



Strive for Perfection

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SAMPLE PAPER

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SUBJECT : ENGLISH CLASS – IX

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General Instructions:

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

SECTION – A

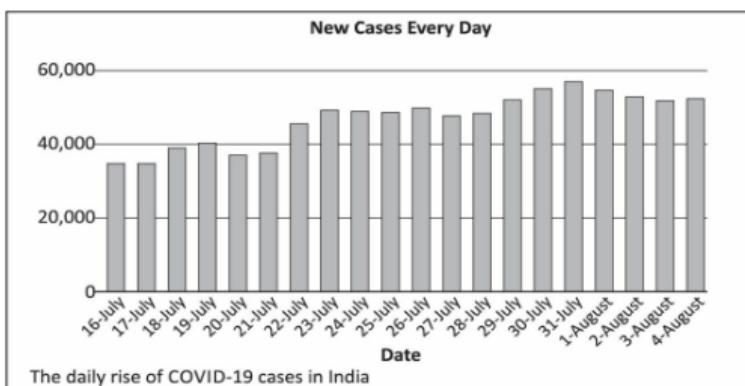
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1. Read the following passage carefully.

(10x1=10)

INDIA COVID-19 NUMBERS EXPLAINED

- (a) With novel Coronavirus spreading rapidly all over the country, there are only three states right now, Meghalaya, Sikkim and Andaman and Nicobar Islands, that have less than 1,000 people infected with the disease.
- (b) Lakshadweep, of course, still hasn't reported even a single case till now, the only region in India entirely free of the epidemic.
- (c) Otherwise, even the relatively smaller states now have significantly large spread of the disease. Goa, for example, has seen more than 7,000 of its people infected by the virus till now. Tripura has over 5,500 cases, while Manipur has more than 3,000, and Nagaland a little less than 2,500. Puducherry has more than 4,000 cases, while even Daman and Diu has over 1,300 people infected.
- (d) And in each of these states, the numbers are rising at a fast pace, at a rate higher than the national level. The infections had initially reached these states in the first and second week of May, when the lockdown was relaxed for the first time to enable people stuck in different parts of the country to return to their native places.
- (e) After a period of very slow growth, the number of cases have begun to rise rapidly in the last one month. In Goa, for example, the total number of infected people has nearly doubled in the last 15 days. Same has happened in Puducherry, as well.
- (f) Tuesday was one of those rare occasions when the number of active cases in the country, those who are yet to recover from the disease, went down compared to the previous day. That is because the number of recoveries, combined with the number of deaths, exceeded the new cases that were detected on Tuesday.



(g) With over 52,500 new cases detected in the country, the total number of infections crossed 19 lakh, out of which 12.82 lakh people have recovered from the disease. The number of dead is now close to 40,000.

(h) The number of recoveries on Tuesday was the highest-ever for a single day. More than 51,700 people were declared to have been recovered. Three days earlier, the number of recoveries had crossed 50,000 for the first time, but in the next two days the number had fallen to much lower levels.

Choose the correct option to answer the questions based on the above passage and graphics.

(a) How are these three states – Meghalaya, Sikkim and Andaman and Nicobar Islands – different from the rest of India?

- (i) they are the only states to have less than 1,000 people infected with novel coronavirus
- (ii) they are three of the five states to have less than 1,000 people infected with novel coronavirus
- (iii) they are the only states to have less than 2,000 people infected with novel coronavirus
- (iv) none of these

(b) _____ is the only region in India which is entirely free of the epidemic.

- (i) Andaman and Nicobar Islands
- (ii) Maharashtra
- (iii) Lakshadweep
- (iv) Tripura

(c) What is common among Goa, Tripura, Manipur, Nagaland, Puducherry and Daman and Diu?

- (i) the numbers are rising at a fast pace at rates lower than the national level
- (ii) the numbers are falling at a fast pace at rates equal than the national level
- (iii) the numbers are rising at a fast pace at rates higher than the national level
- (iv) none of these

(d) Based on your understanding of the passage, choose the option that lists the inherent qualities of climate in the present times.

- (i) 1 and 4
- (ii) 2 and 6
- (iii) 1 and 3
- (iv) 3 and 5

(e) Which date in the graph shows the highest jump of detected cases in a day?

