



ANGEL'S PUBLIC SCHOOL

SAMPLE PAPER

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CLASS – IX

SUBJECT : ENGLISH

TIME: 3 HRS

M.M:80

General Instructions:

- All the sections are compulsory.
- This paper is divided into 3 sections. (i) Section – A Reading (20)
(ii) Section – B Writing and Grammar (20) (iii) Section – C literature (40)
- Please write down the serial number of the questions in the answer script correctly before attempting it.
- Separate instructions are given with each questions, wherever necessary.

SECTION – A (READING SKILLS)

(20 marks)

I. Read the following text.

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- Environment is in danger and so is life and its quality. Several factors like population explosion, industrial and technological developments in the last 200 years have done immense harm to environment which supports life and growth. Many species of plants and animals are already extinct and many more are on the road of extinction. Pollution has become a major problem of the present day society. There is too much addition of polluting substances to the environment causing a great imbalance in the elements of atmosphere. This imbalance in biosphere has not only deteriorated the quality of life but has also threatened its very survival. Environment and life are two very unique things found only on the planet earth. These make the earth the only living planet known so far. Environment and life are two aspects of the same coin. If environment is affected, life cannot remain unaffected and immune. As such, environment pollution is a matter of global concern and needs global remedy. It is a threat to the whole world, nay to the very existence and survival.
- The ever thickening blanket of carbon emissions is one of the greatest dangers to our environment. Advanced countries in Europe and America produce more than half of the world's carbon-dioxide emissions. According to a study the U.S. alone has been causing 5.2 tonnes of carbon dioxide emission per head. East-Europe is producing 3 tonnes per head of carbon dioxide, West Europe 2.1 tonnes, China 0.6 tonnes, Africa 0.3 tonnes followed by India 0.2 tonnes. One of the major factors for this emission is the large scale and indiscriminate use of fossil fuels.

Answer the following questions based on the passage above.

- Environment which supports is in danger.
(A) living creatures (B) life and growth
(C) population growth (D) Agricultural products (1)
- Why is our earth the only living planet ? (1)
- The quality of life is adversely affected because
(A) there is too much pollution
(B) our surroundings are endangered
(C) there is over powering greed and lust in human beings
(D) there is imminent threat of war (1)
- One of the greatest dangers to our environment is (1)
- What has caused an imbalance in the elements of atmosphere ? What has been the impact of this imbalance ? (30-40 words) (2)

(vi) The writer wants to say that

- pollution is the only problem of the modern society
- pollution and industrialization are the main problems of the day
- pollution is one of the major problems of the world.
- pollution creates endless problems. (1)

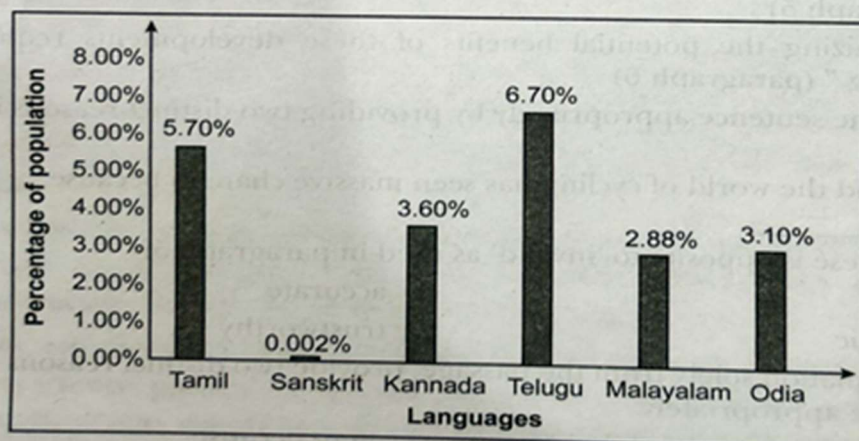
(vii) To what extent is the U.S. responsible for thickening the blanket of carbon emission ?
(Answer in 30-40 words) (2)

(viii) Complete the following analogy with a word from paragraph ! (1)

pure : impure : : affected

II. Read the passage given below:**(10 marks)**

- (1) India is a country of many languages. The constitution recognises 22 languages officially, but over 121 unique languages have been identified in the country.
- (2) To preserve and encourage the literary function of language, the government introduced 'classical languages' in 2004. According to the Ministry of Culture, a classical language is one that is at least 1,500 years old and has ancient, valuable literature recorded in it. Further, such a language is original and not derived from another language. Based on these guidelines, six languages have been classified as classical languages: Tamil, Sanskrit, Kannada, Telugu, Malayalam and Odia.
- (3) The following graph shows the percentage of Indian people whose mother tongue is a classical language. This is as per data collected by the census of 2011. The census was not conducted in 2021 due to the pandemic.



