



Date:01/08/23 GRADE: IX	MONTHLY TEST -01 (2023-24) ENGLISH	Max marks: 20 Time: 50 Minutes
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General Instruction:

1. There are 10 questions in the question paper. All questions are compulsory.

Qn. No	SECTION A- READING COMPREHENSION	Marks allocated
	<p>Read the passage given below and answer the following questions.</p> <p>Have you ever wondered what animal has the biggest ears? Of course, it's the African elephant. We all know this. Scientists know this. However, scientists have looked at what animal has the biggest ears for its body size. The elephant has big ears but it also has a giant body. Zoologists from the American Museum of Natural History in New York City have found out which animal has the biggest ears relative to its body size. And the answer is the long-eared jerboa. Not many people know about this cute, big-eared creature. It is a rodent. It lives in the deserts of China and Mongolia. It is a nocturnal creature, which means it is active at night and sleeps during the day. Zoologist Mary Ellen Holden described the jerboa. She said its body measures about 10 centimetres (not counting its long tail). Its ears are 3.8 to 5 cm long. This means its ears are 40 to 50 per cent as long as its body length. The elephant's ears are just 17 per cent of its body length. Professor Holden said: "The jerboa has the longest ears for the size of its body in the entire animal kingdom." Professor Holden explained why some animals have large ears. They usually live in very hot areas. Large ears help an animal to keep cool in the heat. Their ears are large, thin and have many tiny blood vessels. The blood releases heat from the body into the air, which helps the animal cool down.</p>	
1	<p>What kinds of scientists looked into ear size?</p> <p>a) biologists b) botanists c) palaeontologists d) zoologists</p>	1

2	Where do big-eared animals usually live? a) in hot places b) in the mountains c) in cold places d) in forests	1
3	Write any two features of Jerboa.	2
SECTION B- GRAMMAR AND CREATIVE WRITING		
4	Choose the correct sentence with the appropriate auxiliary verb: a) I will dancing at the party. b) She were going to the concert. c) They have been studying for the exam. d) We did not can finish the project on time.	1
5	Neither the car nor the bus _____ available. a) are b) is c) were d) have	1
6	You are Raj Kumar, live in Civil Lanes, Chennai. Write a letter to the editor of The Hindu about the frequent breakdown of electricity.	5
SECTION C- LITERATURE		
7	What does 'grassy' mean in the poem <i>The Road Not Taken</i> ?	1
8	What kind of teachers did Margie and Tommy have?	2
9	Write any three advantages of a traditional teacher over a mechanical teacher.	3
10	Where does the traveller find himself? What problem does he face?	3
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Answer Key

- 1) d- Zoologists
- 2) a- In hot places
- 3) Any two features that are mentioned in the passage
- 4) c- They have been studying for the exam.
- 5) b – is
- 6) Format -1 Mark
Sender's address, Date, Receiver's address, Subject, salutation, and Complimentary close
Content- 2 marks
 - All points should be included like the frequent breakdown of electricity in Chennai, how it affects people etc.
 - A well-developed letter with sustained clarity is expected
 - Highly effective register (formal tone, tense, and vocabulary)Organization of ideas- 1 mark
 - Carefully structured content with organised paragraphsAccuracy- 1 mark
 - Spelling, punctuation and grammar
- 7) It means that the road is full of vegetation because it is the less travelled path.
- 8) Margie and Tommy were assigned mechanical teachers (1 mark) and their classroom had a large black screen on which lessons were displayed and questions were asked. The mechanical teachers were black and appeared every day at the same time, except for Saturday and Sunday. They also had slots for students to insert their homework so that they could be assessed. (One of the other features mentioned here -1 mark)
- 9) Subjective
- 10) *The Road Not Taken*- Robert Frost
The traveller finds himself in the yellow wood (1 mark) where the road diverges into two. The problem that he faces is that he cannot decide which road to be taken to continue his journey since he can't travel both roads at the same time. (2 marks)