



Strive for Perfection

ANGEL'S PUBLIC SCHOOL

SAMPLE PAPER
HALF YEARLY EXAMS SESSION 2021 – 22

CLASS – IX CODE – 184

TIME: 3 HRS

SUBJECT: ENGLISH

M.M:80

General Instructions

Section		Total Weightage (80)
A	Reading	20
B	Writing & Grammar	30
C	Literature	30
	Total	80

SECTION – A (READING)

[20]

1. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

(10)

1. The world is big but in a sense, it starts from me. Knowledge and awareness about my own self has to precede my knowledge of things other than me. If I want the external environment to appreciate a value, I need to do it by myself, first. In order to make the atmosphere around me green, I have to be green myself, in belief and action.
2. From dusk to dawn and dawn to dusk, our every activity leaves its footprint on the environment and ecology. It is a 24 x 7, eternal phenomenon. A laboured consciousness of having to go green in all possible areas is required in each one of us. It is after all, our own self interest and that of our descendants. The conscious application of change a few times is going to become a habit and one's culture in due course. Though we read and hear a lot on green initiatives, we hardly tweak our routines to suit the larger picture.
3. Greenery in the surroundings prevent dust and noise pollution. The way we water and manure plants also matters. Water is also a fast depleting resource. Sprinklers are one example to use and conserve it. Compost from bio —waste can be used as manure for the plants which is cost — effective and eco-friendly. We can also contribute to preservation of water bodies by not dumping our garbage in them. The use of public transport systems in the place of individual modes can reduce carbon footprint.
4. 'Reuse', 'Recycle', 'Re - engineer' and 'Renew' are the mantras. Let us appreciate, support and contribute our might to the promotional efforts of the community in this direction. Remember, my ecology is also the community, society and the nation that I care for which in turn cares for me. In other words, all these seemingly outward initiatives done for other are going to make my life more comfortable ultimately.
5. I have to be, therefore, concerned about what sort of environment I am responsible for, for my own sustenance, livelihood and progress. As long as my impact is positive, my presence will be welcome. If it is otherwise, I am going to be shunned. It is either 'Embrace' or 'Embarrass'.

6. Green initiatives are anti — scorch earth. Air, water and soil need to be conserved for the thriving of mankind in future. The increasing onslaughts on the quality of air and soil need to be reversed. The indiscriminate exploitation of water — consumable water is only 0.3% of fresh water — needs to be stopped. The earth ought not to shrink further, continue to breathe easy. Mother earth looks for only love and care from her children and nothing more in return for all the wealth she has so generously showered on us.

On the basis of your reading answer any ten of the following questions. (1 × 10 = 10)

- (i) The writer emphasises on knowing the
 (a) external environment (b) atmosphere (c) world (d) self
- (ii) Choose the option that best captures the central idea of the passage from the given quotes.

<p>"The Earth is what we all have in common." –Wendell Berry</p>	<p>"Progress is impossible without change and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything." –George Bernard Shaw</p>	<p>"One of the first conditions of happiness is that the link between man and nature shall not be broken." – Leo Tolstoy</p>	<p>"Nature is painting for us, day after day, pictures of infinite beauty." – John Ruskin</p>
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)

- (a) Option 1 (b) Option 2 (c) Option 3 (d) Option 4













- (iii) Which of the following are the ways in which we can help in maintaining the environment?
1. Planting trees
 2. Using bio manures
 3. Using power saving devices
 4. Car pooling
 5. No more building
 6. Reducing research
- (a) 1 and 2 (b) 1,2,3 and 4 (c) 1,5 and 6 (d) All of these
- (iv) The societal behaviour can help in maintaining the environment if we
- (a) plant trees (b) use bio-manure
 (c) realise social obligation (d) All of these
- (v) Our life can become more productive if we
- (a) focus on our environment (b) reuse, recycle and renew
 (c) do more promotional efforts (d) Both (a) and (b)
- (vi) Why should one be concerned about the environment?
- (a) For better sustenance (b) For betterment of culture
 (c) For betterment of self (d) For future generations
- (vii) How does the author want to impact his environment?
- (a) Negatively (b) Positively (c) Neutrally (d) Socially