- (i) July 30
- (ii) July 31
- (iii) August 1
- (iv) August 2

(f) Of the 19 lakh infected cases, how many have recovered?

- (i) 11.82 lakh
- (ii) 13.82 lakh
- (iii) 12.81 lakh
- (iv) 12.82 lakh

(g) More than 51,700 people were declared to have been recovered on _____.

- (i) Wednesday
- (ii) Sunday
- (iii) Tuesday
- (iv) Monday

(h) When had the number of recoveries crossed 50,000 for the first time?

- (i) two days earlier
- (ii) Tuesday
- (iii) three days earlier than Tuesday
- (iv) none of these

(i) Which word in the passage means the same as “quickly”?

- (i) rapidly
- (ii) significantly
- (iii) native
- (iv) rare

(j) Which word in the passage is opposite in meaning to “indigenous”?

- (i) rapidly
- (ii) significantly
- (iii) native
- (iv) rare

2. Read the following passage carefully. (Do any ten)

The choices we make on a daily basis—wearing a seatbelt, lifting heavy objects correctly or purposely staying out of any dangerous situation—can either ensure our safety or bring about potentially harmful circumstances.

You and I need to make a decision that we are going to get our lives in order. Exercising self-control, self-discipline and establishing boundaries and borders in our lives are some of the most important things we can do. A life without discipline is one that's filled with carelessness.

(10x1=10)

We can think it's kind of exciting to live life on the edge. We like the image of "Yeah! That's me! Living on the edge! Woo-hoo!" It's become a popular way to look at life. But if you see, even highways have lines, which provide margins for our safety while we're driving. If we go over one side, we'll go into the ditch. If we cross over the line in the middle, we could get killed. And we like those lines because they help to keep us safe. Sometimes we don't even realize how lines help to keep us safe.

I'm not proud of this, but for the first 20 years of my life at work, I ignored my limits. I felt horrible, physically, most of the time. I used to tell myself, "I know I have limits and that I've reached them, but I'm going to ignore them and see if or how long I can get by with it." I ran to doctors, trying to make myself feel better through pills, vitamins, natural stuff and anything I could get my hands on. Some of the doctors would tell me, "It's just stress." That just made me mad. I thought stress meant you don't like what you do or can't handle life, and I love what I do. But I kept pushing myself, travelling, doing speaking engagements and so on—simply exhausting myself.

Finally, I understood I was living an unsustainable life and needed to make some changes in my outlook and lifestyle.

You and I don't have to be like everyone else or keep up with anyone else. Each of us needs to be exactly the way we are, and we don't have to apologize for it. We're not all alike, and we need to find a comfort zone in which we can enjoy our lives instead of making ourselves sick with an overload of stress and pressure.

On the basis of understanding the passage, answer ANY TEN questions from the twelve that follow. (10x1=10)

(a) Which of the characteristics are apt about the writer in the following context "I know I have limits and that I've reached them, but I'm going to ignore them and see if or how long I can get by with it"?

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| (i) negligent | (ii) indecisive | (iii) spontaneous | (iv) reckless |
| (v) purposeless | (vi) patient | | |
| (A) 2 and 5 | (B) b) 3 and 6 | (C) 1 and 4 | (D) 2 and 3 |

(b) The reason why living on the edge has become popular is because of the

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| (i) constant need for something different | (ii) population being much younger. |
| (iii) exhausting effort to make changes. | |
| (iv) strong tendency to stay within our limits. | |

(c) The phrase "potentially harmful circumstances" refers to circumstances that can

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| (i) certainly be dangerous. | (ii) be fairly dangerous. |
| (iii) be possibly dangerous. | (iv) seldom be dangerous. |

(d) Choose the option that correctly states the two meanings of 'outlook', as used in the passage.

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| (i) A person's evaluation of life | (ii) A person's experiences in life |
| (iii) A person's point of view towards life | (iv) A person's regrets in life |

(e) A person's general attitude to life

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| (i) (1) and (4) | (ii) (2) and (3) | (iii) (3) and (5) | (iv) (4) and (5) |
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(f) Choose the option that best captures the central idea of the passage from the given quotes.

