



<b>Date: 01.10.2024</b> <b>GRADE - IX</b>	<b>Term 1 Examination [2024-2025]</b> <b>ENGLISH</b>	<b>Max Marks - 80</b> <b>TIME - 3 Hours</b>
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**General Instructions:**

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

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	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SECTION A - READING (21 marks)</b></p> <p><b>Read the below passage and answer the following questions.</b></p> <p>The choices 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. A life without discipline is one that’s filled with carelessness.</p> <p>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’re driving. If we go over one side, we’ll go 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 realize how lines help to keep us safe.</p> <p>I’m not proud of this, but for the first 20 years of my life at work, I ignored my limits. I felt horrible, physically, most of the time. I used to</p>	

	<p>tell myself, "I know I have limits and that I've reached them, but I'm going to ignore them and see if or 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. 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.</p> <p>Finally, I understood I was living an unsustainable life and needed to make some changes in my outlook and lifestyle.</p> <p>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.</p>	
1.	<p>Which of the characteristics are apt about the writer in the following context: "I know I have limits and that I've reached them, but I'm going to ignore them and see if or how long I can get by with it." ?  <b>1.negligent 2. Indecisive 3. Spontaneous 4. Reckless 5. Purposeless 6. patient</b></p> <p>a) 2 and 5                      b) 3 and 6                      c) 1 and 4                      d) 2 and 3</p>	1
2.	<p>The reason why living on the edge has become popular is because of the</p> <p>a) constant need for something different.</p> <p>b) population being much younger.</p> <p>c) exhausting effort to make changes.</p> <p>d) strong tendency to stay within our limits.</p>	1

3.	<p>The phrase “potentially harmful circumstances” refers to circumstances that can</p> <p>(a) certainly be dangerous.                      (b) be fairly dangerous.</p> <p>(c) be possibly dangerous.                      (d) seldom be dangerous.</p>	1
4.	<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</p> <p>3. A person’s point of view towards life                      4. A person’s regrets in life</p> <p>5. A person’s general attitude to life</p> <p>a) (1) and (4)                      b) (2) and (3)                      c) (3) and (5)                      d) (4) and (5)</p>	1
5.	<p>Choose the option that best captures the central idea of the passage from the given quotes.</p> <p>1. It’s all about quality of life and finding a happy balance between work and friends.</p> <p>2. To go beyond is as wrong as to fall short.</p> <p>3. Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving.</p> <p>4. Balance is not something you find. It’s something you create.</p> <p>a) Option (1)                      b) Option (2)                      c) Option (3)                      d) Option (4)</p>	1





	<p>People exposed to sun rays for longer periods develop cataract earlier than others. Researchers opine that the smoke inhaled while smoking carries substances internally damaging the eyes.</p> <p>Ultraviolet radiation, invisible to the human eye, is linked to skin cancer. The victim loses vision and the world becomes dark to him.</p>	
13.	According to the passage, What is the major cause of blindness?	1
14.	Why does the lens of the eye become opaque in old age?	1
15.	How does cataract affect its victim ultimately?	1
16.	How does one detect cataract in the early stages?	1
17.	Give any two factors which are responsible for the formation of cataract.	1
18.	Find the word from paragraph 1 that means 'that through which light cannot enter'.	1
19.	Which type of cancer is caused by ultraviolet radiation?	1
20.	When does cataract generally occur?	1
21.	How is smoking responsible for the development of cataract?	1

**SECTION B - WRITING & GRAMMAR(22Marks)**

	Answer any twelve questions from the following.	
22.	<p>Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete an online update. The climate control comment by an activist_____ on social media yesterday.</p> <p>A. blow up                      B. blew up                      C. is blown                      D. will be blown</p>	1
23.	<p>Read the conversation between a doctor and his patient. Complete the sentence by reporting the patient's reply correctly.</p> <p>Doctor: Do you feel down from time-to-time Mr. Gopalan? Patient: Yes, I do not stay in a good mood.</p> <p>The doctor, while trying to figure out his patient's ailment, asked about his well-being, to which, the patient affirmed _____ .</p>	1
24.	<p>Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line, from a health magazine.</p> <p>The advertisement read, 'If you smoke, statistically your story _____ end 15% before it should'.</p>	1

