



THE VILLAGE
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"We Nurture Dreams"

Date: 12/09/2023	TERM 1 EXAMINATION (2023-24)	Max. Marks: 80
Grade: IX	ENGLISH	Time: 3 Hours

Name: **Class**.....**Sec**.....

General Instructions:

- 1) Read the instructions carefully before answering the question.
- 2) 15 minutes is 'Cool-off time'. Use this time to get familiarised with questions and plan your answers.
- 3) The question paper contains three sections- Reading, Grammar & Writing, and Literature.
- 4) You may attempt any section at a time.
- 5) All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.
- 6) Section A is divided into two: Part A and Part B. Part A contains 10 multiple-choice questions carrying 1 mark each. Part B contains 5 very short answer questions carrying 2 marks each. Attend all the questions.
- 7) Section B is divided into two: Part A and Part B. Part A contains 10 multiple-choice questions carrying 1 mark each. Part B contains two questions, each having one optional question. Two questions carry 10 marks.
- 8) Section C is divided into three: Part A, Part B, and Part C. Attempt any one question from Part C
- 9) Keep in mind the score and the time while answering the questions.

Qn. No	SECTION A- READING SKILLS	Marks allocated
1	<p style="text-align: center;">PART A</p> <p>Read the passage given below and answer the following questions.</p> <p>British people are big tea drinkers. It is a tradition in Britain to drink tea for different occasions and reasons. People have it for breakfast when guests visit and for tea breaks at work. People even "have a cuppa" when they talk about their personal problems. However, research from The Tea Group shows that herbal, fruit and other teas have become more popular than traditional English breakfast tea. Researchers conducted a survey of more than 2,000 tea lovers. Over half of the people said their favourite tea was not the traditional variety. Over a fifth of people chose green tea as their favourite brew. Just over 20 per cent said Earl Grey was their number one. Sales of traditional tea in the U.K. have been declining. Three years ago, a survey found that 54 per cent of Britons preferred English breakfast tea. The new research shows that breakfast tea is likely to continue to decline in popularity. The researchers found many other things about tea-drinking habits in the U.K. The biggest reason for drinking tea was to relax. A quarter of Britons drink up to 10 cups a day. Brits seem to love milky and sugary tea. Around 85 per cent of people who drink Earl Grey and English breakfast put milk in it. Nearly 45 per cent of people sweeten their tea with sugar. Amazingly, people with a sweet tooth put three teaspoons of sugar in their cups.</p>	
i	<p>What is a common tradition in Britain related to tea?</p> <p>A) Drinking tea with dinner B) Having tea before bedtime C) Drinking tea for various occasions and reasons D) Only having tea during work breaks</p>	1
ii	<p>According to the text, why do people in Britain drink tea?</p> <p>A) Only for breakfast B) Only when guests visit C) Only during tea breaks at work D) For relaxation and on various occasions</p>	1

iii	Which type of tea has become more popular than traditional English breakfast tea? A) Green tea B) Earl Grey tea C) Herbal tea D) Fruit tea	1
iv	According to the research, what was the most common reason for drinking tea? A) Socializing with friends B) Boosting energy C) Relaxation D) Reducing stress	1
v	How many cups of tea do a quarter of Britons drink daily? A) Up to 5 cups B) Up to 7 cups C) Up to 10 cups D) Up to 12 cups	1
vi	Which type of tea was chosen as the number one favourite by just over 20% of people surveyed? A) Green tea B) Earl Grey tea C) English breakfast tea D) Herbal tea	1
vii	What did a survey from three years ago reveal about Britons' tea preferences? A) 54% preferred English breakfast tea B) 65% preferred herbal tea C) 30% preferred green tea D) 75% preferred fruit tea	1
viii	What is the trend regarding the popularity of traditional English breakfast tea? A) It is becoming more popular than ever B) It is likely to continue declining in popularity C) It is maintaining a stable level of popularity D) It is difficult to predict its future popularity	1

ix	<p>How many teaspoons of sugar do people with a sweet tooth put in their tea cups? A) One teaspoon B) Two teaspoons C) Three teaspoons D) Four teaspoons</p>	1
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x	<p>What is the main focus of the research conducted by The Tea Group? A) Studying the health benefits of tea B) Exploring different tea flavours C) Analyzing tea consumption in different countries D) Investigating tea-drinking habits and preferences</p>	1
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2	<p style="text-align: center;">PART B</p> <p>Read the passage given below and answer the following questions.</p> <p>Have you ever wondered why thinking too much makes you tired? A new study has found some answers to this question. Researchers from the Paris Brain Institute looked at why mental effort makes us tired. They found that when people think a lot, the brain releases a chemical called glutamate. Too much glutamate upsets the brain's functions. It means the brain tells the body it is tired and that it must rest. People who spend more than six hours working on a task that requires a lot of thought are more likely to feel tired. A period of rest allows the brain to return to normal. This explains why a power nap is good for us. A power nap can be as short as 20 minutes but can make us feel totally refreshed. The research team looked at the behaviour of 40 participants in their research. Twenty-four of these had to perform challenging tasks. These included looking at a computer screen and matching different letters that appeared. The other 16 participants did a similar, but easier task. Both teams worked for six hours and had two ten-minute breaks. The researchers scanned the brains of the participants. They found that the group who had the more difficult task had higher levels of glutamate in their brain. Study author Antonius Wiehler said: "It would be great to find out more about how glutamate levels are restored." He asked: "Is sleep helpful? How long do breaks need to be to have a positive effect?"</p>	
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i	Why does thinking too much make you tired?	2
ii	What is the effect of excessive glutamate on the brain?	2
iii	Why is a power nap beneficial?	2
iv	What did the research involve in terms of participants and tasks?	2