- (viii) According to the author, one's ecology includes
- (a) flora and fauna (b) community, society and nation
(c) everything that surrounds you (d) one's own self
- (ix) Which of the following will be the most appropriate title for the passage?
- (a) Knowledge and Awareness (b) Green Initiatives
(c) Making the Green Initiative a part of our Lives (d) Environment Conservation
- (x) The phrase "contribute our might" refers to the contribution towards
- (a) saving the flora and fauna (b) reducing pollution
(c) development of the nation (d) maintenance of the environment
- (xi) Select the option that makes the correct use of 'thriving' as used in the passage, to fill in the space.
- (a) It is acentre of trade and sport.
(b) Fruit farming is a industry.
(c) Try a large variety of fruit dishes in a environment that is small yet cozy at the same time.
(d) Villanueva is a clean and place.
- (xii) Choose the option that correctly states the meaning of 'might', as used in the passage.
1. A very small amount
2. Power
3. Ability
4. Permission
5. Request
- (a) 1 and 2 (b) 2 and 3 (c) 3 and 4 (d) 1 and 4

2. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. (10)

1. Coronaviruses were discovered in the 1960s. The name 'coronavirus' is derived from the Latin corona, meaning crown or halo. The new type of coronavirus outbreak came to light on 31st December, 2019 when China informed the World Health Organisation of a cluster of cases of pneumonia of an unknown cause in Wuhan city in Hubei Province. Subsequently the disease spread to more Provinces in China and to the rest of the world. The WHO has declared it a pandemic. The virus has been named SARS-CoV-2 and the disease is now called COVID-19.
2. Some of the symptoms of the coronavirus are fever, cough, runny nose, sore throat, headache and trouble breathing. These symptoms are very much like those people have with a cold or the flu. The virus can be more serious in some people, especially if they are sick or have a weak immune system, like the elderly people.
3. The virus appears to spread mainly from person to person. The transmission occurs when someone comes into contact with an infected person. For example, a cough, sneeze or handshake could cause transmission. There is no specific vaccine or medication to cure the disease, but generally, symptoms will go away on their own. A set of preventive measures are usually followed in case someone gets infected. This includes keeping infected people in quarantine for a certain period, generally fourteen days.
To protect yourself from the virus, here are six recommendations to follow:
 - Avoid contact with people who are already infected.
 - Wash your hands well and regularly with soap and water or use hand sanitizer.
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth if you haven't washed your hands.
 - Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that people touch a lot.
 - Stay home when you are sick.
 - Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue.

**Data of Top Five Countries (As on 25th August, 2020)
Affected with Corona Virus**

Name	Cases-cumulative total
Global	23,311,719
 United States of America	5,612,163 
 Brazil	3,582,362 
 India	3,106,348 
 Russian Federation	961,493 
 South Africa	609,773 
 Peru	585,236 

Answer any ten of the following questions on the basis of the passage you have read. (1 × 10 = 10)

- (i) The word 'corona' in Latin means
 (a) square (b) crown or halo (c) crowd (d) round
- (ii) When did China inform about the new virus?
 (a) On 31st Dec, 2019 (b) On 30th Dec, 2019
 (c) On 30th Nov, 2019 (d) On 31st Dec, 2019
- (iii) The first case of this virus was reported in
 (a) The Hubia city of China (b) Beijing, China
 (c) New Delhi, India (d) Hubei Province of Wuhan city in China
- (iv) What does the word 'Pandemic' mean in the passage?
 (a) A disease prevalent over a city
 (b) A disease prevalent over a state
 (c) A disease prevalent over a whole country of the world
 (d) A disease prevalent over a few cities
- (v) What is the name of the virus which causes corona?
 (a) SAARC-CoV-19 (b) COVID-19 (c) SAARS-CoV-19 (d) SARS-CoV-2
- (vi) Which organisation declared the virus as a pandemic?
 (a) World Health Department (b) World Healthy Organisation
 (c) World Health Organisation (d) World's Health Organisation
- (vii) is one of the symptoms of COVID-19
 (a) Sore throat (b) High BP
 (c) High Blood Sugar (d) Rashes on the skin
- (viii) According to the passage, which country has the maximum corona virus cases?
 (a) India (b) Peru
 (c) United States of America (d) Brazil
- (ix) Based on your understanding of the passage, choose the option that lists the ways in which we can protect ourselves from the virus.

