



MONTHLY TEST 3
ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

GRADE: IX

Max. Marks: 20

DATE:

Time: 1 hour

General Instructions:

1. 15-minute prior reading time allotted for Q-paper reading.
2. The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, GRAMMAR and LITERATURE.
3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

Q. No.	SECTION A: READING SKILLS	Marks
	Read the passage given below.	5
1	The choice 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.	
2	A life without discipline is one that's filled with carelessness. 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 are driving. If we go over one side, we will get 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 realise how lines help to keep us safe.	
3	I am not proud of this, but 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 am going to ignore them and see if and 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.	
4	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.	

I	Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.	(5)
i	The reason why living on the edge has become popular, is because of the a) constant need for something different. b) population being much younger. c) exhausting effort to make changes. d) strong tendency to stay within our limits.	1

ii	<p>Select the option that makes the correct use of ‘unsustainable’, as used in the passage, to fill in the blank space.</p> <p>a) In the long run, the _____ officials followed emergency procedures b) Emergency procedures were _____ by the officials c) Officials reported a/an _____ set of events during the emergency d) Officials admit that the emergency system is _____ in the longer run</p>	1
iii	<p>Choose the option that correctly states the two meanings of ‘outlook’, as used in the passage’.</p> <p>1. A person’s evaluation of life 2. A person s experiences in life 3. A person’s point of view towards life 4. A person s regrets in life 5. A person’s general attitude to life</p> <p>Choose the option: a) (1) and (4) b) (2) and (3) c) (3) and (5) d) (4) and (5)</p>	1
iv	<p>The author uses colloquial words such as “yeah” and “woo-hoo”. Which of the following is NOT a colloquial word?</p> <p>a) hooked b) guy c) stuff d) stress</p>	1
v	<p>Pick out the antonym of the word ‘pleasant’ from the passage.</p>	1

SECTION B – GRAMMAR						
i	<p>The following sentence has not been edited. There is one error in the line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in the box given below.</p> <p>Nearly one third of the plastic packaging we use escape ejection systems, which means that it ends up clogging our city streets and polluting our natural environment.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="181 1581 778 1680"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="181 1581 442 1635">Error</th> <th data-bbox="442 1581 778 1635">Correction</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="181 1635 442 1680"></td> <td data-bbox="442 1635 778 1680"></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Error	Correction			1
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ii	<p>Rearrange the following sets of words and phrases to form meaningful sentences</p> <p>a. Value/television/a/educative/in/to/addition/has/great/entertainment b. Attentively / lessons / students / so / that / interesting / televised / the / are / the / watch</p>	2				

SECTION C - LITERATURE

I	Attempt all questions.	1x8=8
1.	<p>“At my slightest movement the snake would strike me! Death lurked four inches away.”</p> <p>Identify the figure of speech used in the above statement.</p>	1
2.	<p>The poem ‘A Legend of Northland’ is a ballad which is a part of _____ culture.</p> <p>a) folk b) ditty c) ancient d) canzone</p>	1
3	<p>‘Doctor’s earnings were meager’. This suggests that the income of the doctor was</p> <p>a) Exiguous b) copious c) Lucrative d) Adequate</p>	1
4	<p>This young Serb had come to Switzerland because the University in Zurich was one of the few in Europe where women could get degrees.</p> <p>Add the missing words: The young Serb who was against _____ and was called as _____ by Einstein.</p>	1
5	<p>Here are some facts from Einstein’s life. Arrange them in chronological order.</p> <p>i. He is awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics. ii. Einstein writes a letter to U.S. President, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and iii. Einstein attends a high school in Munich. iv. Einstein publishes his special theory of relativity. v. When Hitler comes to power, Einstein leaves Germany for the United States. vi. Tired of the school’s regimentation, Einstein withdraws from school. vii. He works in a patent office as a technical expert. viii. Einstein joins a university in Zurich, where he meets Mileva.</p> <p>a) iii-vi-v-i-vii-viii-ii-iv b) iv-iii-vii-iv-vi-v-iv-ii c) iii-vi-viii-vii-iv-i-v-ii d) vi-iii-vii-viii-iv-v-ii-i</p>	1
6	<p>The king sent a law officer who makes sure that the decisions of a court are obeyed. Give one word for the specified officer in the above sentence.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;"> <p>A law officer who makes sure that the decisions of a court are obeyed : -----</p> </div>	1
7.	<p>Einstein’s letter to his beloved had a mixture of</p> <p>(a) Science and tenderness (b) Science and vision (c) Love and tenderness (d) Science and technology</p>	1

8.	<p><i>Where they harness the swift reindeer To the sledges, when it snows; And the children look like bear's cubs In their funny, furry clothes:</i></p> <p>Identify the poetic devices used in the above stanza.</p> <p>a. ----- b. -----</p>	1
II	Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words.	2x2= 4
i.	Einstein was an unusual child with no indication of his potential greatness. Comment.	2
ii.	The mirror plays a vital role in the story. Justify. (<i>The Snake and the Mirror</i>)	2
iii.	The poet doesn't consider the legend to be true but wants to narrate the story. Why? Give one reason.	2