



THE VILLAGE
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
"We Nurture Dreams"

SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER-ENGLISH

GRADE-IX

Time: 3 Hours

Max marks: 80

General Instructions:

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

SECTION A: READING SKILLS (20 marks)

1.	PART A Read the following text.	10m
(1)	The invention of the safety bicycle in the late nineteenth century transformed the world of cycling. While early versions of bicycles had been used in Europe since the seventeenth century, it was the safety bicycle with its lightweight hollow steel frame and equal-sized wheels that revolutionised the cycling experience.	
(2)	This resulted in enhanced mobility for both men and women, allowing them to explore the countryside freely and travel between towns. Bicycles symbolised freedom, particularly for women, granting them self-reliable transportation and the ability to participate in recreational activities, like bicycle racing. The rise of bicycles also brought a shift in fashion, with more functional and relaxed clothing tailored specifically for cycling.	

(3)	Bicyclists also became a political force. They played a significant role in the development of road maps, guiding riders along the best routes. They campaigned for better infrastructure to enhance their riding experiences.
(4)	Today, advances in technology, wearables* and complex data analysis have transformed sports science, particularly in endurance sports, like cycling. Cyclists can now gather vast amounts of data simply by using mobile apps to track their activities. This data not only encompasses exercise details, like its volume or intensity, but also external factors like the impact of weather on the physiological response of the athlete. Furthermore, technology has made it very easy to monitor performance-influencing data outside of

	training, such as heart rate or sleep quality, through various wearables and cost-effective mobile apps.
(5)	However, just because we are able to monitor so much information does not mean that it is useful for improving the sports performance of our athletes. In this sense, we believe that we must be critical while adopting any new technologies or trends in training. The first thing we should know is whether there is scientific support for the use of that new gadget or wearable. For example, core temperature is of great importance in the mechanisms that produce fatigue and exhaustion in endurance sports. A few years ago, a device came on the market that estimated this measurement in a non-invasive way and we saw many top cyclists and runners wearing it. However, a study later showed it is an invalid device for measuring one's temperature.
(6)	Innovation in cycling has evolved from the invention of safety bicycles to technological advancements in sports science. Maximizing the potential benefits of these developments requires critical thinking to enhance the training and performance of modern cyclists.

Answer the following questions based on the passage above.