- | | | |
|---------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Shaking hands | 2. Washing hands | 3. Going out and meeting people |
| 4. Coughing in open | 5. Wearing masks | 6. Maintain Cleanliness |

- (a) 1,4 and 5 (b) 2,5 and 6 (c) 1,3 and 4 (d) 3,2 and 6

- (x) Which of the following is TRUE regarding the passage?
 (a) It suggests a cure to the disease.
 (b) It tell us about the new pandemic.
 (c) According to it, the pandemic is natural.
 (d) China has reported highest number of cases of infected people.
- (xi) The quarantine suggested in the passage is for the period of
 (a) 10 days (b) 14 days (c) 7 days (d) 1 month
- (xii) According to the passage, who are more at risk of the disease?
 (a) Old people (b) Weak people (c) Children (d) All of these

SECTION – B (WRITING)

[30]

2. Write a descriptive paragraph in about 100 to 150 words to describe an interesting person in your neighbourhood who is not related to you. You might like to include the following points in your description: (8)

- (a) name (b) age, looks, build
 (c) peculiar habits that make him or her interesting
 (d) your opinion about him or her

3. Write a story in about 200 – 250 words using the given beginning. Give a suitable title to the story. Write the moral of the story. (12)

Once a rabbit was going in a forest near a river. He was thirsty. He ...

4. Fill with the correct options for the following questions. (8x1=8)

(a) I'm sorry the house is not available any longer. It_____ to a timber tycoon.

- (i) was being sold (ii) will be sold (iii) is sold (iv) has been sold

(b) One must consider about any matter before_____ it.

- (i) deciding (ii) decides (iii) decide (iv) decided

(c) She_____ for the effective follow up of agenda.

- (i) call (ii) called (iii) will called (iv) be call

(d) Charles _____ his father in the shop until the school_____.

- (i) is helping, starts (ii) helped, was starting (iii) was helping, will start
 (iv) has helped, is starting

(e) My father_____ news paper after getting up.

- (i) read (ii) is read (iii) reading (iv) reads

(f) Nazir said, "I did my duty with full justice."

- (i) Nazir said that he had done his duty with full justice.
- (ii) Nazir said he had done his duty with full justice.
- (iii) Nazir asked if he had done his duty with full justice.
- (iv) Nazir said that he was doing his duty with full justice.

(g) Sajid said, "Alas! How foolish I have been! "

- (i) Sajid said with sorrow that he had been very foolish.
- (ii) Sajid exclaimed with sorrow that he had been very foolish.
- (iii) Sajid exclaimed with sorrow as he had been very foolish.
- (iv) Said exclaimed with sorrow that he is very foolish.

(h) He said, "I shall get up early in the morning. "

- (i) He said that he would get up early in the morning.
- (ii) He said he would get up early in the morning.
- (iii) He said that he will get up early in the morning.
- (iv) He asked that he would get up early in the morning.

5. Fill the blanks in the given sentences choosing the correct option. (4x1/2=2)

A flower (a)_____open to all that surrounds it. It exerts (b)_____influence on all that is around it. It gives joy (c)_____ others. It hides nothing (d)_____ its beauty.

- (a)** (i) is (ii) am (iii) are (iv) was
- (b)** (i) a (ii) an (iii) the (iv) on
- (c)** (i) on (ii) from (iii) for (iv) to
- (d)** (i) or (ii) on (iii) of (iv) at

SECTION – C (LITERATURE)

[30]

6. Read the given lines from the text and answer the questions that follow.

(4x1=4)

Two roads diverged in yellow wood.
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveller, long I stood
And looked down once as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

(a) At which point had the poet reached?

- (i) in the yellow woods
- (ii) where 2 roads diverged
- (iii) in the forest
- (iv) on the seashore