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| (a) It's all about quality of life and finding a happy balance between work and friends. |
| (b) To go beyond is as wrong as to fall short. |
| (c) Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving. |
| (d) Balance is not something you find. It's something you create. |

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| (i) Option (1) | (ii) Option (2) | (iii) Option (3) | (iv) Option (4) |
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(g) The author explains the importance of discipline and boundaries in our lives using the example of

- (i) road accidents. (ii) traffic rules.
 (iii) lines on the highway. (iv) safe driving.
- (h)** The author attempts to _____ the readers through this write-up.
 (i) rebuke (ii) question (iii) offer aid to (iv) offer advice to
- (i)** What is the message conveyed in the last paragraph of the passage?
 (i) Love what you do. (ii) Love yourself to love others.
 (iii) Be the best version of yourself. (iv) Be yourself
- (j)** Which of the following will be the most appropriate title for the passage?
 (i) Much too soon (ii) Enough is enough
 (iii) How much is too much? (iv) Have enough to do?
- (k)** The author uses colloquial words such as “yeah” and “Woo-hoo!”. Which of the following is NOT a colloquial word?
 (i) hooked (ii) guy (iii) stuff (iv) stress
- (L)** Select the option that makes the correct use of “unsustainable”, as used in the passage, to fill in the blank space.
 (i) In the long run, the _____ officials followed emergency procedures.
 (ii) Emergency procedures were _____ by the officials.
 (iii) Officials reported an _____ set of events during the emergency.
 (iv) Officials admit that the emergency system is _____ in the longer run.
- (m)** What does the author mean when he says, “to get our lives in order”?
 (i) To resume our lives. (ii) To organize our lives.
 (iii) To rebuild our lives. (iv) To control our lives.

SECTION – B WRITING AND GRAMMAR

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3. Fill in the blanks with correct form of verb.

(10)

- (a) My car _____ (break) down frequently.
 (b) What _____ (you/do) in my room.?
 (c) Good students always _____ (work) hard.
 (d) None of these plants _____ (grow/ grows) well indoors.
 (e) Each of the six students _____ (is/are) going to get a school bag as gift.
 (f) What _____ (does/do) a pair of socks cost?

The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number.

The world for technology is _____
 one area in what science is _____
 Isolating us. Expert predict _____
 that very soon, much people _____
 will be able to work from home.

5. You have just passed your grade 8th final examination. Write a short diary entry in about 150–200 words expressing your feelings about your success. (5)

OR

Imagine yourself as Akash/ Aarti. You have just been elected a prefect in your school. Your principal has announced your name in the school assembly today. Write a diary entry describing your feeling/reaction as you heard your name being called.

6. Write a short story from the hints given below in about 120 words. (5)

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OR

Write a story in your own words, beginning with:

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SECTION – C

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7. Read the following extract and answer the following questions:

I will arise and go now and go to inn free.

And a small cabin built there, of clay and wattles made:

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

And live alone in the bee glade.

(a) Where does the poet want to go?

(b) Where will he stay there?

(c) What is the literary device in the third line?

(d) Name the poem and poet?

OR

Wind comes softly.

Don't break the shutters off the windows.

Don't scatter the papers.

Don't throw down the books on the shelf.

(a) How does the poet want the wind to come?

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8. Read the following extract and answer the question:

(6)

(a) To the little girl, he was figure to be feared and avoided....

(i) How did the girl feel when her father went to work each day?

(ii) How did the girl respond when the father kissed her?

(iii) Who was the girl and what kind of figure was her father?

(b) What kind of a wall is this that you built? It has fallen on a poor man and killed him. You're murdered him. We have to punish you by death.

9. The following questions any 4.

(12)

- (a) Who was Mahindra? What did he do?
 - (b) What did Einstein call his desk draw at the Patent Office? Why?
 - (c) How is shehnai different from pungi?
 - (d) How was Kingdom of Fools different from other places?
 - (e) How does Toto come to grandfathers' private zoo?

10. Answer the following questions any 2.

(6)

- (a) What 3 things does the poet want to do when he goes back to Innisfree?
 - (b) Which of the 2 roads did the poet choose and why?
 - (c) What does the poet like to do when it rains?

11. Answer any one of the following questions in about 100–120 words:

(6)

Who was Albert Einstein and why does the world remember Einstein as a world citizen?

OR

How did the guru and his disciple become the king and the minister of the kingdom?