i	<p>What is the passage mainly about?</p> <p>A. How did the advancement of sports science impact the fashion industry?</p> <p>B. What were the primary societal changes brought about by the rise of bicycles?</p> <p>C. How did the invention of the safety bicycle contribute to the development of wearable technology?</p> <p>D. In what ways did early versions of bicycles differ from the safety bicycle in the late nineteenth century?</p>	1
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ii	<p>In which sentence does the author express uncertainty about the use of new technologies in training?</p> <p>A. "...advances in technology have transformed sports science." (paragraph 4)</p> <p>B. "This data not only encompasses exercise details but also external factors like weather." (paragraph 4)</p> <p>C. "...just because we can monitor so much information does not mean it is useful." (paragraph 5)</p>	1
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	<p>D. "Maximizing the potential benefits of these developments requires critical thinking." (paragraph 6)</p>	
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iii	<p>Complete the sentence appropriately by providing two distinct reasons in the blank below.</p> <p>It can be said the world of cycling has seen massive changes because _____.</p>	1
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iv	<p>Which of these is opposite to 'invalid' as used in paragraph 5?</p> <p>A. ethical</p> <p>B. accurate</p> <p>C. authentic</p> <p>D. trustworthy</p>	1
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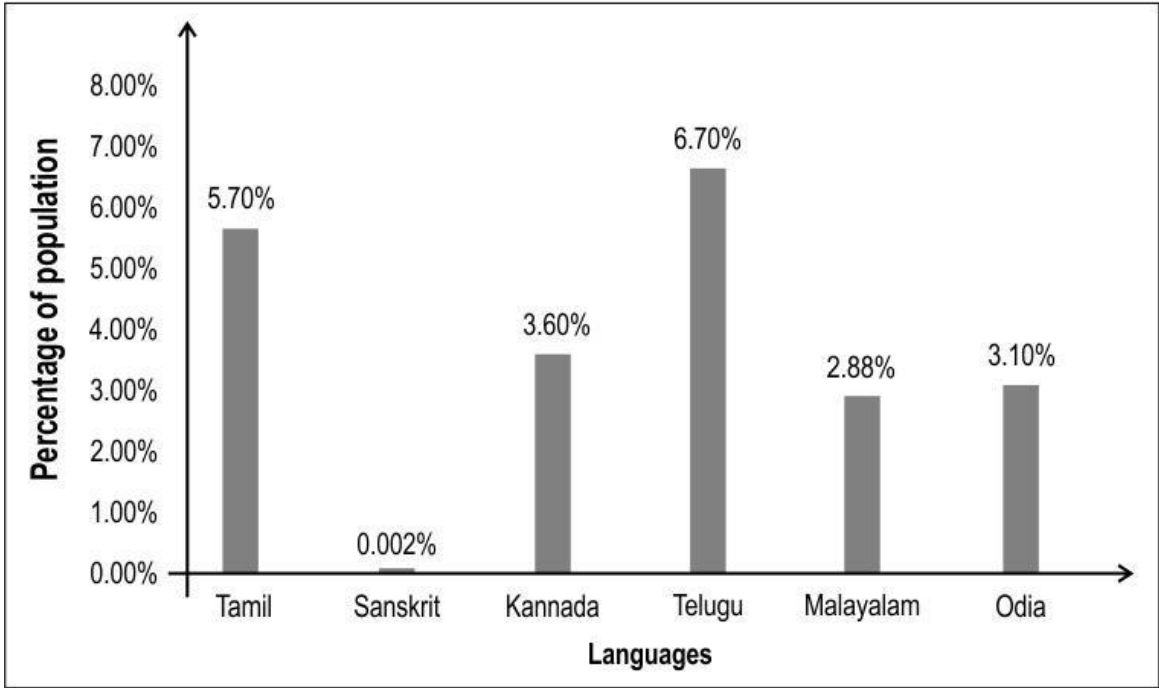
v	<p>Using information solely from the passage, provide two distinct reasons to complete the sentence appropriately.</p> <p>Bicycles can be seen as a symbol of empowerment because _____.</p>	1
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vi	<p>Imagine you are a sports scientist tasked with developing a new technological tool to aid cyclists in their training. Provide a brief description, within 40 words, of its specific features and why you chose to include them.</p>	2
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vii	<p>Select the option that shows the correct relationship between (1) and (2).</p> <p>(1) Cyclists were able to improve the accuracy of maps.</p> <p>(2) Cyclists became influential and campaigned for better infrastructure.</p> <p>A. (2) is a contradiction of (1)</p> <p>B. (2) is independent of (1)</p> <p>C. (2) is an example of (1)</p> <p>D. (2) is the cause of (1)</p>	1
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viii	<p>Below are statements from cyclists. Identify two statements that could be said by a cyclist in the late nineteenth century.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "I like having a personal coach on my wrist. It just told me how many calories I have burned so far!" 2. "It's quite a struggle riding up these steep hills on my heavy steelframed bicycle." 3. "I feel so liberated whenever I hop on my bicycle. I didn't have freedom like this before!" 4. "Ugh, there is so much traffic ahead. And I feel so pressured to meet my performance targets every time I hop on a bike." 	1
2.	<p>PART B Read the following text.</p>	10m
(1)	India is a country of many languages. The constitution recognises 22 languages officially, but over 121 unique languages have been identified in the country.	
(2)	To preserve and encourage the literary function of language, the government introduced 'classical languages' in 2004. According to the Ministry of Culture, a classical language is one that is at least 1,500 years old and has ancient, valuable literature recorded in it. Further, such a language is original and not derived from another language. Based on	
	these guidelines, six languages have been classified as classical languages: Tamil, Sanskrit, Kannada, Telugu, Malayalam and Odia.	

(3) The following graph shows the percentage of Indian people whose mother tongue is a classical language. This is as per data collected by the **census** of 2011. The census was not conducted in 2021 due to the pandemic.



(4) According to the graph, around 6.7% of the Indian population are native speakers of Telugu, whereas Sanskrit has been identified as a mother tongue by only 0.002% of the population, which is around 24,821 people. Malayalam has the second lowest number of native speakers, making up about 2.9% of Indians.

(5) The 2011 census data also noted that a majority of the native speakers reside in the area that their mother tongue originated from. For example, 93% of Kannada speakers live in Karnataka. Similarly, 93% of Malayalam speakers live in Kerala.