	A. must	B. should	C. will	D. ought to																
25.	Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line, from a news report: Last week a child was not allowed to board the plane at Ranchi airport.				1															
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26.	Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blank with the correct option: As I was standing on the dock, looking out at the lake for the last time, a feeling of emptiness _____ over me like darkness. A. will wash    B. had washed    C. will have washed    D. washed				1															
27.	Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter: Subject: Request for Approval Dear Sir This is to respectfully submit that I _____ (seek) approval for organising a tree plantation drive to be undertaken by the club.				1															
28.	Report the dialogue between a grandson and his grandfather, by completing the sentence: Grandson: Grandpa, who are your superheroes? Grandpa: Anyone who shows kindness and compassion to others. In response to the question about his superheroes, grandfather says that _____.				1															
29.	Identify the error in the given sentence, from a school magazine report and supply the correction. In order to balancing the sentiments of the Eagles and the Hawks, the Student Council suggested a rematch between the teams. Use the given format for your response.				1															
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30.	Sunil shared some information, with John, about a holiday at sea. Report John's question. Did you enjoy travelling by sea?	1								
31.	Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the slogan by the Ministry for Child Welfare. WE AFFORD TO NEGLECT CHILDREN? THINK TWICE!! A. WILL                      B. MAY                      C. NEED                      D. CAN	1								
32.	Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between Latha and her father. Father: Why ask so many questions, Latha? Latha: I believe that if you don't know the answer, keep asking till you do!  Father asked Latha the reason for the many questions she was asking. Latha exclaimed good-humouredly that in event of not knowing the answer one should_____ A. keep asking till one does.                      B. kept asking till one does. C. keep asking till one do.                      D. kept on to ask till one do.	1								
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34.	Neither of the twins_____tall. A.Is                      B.Are                      C.Be                      D.To be	1								
35.	All the members of the team _____ the bus. A.Is reaching    B.Was reaching    C.Have reached    D.has been reached	1								
36.	As a student concerned about the rising levels of plastic waste in your community, write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper. You are Akshara Sai residing at Bogen Heights, Lajpat Nagar, Lonawala, Maharashtra. In your letter, address the following points along with your points and ideas:  ● Clearly state your position on the issue of plastic waste.	5								



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Provide specific examples or statistics to support your argument.</li> <li>● Suggest actions that individuals and the community can take to mitigate plastic waste.(120-150words)</li> </ul>	
37.	Write an article on the topic: "The Importance of Mental Health Awareness Among Students." In your article, include the following points along with your own ideas and points;definition of mental health, an introduction to the significance of mental health,common mental health challenges faced by students,strategies for promoting mental well-being in schools.	5
<b>SECTION C - LITERATURE (37 MARKS)</b>		
	<p><b>Read the below passage and answer the following questions.</b></p> <p>Margie did so with a sigh. She was thinking about the old schools they had when her grandfather’s grandfather was a little boy. All the kids from the whole neighborhood came, laughing and shouting in the schoolyard, sitting together in the schoolroom, going home together at the end of the day. They learned the same things, so they could help one another with the homework and talk about it. And the teachers were people... The mechanical teacher was flashing on the screen: “When we add fractions <math>\frac{1}{2}</math> and <math>\frac{1}{4}</math>...”</p>	
38.	How does Margie envision the social environment of the old schools? Explain the dynamics among the students.	1
39.	Name the lesson and the author from which the above extract is taken.	1
40.	What subject is being taught by the mechanical teacher, and what does this reveal about the nature of education in Margie’s time?	1
41.	Margie had a dream about her mechanical teacher malfunctioning like it did for Tommy. What advice would you give her about this?	1

	<p><b>Read the below passage and answer the following questions.</b></p> <p>It is intriguing to watch Evelyn function so effortlessly without hearing. In our two-hour discussion she never missed a word. “Men with bushy beards give me trouble,” she laughed. “It is not just watching the lips, it’s the whole face, especially the eyes.” She speaks flawlessly with a Scottish lilt. “My speech is clear because I could hear till I was eleven,” she says. But that doesn’t explain how she managed to learn French and master basic Japanese.</p> <p>As for music, she explains, “It pours in through every part of my body. It tingles in the skin, my cheekbones and even in my hair.” When she plays the xylophone, she can sense the sound passing up the stick into her fingertips. By leaning against the drums, she can feel the resonances</p>	
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	flowing into her body. On a wooden platform she removes her shoes so that the vibrations pass through her bare feet and up her legs.	
42.	How does Evelyn Glennie perceive music, particularly the high and low notes?	1
43.	Describe the significance of the phrase "It's not just watching the lips; it's the whole face, especially the eyes" in understanding Evelyn's communication skills.	1
44.	How and when did Evelyn's parents notice that she was losing her ability to hear?	1
45.	Reflect on the emotional impact of Evelyn's descriptions of sound and music. How do they illustrate her resilience and adaptability?	1
46.	What does the act of removing her shoes on the wooden platform symbolize in Evelyn's interaction with music?	1
	<b>Answer the following questions in about 40-50 words each.</b>	
47.	What is the central theme of the poem "A Legend of Northland"?	3
48.	How did Evelyn Glennie overcome her disability?	3
49.	What was Margie's reaction to the old book Tommy found?	3
50.	What is the setting of "The Fun They Had"?	3
51.	Justify the title 'Kingdom of fools'.	3
52.	What do the two roads in the poem 'The Road Not Taken' symbolize?	3
	<b>Answer any two of the following questions in about 120-150 words each.</b>	
53.	Explain the sacrifices made by the Happy Prince in the lesson 'The Happy Prince'?	5
54.	How did the Guru save his disciple from the Kingdom of fools?	5
55.	How does Margie's story describe the education system of the future?	5