v	How many breaks did the participants have during the study, and what was their duration?	2
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3	SECTION B- GRAMMAR& CREATIVE WRITING	
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i	Fill in the gaps with suitable auxiliary verbs The boys _____ a fight yesterday. A) has B) are C) had D) can	1
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ii	Which sentence uses the correct auxiliary verb to form a question? A) You is coming to the party? B) Are you coming to the party? C) He come to the party? D) Do he coming to the party?	1
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iii	Which sentence uses the correct auxiliary verb to create the negative form? A) We does not like ice cream. B) She don't playing tennis. C) They hasn't finished the race. D) He isn't going to the concert.	1
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iv	Fill in the gaps with suitable auxiliary verbs He _____ studying for the exam all day. A) am B) is C) are D) has	1
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v	Which sentence uses the auxiliary verb "did" correctly? A) Did she goes to the gym? B) She did not liked the movie. C) Did they watches the game on TV? D) Did you finish your homework?	1
vi	Which word in the sentence is an adverb? "The cat quickly climbed up the tree." A) cat B) tree C) quickly D) climbed	1
vii	Identify the adverb in the sentence: They walked carefully along the narrow path. A) carefully B) walked C) narrow D) along	1
viii	Choose the correct adverb to complete the sentence: He finished the race _____. A) quick B) quicklier C) quickest D) quickly	1
ix	Which of the following sentences uses the adverb correctly? A) She danced good at the recital. B) The car is driving real fast. C) He writes beautifully. D) The cake tastes deliciously.	1
x	Create an adverb from the adjective "true"	1
4.A	You are pained to see that in your city, there is no proper arrangement for cleaning drains. There are heaps of accumulated garbage and stagnant water. Write a letter to the Municipal Commissioner of your city complaining about the same as there is a fear of an outbreak of disease. You are Alka/Ashish.	5

OR

4.B	The authorities have been claiming that the roads in your town have been relaid and repaired. But no such work is seen. Write a letter to the editor of a local newspaper expressing your concern about the present situation and giving suggestions to resolve the problem, in 100-120 words. You are Prabhu/Parvati of Vivek Vihar, Delhi.	5
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5.A	<p>Prepare a profile of Salman Rushdie using the hints given below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Born- June 19, 1947, in Bombay, India • Education: King's College, Cambridge • British-Indian novelist and essayist • notable works - "Midnight's Children", "The Moor's Last Sigh" (1995), "The Ground Beneath Her Feet" (1999), "Shalimar the Clown" (2005) • Known for his distinctive writing style that blends magical realism, historical fiction, and postcolonial themes • Explores themes of identity, migration, religion, and cultural clashes in his writing • Awards And Honors: Costa Book Awards (1995) Costa Book Awards (1988) Booker Prize (1981) • Received the Booker Prize in 1981 for "Midnight's Children" 	5
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5.B	<p>Prepare a profile of Arundhati Roy using the hints given below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Born: November 24, 1961, Bengal, India • Profession: Author, Essayist, and Activist • Famous Works: "Power Politics", "War Talk", "The God of Small Things", "The Ministry of Utmost Happiness" • "The God of Small Things" won the Booker Prize for Fiction in 1997 and became the best-selling book by a nonexpatriate Indian author. • Awards- Sydney Peace Prize, Orwell Award, Norman Mailer Prize • Known for her insightful critiques of social, political, and environmental issues. • Co-founded the Campaign for Survival and Dignity, supporting indigenous communities • Active involvement in various social and political movements in India 	5
SECTION C- LITERATURE		
Answer the following questions in two or three sentences		
6	Who helped Evelyn to continue with music? What did he say?	2
7	When was Evelyn's deafness first noticed? When was it confirmed?	2
8	How is a shehnai different from a pungi?	2
9	Where did Bismillah Khan play the shehnai on 15 August 1947? Why was the event historic?	2
10	Why was Kezia afraid of her father?	2
11	Who were Kezia's neighbours? What did she observe about them?	2
12	What is the significance of the title "The Road Not Taken"?	2

Answer the following questions in about 40-50 words		
13	Do you think Bismillah Khan had very pure and deep feelings for India?	3
14	Bismillah Khan was the collection of his passion and the guidance of Ali Bux. Explain.	3
15	How does Evelyn hear music?	3
16	Evelyn's determination to overcome her disability has made her a source of inspiration for deaf children. Comment.	3
17	Briefly describe the central idea of the poem 'Wind'	3
Answer anyone of the following questions in about 80-100 words		
18 A	Write a short character sketch of Kezia's father.	5
OR		
18 B	Kezia becomes an endearing young girl with a pleasant demeanour. Justify your answer.	5