

16 Sept. 2017

Set - B

**FIRST TERM EXAMINATION (2017-18)
ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE**

Class - IX

Maximum Marks: 80

Time: 3 hours

SECTION A (READING :20 marks)

1 Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

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1. Prema was eight when a stove on which she was making coffee burst and the flames leapt up to swallow her face. Prema was a beautiful child with dark almond eyes and chiseled features. But on that fateful day in 1965, within seconds, her face had melted into a mass of flesh.
2. Prema was admitted to Christian Medical College Hospital (CMCH), Vellore, with 50 per cent burns. Seeing her first-born battle for life, Rosie made a pact with God. "If you save my child, I vow to dedicate her to the service of your people. I will make her a doctor and work in this same hospital," she prayed.
3. Prema survived. Dr L B M Joseph, renowned surgeon, painstakingly reconstructed every inch of Prema's face. "It was excruciatingly painful," recalls Prema. "I used to be angry with the doctors all the time." After six months in the hospital, Prema returned to Bangalore to resume school. Her scarred face attracted attention; it baffled, confused and embarrassed people. School was never the same again. Prema completed high school privately.
4. "My family had hidden all the mirrors in the house. Only after a year I happened to catch a reflection of my face in a mirror. I cried. I was angry. I threw tantrums. My mother waited patiently for my tears to dry." Then she told Prema, "This is your face and you will have to live with it. No one can change that. But what you do with your life is in your hands and only you can change it." It was a hard lesson to learn. And it took her long time to grasp its meaning.
5. "I barely scraped through my Class 10 exams," Prema reminisces. "But the fact that I cleared my exams gave me immense confidence." Between 1965 and 1971 Prema underwent 14 surgeries reconstructive surgeries before she put an end to it. "It was time for me to concentrate on other things in life." Prema obtained her MBBS degree in 1980, and went to work at CMCH, Vellore, thus fulfilling her mother's promise to God. She specialized in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery.
6. Prema agrees that bitterness and anger were a part of her life for a long time.
7. "My mother taught me how to channelize my negative emotions in a positive manner." Today, Prema's only regret in life is that her mother is not alive to witness her success in life. "She would have been happy and proud." However, today those dark days are behind her. She has made peace with her Creator and is thankful for the way her life has turned out to be. "If not for my accident I wouldn't have achieved so much in life. I have got more than I bargained for. I never thought that I could reach far in life with my face.
8. Prema's advice to all those who fell defeated in life. Stop comparing yourself with others. Be willing to face reality and move on in life. Develop a cheerful attitude. Be humble and trust in God. Then sit back and enjoy life.

On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions:

- (a) How did Prema fulfil the promise that her mother had made to God?
- (b) Why had Prema's family hidden all the mirrors in the hospital?
- (c) What do Prema words, 'school was never the same' mean?
- (d) 'This is your face and you will have to live with it. No one can change that.' What was Prema's mother trying to tell her by these words.
- (e) Owing to what did Prema become successful in spite of all her problems?
- (f) At what age did Prema have the accident?
- (g) What treatments did Prema undergo from 1965 to 1971?
- (h) What is Prema's advice to all those who feel defeated in life?

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Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

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1. A lot of people say that technology is harmful whereas, some believe that technology is fantastic. But everyone will agree undisputably that today's world is all about technology. In this passage, we are going to look at the pros and cons of technology. I am of the opinion that we have allowed ourselves to become the slaves and technology is our master! We are to be blamed more than the technology itself as we don't use it judiciously.
2. Computers have taken over our lives; they are a boon ! Cellphones are a necessity and without these, one wonders how were we living earlier, how did the things work and how did people communicate? My parents and grandparents often talk about the time when there were no cellphones. Their parents had not seen TV and cars were a luxury. My parents remember that they had distributed sweets when they had bought their first colour TV.
3. Mobiles are a blessing! We can keep in touch with people all across the world making use of various apps. I can let my mother know about my whereabouts and be in touch with friends and relatives anywhere. But the flip side is when people remain glued to these gizmos irrespective of the place and time which does more harm than good to them.
4. There have been numerous cases of deaths where the person was crossing the road or the railway line with head phones plugged, immersed in songs and failed to save himself/herself on time despite the oncoming drivers' efforts to caution them. 'Selfie' is the new craze and if you are keeping yourself abreast with news every day, I don't have to tell you the number of accidents that have taken place while taking selfies! Every invention comes with positives and negatives—use of nuclear bomb wiped away two cities of Japan; the scars of which remain a reminder to the humanity till today!
5. The real problem lies with the people and not with technology. One can't term technology bad if people misuse it. We don't stop using vehicles because accidents take place. Fault lies there in with the rash and reckless driver and not with the vehicle! Controlled and wise use of technology can reap benefits and we must understand and internalize this for our own benefit.

