

TERM II EXAMINATION

ENGLISH

CLASS- IX


TIME: 2HRS


MAXIMUM MARKS: 40

General Instructions:

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, WRITING & GRAMMAR and LITERATURE.
2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

SECTION A- READING (10 marks)		
1.	Read the passage carefully.	
	<p>Based on your understanding of the passage, answer ANY FIVE questions from the six given below:</p> <p>I was the last child of a small-time government servant, in a family of five brothers. My earliest memory of my father is as that of a District Employment Officer in Koraput, Orissa. It was, and remains as back of beyond as you can imagine. There was no electricity; no primary school nearby and water did not flow out of a tap. As a result, I did not go to school until the age of eight; I was home-schooled. My father used to get transferred every year. The family belongings fit into the back of a jeep - so the family moved from place to place and without any trouble, my mother would set up an establishment and get us going. Raised by a widow who had come as a refugee from the then East Bengal, she was a matriculate when she married my father.</p> <p>My parents set the foundation of my life and the value system, which makes me what I am today and largely, defines what success means to me today.</p> <p>Government houses seldom came with fences. Mother and I collected twigs and built a small fence. After lunch, my mother would never sleep. She would take her kitchen utensils and with those she and I would dig the rocky, white ant infested surrounding. We planted flowering bushes. The white ants destroyed them. My mother brought ash from her <i>chula</i> and mixed it in the earth and we planted the seedlings all over again. This time, they bloomed. At that time, my father's transfer order came. A few neighbours told my mother why she was taking so much pain to beautify a government house, why she was planting seeds that would only benefit the next occupant. My mother replied that it did not matter to her that she would not see the flowers in full bloom. She said, "I have to create a bloom in a desert and whenever I am given a new place, I must leave it more beautiful than what I had inherited".</p> <p>That was my first lesson in success. It is not about what you create for yourself, it is what you leave behind that defines success.</p> <p><i>Excerpts taken from the speech given in IIM Bangalore by Subroto Bagchi CEO MindTree.</i></p>	1*5
i	What is the speaker's earliest childhood memory?	1
ii	Explain the statement, "remains as back of beyond as you can imagine"	1
iii	How has the speaker's parents set the foundation of his life?	1
iv	What was the neighbour's observation of his mother toil?	1

v	What are the defining characteristics of the mother as portrayed in the speech?	1										
vi	What was the speaker's primary lesson in success?	1										
2.	Read the passage carefully.											
	<p>Based on your understanding of the passage, answer <u>ANY FIVE</u> questions from the six given below:</p> <p>Tourism is a thriving business for earning valuable foreign exchange as well as providing an opportunity for cultural exchange and generating employment. India has a rich heritage of art, sculpture, music, dance and drama. Many European countries have promoted tourism as a trade. In some countries it is run like an industry. We, in India, are running it in a non-professional or amateurish manner as is evident from the pie chart of foreign tourists.</p>  <table border="1"> <caption>Foreign Tourists arrived in India in 2019</caption> <thead> <tr> <th>Region</th> <th>Number of Tourists</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Western countries</td> <td>30 lakh</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Northern countries</td> <td>20 lakh</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Southern countries</td> <td>18 lakh</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Eastern countries</td> <td>32 lakh</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Tourism in India is important for the country's economy and is growing rapidly. The World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC) calculated that tourism generated 16.91 lakh crore or 9.2% of India's GDP in 2018 and supported 42.673 million jobs. Over one crore foreign tourists arrived in India in 2019. Domestic tourists visited all states and union territories numbered about 155 crores in 2019.</p> <p>It is high time we must regard travel and tourism as an industry and launched action plans to accelerate the growth of tourism. A nodal financial institution catering to the specific needs of tourism industry should be established.</p> <p>The main stumbling blocks in the development of tourism at present are lack of infrastructure, inadequate ways of reaching hotels, tourist sites, gateways, etc., paucity in the number of coaches and cars (specially air-conditioned ones), ill-maintained roads. Conferences, cultural exchanges, tourism exchanges, leisure trips, education trips, holiday trips or business trips should be segregated and facilities available be publicised as an attractive package.</p> <p>The need and aspiration of the various categories of tourists should be carefully analysed and adhered to in the sphere of accommodation, food, entertainment and guided tours. Last but not least the hotel industry must adopt a business-like attitude in greeting and sending off the visitors with a smile. Give them a pleasant experience and prepare them to undertake a repeat visit soon.</p>	Region	Number of Tourists	Western countries	30 lakh	Northern countries	20 lakh	Southern countries	18 lakh	Eastern countries	32 lakh	1*5
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i	What is India's most attractive tourist features?	1										
ii	What is the relationship between tourism and employment?	1										
iii	What is the need of the hour to speed up the growth of tourism?	1										
iv	How can we overcome the hurdles in the development of tourism in India?	1										
v	What practices must be embedded in the hospitality industry to ensure repeat customers?	1										

vi	What are the various facets wherein tailor-made customization for tourists can be utilized?	1
SECTION B - WRITING AND GRAMMAR (10 marks)		
3.	Attempt ANY ONE from i and ii.	5*1
i	Write a short story of about 100-120 words using the beginning lines given below: Aisha had to go to her native town. She wanted to meet her grandmother. She longed to be with her family. She had no money. One day....	5
ii	You won the Best-Student Award this year. Describe your feelings in 100-120 words through a diary entry. You are Gwen/Gyanesh.	5
4.	Read the dialogues given below and fill in the blanks.  <p>I found a Covid-19 patient waiting in the clinic. I (i) _____ sitting there. The Covid-19 patient (ii) _____ suffering from high fever and had a running nose. I said that he thought he was Covid-19 affected. He shocked me by saying that he had developed the same symptoms. He further (iii) _____ afraid of him.</p>	3
5.	Fill in the blanks with appropriate subject-verb concord. (i) Few students ____ present in the class today. (ii) The novelist and painter ____ dead.	2
SECTION C- LITERATURE (20 marks)		
6.	Answer ANY SIX questions in 30-40 words each.	2*6
i	What are the commonalities that ties us together as reflected in the poem ‘No Men are Foreign’?	2
ii	What is the association between the tree and the earth, as explained in ‘On Killing a Tree’?	2
iii	How does the poet challenge the reader’s rigid understanding of good and bad in the poem ‘The Snake Trying’?	2
iv	Explain the statement with reference to the character who said “My toothbrush is a thing that haunts me when I’m travelling” in ‘Packing’.	2
v	Does the narrator of the story ‘A House is Not a Home’ exhibit the anxiety of being a teenager? Give examples to justify your answers.	2
vi	What shows Santosh’s concern for the environment?	2
vii	‘Love is love’, justify the quote with reference to the chapter ‘The Bond of Love’.	2
7.	Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 120 words each.	4*2
i	“A sceptic mind is more dangerous than any disease”. Justify the statement with reference to the chapter ‘The Last Leaf’.	4
ii	Can the proverb, ‘Give a man a fish you feed him for a day; teach a man to fish you feed him for a lifetime’ be applied to Chekov’s The Beggar? Give reasons.	4
iii	What is the central theme of the play ‘If I Were You’?	4