should play language games.

## PART-B

(40 MARKS)

## WRITING

### 8. Mahatma Gandhi — The Father of the Nation

Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi (known as Mahatma Gandhi) was not only a great politician but also a great social and religious leader. He declared that the highest form of service of the great mother was social service. He gave message of peace to the whole world and believed in humanity. He loved his countrymen very much so the nation called him *Bapu*—the Father of the Nation. Gandhiji's main principles were truth and non-violence. He believed in universal brotherhood and love. He was of the opinion that if we had conflict with Englishmen, let us not hate the Englishmen because both Englishmen and Indians are offspring of the same Divinity. He respected all religions equally because he said essence of all religions is Truth. He advocated universal brotherhood over and above wavering loyalties to nations and religions. On January 30, 1948 he was shot dead by Nathu Ram Vinayak Godse in a prayer assembly at Birla House Delhi.

((10×1 = 10

OR

12 Feb. 20XX

9:00 p.m.

Tuesday

Dear Diary,

I have an exciting news to share with you today. We had a Flower Arrangement Competition today in the school. I participate every year, never got any prize. I am very happy today as I won the first prize in the

scene around the Prince's statue to him. Even when winters arrived and it was cold, he agreed to die but didn't leave his place. (4×3 = 12)

**12. A. Value Points :**

- packed my bag and was talking on the phone
- suddenly saw an intruder in front of me. Before I could react he pointed a gun at me.
- shocked and scared but did not lose my presence of mind and told him that I am a criminal too.
- locked him in a cupboard, called up the police to get him arrested.

**Detailed Answer :**

Once Gerrard, the playwright, was alone in his cottage. All of a sudden an intruder entered his cottage. He had a revolver in his hand and he wanted to kill Gerrard. At that time, Gerrard was busy over the phone. Seeing the intruder, Gerrard did not lose his peace of mind. The intruder revealed that he was a jewel thief. He had killed a policeman and the police was after him. He wanted to avoid the police by taking Gerrard's identity. Gerrard concocted a story and told that he too was a criminal like him. As a proof, he showed him his travelling bag. He told the intruder that by killing him he would be accused of double murder.

He told the intruder that his friend was standing below on the road. As soon as the police arrived, he would inform Gerrard. Gerrard took the intruder to the door to show the man. When they reached near the cupboard, Gerrard pushed him into the cupboard and locked it from outside. Gerrard called the police to arrest the intruder. (5 marks)

OR

**B.** The poem '*The Road Not Taken*' offers a profound perception into the process of decision making. The traveller at the crossroads of the diverging roads is symbolic of an individual at a decisive moment in his life's journey. His decision or choice of future action, which road he should adopt either spiritualism or materialism, is of utmost significance since the decision decides his destiny. The poet, Robert Frost, through this poem asserts the importance of the right decision at the right time. In life, we have to make our choices; sometimes we have to make these choices without the full understanding of the state of affairs. Even then, we should arrive at decision only after carefully considering all the available options. We may regret our choice or we may be excited about our choice, but the choice at the crucial moment will determine and change the path of our life. Hence, the poem stresses the need for deep and critical analysis of the situation before we arrive at a life-transforming decision.

**13. A. Value Points :**

- his presence of mind.
- lack of commonsense in the kingdom.
- no respect for human right/citizenship.

**Detailed Answer :**

The king ordered to execute the disciple. He prayed to his *Guru* to save him. The *Guru* heard his prayer in his vision and appeared to rescue his disciple. First, he whispered something in this disciple's ears and then asked the king to execute him first and the disciple followed suit, which puzzled the king. Knowing the secret, the king fell into the trap of his temptation and wanted to be the king in his rebirth. He went into the prison at night and set the *guru* and disciple free. In their place, the king and his minister disguised themselves as the *guru* and disciple and got executed. Thus, the *Guru* managed to save his disciple. (5 marks)

**Detailed Answer :**

Prashant organised a group of youths and elders into small groups and assigned different roles and responsibilities to them, he resettled the orphan children in their own communities and overall provided a moral support to all villagers to start afresh.

(ii) Aurangzeb banned the playing of the *Pungi* in the royal residence because of its shrill and unpleasant sound. It was regarded more as a noise maker than a musical instrument.

(iii) Leaves on the other side of the window were falling one by one. Johnsy was feeling depressed. She had lost her will to get well. She thought that she would die when the last leaf fell from the creeper. (4×2 = 8)

11. A. (i) Kezia avoided her father because according to her, he was an emotionless person. He never spoke to Kezia lovingly and calmly. He scolded Kezia and reprimanded her for making mistakes. Kezia stammered in front of her father since he was a very huge and giant like figure too far-fetched from the image of a father full of warmth and affection.

(ii) A.P.J. Abdul Kalam tells us that his family was a middle class Tamil family from Rameshwaram. His father Jainulabdeen was not much educated, wasn't rich but was generous, wise, simple man but very strict and severe. His mother Ashiamma was a generous lady, and used to feed unlimited number of people in their home. Kalam's family respected all religions. They took part in Hindu festivals. His mother and grandmother used to tell him stories from Ramayana. They always showered their love on their children and never forced their thoughts on them.

**(iii) Value Points :**

Writer's wife loved Bruno deeply. After he returned, a special home was made. Straw was placed inside the box with some playthings. (CBSE Marking Scheme 2012)

**Detailed Answer :**

The author's wife loved Bruno deeply and missed him very much. So, Bruno was driven back to Bengaluru. An island, twenty feet long and fifteen wide surrounded by a dry moat was made for Bruno. He was kept there in a wooden box with some straws in it. His toys were also put back for him to play with.

B. (i) The author and the cat missed each other very much. The absence of the cat from the author's life had made him gloomy. Even the kind lady who had found the cat knew it was loved and sorely missed. After the author's house was renovated and the kind lady who had found his cat had located the owner's address, the return of the cat was possible. It filled the writer's heart with happiness and the normal phase of his life started again. With the return of the cat, the feeling of loss and tragedy seemed to diminish. The author was overwhelmed by kindness shown by the lady by returning his cat back to him.

**(ii) Value Points :**

Olga chops wood for Lushkoff, gets money for him. Olga's sympathy and nobility changed him, now becomes notary, earning 35 rouble a month.

**Detailed Answer :**

Olga was a cook in Sergei's house. Olga was a lady who was very good at heart. She played an important role in transforming Lushkoff. She realised Lushkoff's condition and tried to improve him by criticising him. She went through great misery and cried a lot for him. She used to even chop wood for him. Just the sight of Olga made Lushkoff stop drinking. Olga's sympathy and nobility changed him and he became a notary, earning 35 roubles a month.

(iii) Even when he wanted to go to Egypt, the swallow did not go but stayed with the Happy Prince and rested at his feet. When the Prince asked him for help, he helped him by taking out his eyes and giving them to the needy, thereby the Prince became blind. The swallow started feeling pity on the Prince and so confirmed his decision of staying with the Prince. He used to narrate the

OR

**B. Value Points :**

- a true leader
- dedicated worker
- a very organized person with excellent managerial skills
- helpful in nature

**Detailed Answer :**

Prashant, a 19 years old boy, decided to act as the leader of his village because he felt no one was in a condition to take the initiative to bring back life in the village after the havoc created by the storm. He organized a group of youths and put pressure on the village merchant to provide them with rice for the survivors. He arranged food for the villagers, put up a polythene shelter for the orphaned children, persuaded women to work in the food-for-work programme started by an NGO, organized cricket matches for the children and encouraged adoption.

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