- A) Answer the following questions:**
- (a) What does the passage talk about?
 - (b) How are mobiles a necessity?
 - (c) Taking a 'selfie' can be sometimes risky, how?
 - (d) Where does the real problem lie?

- B) Find a word in the passage which means the opposite of the following: (1×4=4)**
- a) unwisely (para 1) b) responsible (para 5)
 - c) carelessness (para 4) d) curse (para 3)

SECTION B (WRITING & GRAMMAR: 25 Marks)

3 As the Vice Principal of Saraswati Shiksha Mandir, R.P. Block, Pitampura, Delhi, you have to make arrangements for a farewell party for the outgoing batch of class X. Write a letter to Subhash Caterers 518, Rohini, Sector-20, New Delhi, placing an order for lunch and drinks for about two hundred people. They should also make serving arrangements. State the date and the time of the party. 8

4 **Write a story in about 200 words beginning -** 10
I would come across a beggar everyday at the bus stop who seemed quite unlike a beggar

5 **Complete the paragraph given below by filling each of the blank with a suitable word.** 4
The peacock is perhaps the most beautiful (i) _____ male birds, with its long blue-neck, fan-shaped crest, and its gorgeous tail. (ii) _____ feathers end in a half moon (iii) _____ raised and the tail. spreads like a fan (iv) _____ thousand eyes on it.

6 **The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each of the lines. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number.** 4

<p>At Haridwar begin the milking of the Ganges. Canal take off into different directions, left a trickle in the main stream. One canal is use to produce electric power, another goes to irrigation thirsty flat lands of UP. A water of these canals or that running on taps is not sacred; those privilege is reserved.</p>	<table border="0"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Incorrect</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Correct</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(a) _____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(b) _____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(c) _____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(d) _____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(e) _____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(f) _____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(g) _____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(h) _____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> </table>	Incorrect	Correct	(a) _____	_____	(b) _____	_____	(c) _____	_____	(d) _____	_____	(e) _____	_____	(f) _____	_____	(g) _____	_____	(h) _____	_____
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7 **Rearrange the given jumbled words to forms meaningful sentences:** 4

- 1) called/is/rose/of flowers/king/the
- 2) one of the/it is/most/in the/flowers/popular/world
- 3) intoxicating fragrance,/it has/soft petals/and sharp/ thorns
- 4) come in/imaginable/almost every/roses/colour

SECTION C (LITERATURE & LONG READING TEXT: 30 Marks)

Read one of the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow.

- 8 *Out spoke the hardy Highland wight,
I'll go, my chief-I'm ready:
It is not for your silver bright,
But for your winsome lady.* 4

- (i) Who is referred to as the hardy Highland wight?
- (ii) Give another word for 'wight'.
- (iii) Why did he agree to row the couple across?
- (iv) What can you assess of the character of the boatman?

OR

But the sign has been hanging on the gate for over a month now and I am beginning to be afraid that the day I bought it was when I was the real fool.

- (i) Who is speaker in the above lines?
- (ii) Who is being spoken to?
- (iii) What sign has been hanging on the gate for more than a month?
- (iv) Why does the speaker call herself a fool?

- 9 **Answer the following questions in about 30 - 40 words:**
- a) How does the poet compare the life of a brook with that of a man? 2
 - b) How can we say that Duke was not an ordinary dog? Discuss his special qualities to justify this. 2
 - c) Although quite young, the granddaughter turned out to be an excellent teacher. Elaborate. 2
 - d) Why was Gaston willing to buy the villa at the end? 2

- 10 **Answer one of the following questions in about 100-120 words**
Our scriptures teach us the great value of gratitude and humility. The grandmother's character, too, was abound in both these values. Discuss. 8

OR

The poem "The Road Not Taken" teaches us the importance of making the best use of time and opportunity. Elaborate.

- 11 **Answer one of the following questions in about 150-180 words.**
How did the three friends reach a conclusion that they were over worked and needed a 10 leisure trip?

OR

'Jerome is a hypochondriac'? Do you agree? Give reasons.