- (4) According to the graph, around 6.7% of the Indian population are native speakers of Telugu, whereas Sanskrit has been identified as a mother tongue by only 0.002% of the population, which is around 24,821 people. Malayalam has the second lowest number of native speakers, making up about 2.9% of Indians.
- (5) The 2011 census data also noted that a majority of the native speakers reside in the area that their mother tongue originated from. For example, 93% of Kannada speakers live in Karnataka. Similarly, 93% of Malayalam speakers live in Kerala.
- (6) Balancing preservation of culture and inclusivity is a delicate equation for a heterogeneous country like India. With growing awareness, concepts like 'classical languages' may help us achieve harmony.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- (i) Which of these pieces of information can be confirmed by reading the passage? (1)
 - (I) the number of people in India who speak Tamil
 - (II) where the majority of native Sanskrit speakers live
 - (III) the reason Malayalam is considered a classical language
 - (IV) when the idea of classical language was introduced in India
 - (a) Only (I)
 - (b) Only (IV)
 - (c) Only (I) and (II)
 - (d) Only (III) and (IV)
- (ii) Fill in the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets. (1)

Based on the passage, the _____ (functional/historical) value of a language is of utmost importance while _____ (preserving/categorising) it as a classical language.

- (iii) Imagine that a committee was formed to ensure that classical language have more native speakers by the time the next census is conducted. In 40 words, answer the following questions to help the committee achieve its objective. (2)
 - (1) Which classical language needs its attention most urgently and why?
 - (2) Which classical language would be THIRD on its priority?
- (iv) State an example from the passage that shows that India is a 'heterogeneous country'. Answer in one sentence. (1)
- (v) Why has the writer stated the following line in the passage? Give a reason. (1)

The census was not conducted in 2021 due to the pandemic.
- (vi) Complete the sentence based on information from the passage. (1)

If Tamil originated from Tamil Nadu, we can infer that _____ of the native Tamil speakers would be living in Tamil Nadu.

SECTION - B (GRAMMAR AND CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS)

3. Choose the correct option:

(10)

(a) Rohan _____ the movie before he read the review.

- (i) watches (ii) have watched (iii) had watched (iv) was watching

(b) He _____ in the States but he still does not have a command over the English language.

- (i) have been living (ii) has been living (iii) have lived (iv) living

(c) By the next month, we shall _____ the project.

- (i) A has completed` (ii) Completing (iii) Completed (iv) Have completed

(d) Every boy and girl _____ in the class today.

- (i) are present (ii) is present (iii) have present (iv) had present

(e) You _____ respect your nation.

- (i) ought to (ii) have to (iii) will (iv) can

(f) The boy, _____ was standing near the gate, is my brother.

- (i) whom (ii) who (iii) which (iv) none of the above

(g) The upcoming season _____ be the coldest of all.

- (i) may (ii) will (iii) would (iv) none of the above

(h) Mary _____ have missed the train.

- (i) shall (ii) need (iii) ought to (iv) must

(i) _____ in the class was attentive.

- (i) All (ii) Everyone (iii) Each (iv) Anyone

(j) My father _____ across an old colleague yesterday.

- (i) Came (ii) Come (iii) Was coming (iv) None of these

4. CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

(10)

(a) You are visiting Manali tomorrow with your cousins. Write a diary entry in not more than 100-120

words describing how you feel regarding the same.

(5)

(b) The school took all students to a visit to the butterfly park in your city. Describe the place and what

all you saw there in a descriptive paragraph.

(5)

SECTION - C (LITERATURE)

5. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two given. (5)

A. I will arise and go now, and go to Innisfree.

And a small cabin build there, of clay and wattles made

Nine bean rows will I have there, a hive for the honey bee

And live alone in the bee loud glade

(a) Who does 'I' refer to in the stanza?

(b) Where is he at the present moment?

(c) Where does he want to go?

(d) What does he wish to do there?

(e) Name the poem and the poet.

OR

B. 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!

(a) What does the phrase "humid shadows" refer to?

(b) What are 'starry spheres'?

(c) Why does the poet call the darkness melancholy?

(d) Where is the poet at the moment?

(e) Name the poem and the poet.

6. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two given. (5)

A. Frail crumbling houses, crumbling doors, crumbling rafters,

Crumbling wood, crumbling bodies, crumbling lives,

Crumbling hearts-

The wind god winnows and crushes them all.

(a) Why are the houses, doors, rafters etc. crumbling?

(b) Explain the expression: "crumbling lives, crumbling hearts".

(c) Why has the wind been called 'god'?

(d) What does the wind god do?

(e) Which poetic device has been used in the first three lines?

OR

They tell them a curious story

I don't believe this true

And yet you may learn a lesson

If tell the tale to you

- (a) What is the curious story that the people tell?
- (b) Who does not believe in the story?
- (c) What lesson does it give?
- (d) Why does the poet narrate this tale?
- (e) Name the poem and the poet.

7. Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions in about 40-50 words each. (4x3=12)

- (a) What was fun about the old schools, according to Margie?
- (b) How does Evelyn express her gratitude to God?
- (c) Who decided to improve the tone of pungli? How did he do it?
- (d) Why was Kezia afraid of her father?
- (e) Why is the little child too much excited?

8. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions in about 40-50 words each. (2x3=6)

- (a) Where was Toto kept after he was brought home?
- (b) How did Iswaran control the mad tusker?
- (c) How was the thief killed?

9. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions in about 100-120 words. (6)

"If you work hard and know where you are going, you'll get there," remarks Evelyn Glennie. What does it reveal about her character?

OR

Einstein wrote two letters to President Roosevelt and to the United Nations. Did his letters have the desired impact? Justify your answer.

10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions in about 100-120 words. (6)

Do you think it is advisable to keep a monkey like Toto as part of pets in the house? Why/Why not?

OR

The disciple in the story didn't look into the depth of the matter and took a hasty decision of not leaving the kingdom of fools. What light does the story throw on the importance of good decision making in one's life ?