(6) Balancing preservation of culture and inclusivity is a delicate equation for a heterogeneous country like India. With growing awareness, concepts like 'classical languages' may help us achieve harmony.

Glossary:

census - a survey that is conducted every ten years to collect information about the population of the country

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above		
i	<p>Which of these pieces of information can be confirmed by reading the passage?</p> <p>(I) the number of people in India who speak Tamil (II) where the majority of native Sanskrit speakers live (III) the reason Malayalam is considered a classical language (IV) when the idea of classical languages was introduced in India</p> <p>A. Only (I) B. Only (IV) C. Only (I) and (II) D. Only (III) and (IV)</p>	1
ii	<p>Fill in the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets.</p> <p>Based on the passage, the _____ (functional/historical) value of a language is of utmost importance while (preserving/categorising) it as a classical language.</p>	1
iii	<p>Imagine that a committee was formed to ensure that classical languages have more native speakers by the time the next census is conducted. In 40 words, answer the following questions to help the committee achieve its objective.</p> <p>(1) Which classical language needs its attention most urgently and why? (2) Which classical language would be THIRD on its priority?</p>	2
iv	<p>State an example from the passage that shows that India is a '<i>heterogeneous country</i>'. Answer in one sentence.</p>	1
v	<p>Why has the writer stated the following line in the passage? Give a reason.</p> <p><i>The census was not conducted in 2021 due to the pandemic.</i></p>	1
vi	<p>Complete the sentence based on information from the passage.</p> <p>If Tamil originated from Tamil Nadu, we can infer that _____ of the native Tamil speakers would be living in Tamil Nadu.</p>	1

vii	Which of these hypothetical situations would help India achieve harmony? Justify your answer in about 40 words. (a) if the majority of Indians who speak a classical language are settled abroad (b) if more languages from remote and tribal areas of India are identified as classical languages	1
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	(c) if the percentage of Indians who are native Telugu speakers increases to more than 10 percent	
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viii	Which of these sentences uses ' <u>delicate</u> ' in the same way as paragraph (6) does? A. She looked beautiful in the dress with the <u>delicate</u> floral pattern. B. He was frequently admitted to the hospital due to his <u>delicate</u> health. C. This discussion will require careful consideration as it is a <u>delicate</u> matter. D. Please handle these <u>delicate</u> items carefully during transportation as they break easily.	1
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SECTION B: WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR (20 marks)

	PART A- GRAMMAR	1 x 10
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i	Fill in the blanks with the correct auxiliary verb The children _____ playing in the ground. a) are b) was c) is d) can	1
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ii	Supply a suitable adverb for the sentence George laughs _____	1
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iii	Fill in the blanks with the correct auxiliary verb Joseph _____ sing a song for us. a) has b) is c) will d) was	1
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iv	Fill in the blanks with the correct auxiliary verb Neither the student nor the teacher _____ present. a) were b) is c) shall d) are	1
v	Convert the adjective <i>gloomy</i> into its respective adverb	1

vi	Complete the sentences (vi-ix) by writing the correct form of the tense. Lisa will be _____ (write) the entrance exam tomorrow. a) written b) writes c) wrote d) writing	1
vii	The student had _____ (go), when the teacher entered the class a) go b) went c) gone d) goes	1
viii	Arun _____ (teach) well. a) teached b) teaching c) teaches d) teaches	1
ix	The train _____ (leave) the station when I _____ reached	1
x	Simon _____ (attend) the programme tomorrow.	1

PART B- WRITING		10
4.A	<p>You are Nehal Kumar, Head of the Computer Club at Sunshine School, Noida. Digital literacy refers to someone's ability to use digital technology to find, evaluate, create and communicate information. You believe that digital literacy and navigating the digital world responsibly are crucial in today's technology-dependent age.</p> <p>Write a letter to the Editor of a national daily, in about 120 words, stressing the need to promote digital literacy among individuals of all age groups. Discuss the benefits and challenges of digital technology, and propose initiatives to empower people with digital skills.</p>	5
OR		
4.B	<p>You are Ishaq Shah, of Starlight Apartments, Trivandrum. You recently read an article that stated that an average Indian wastes approximately fifty kilograms of food per year. Write a letter to the Editor of a national daily, in about 120 words, expressing your concerns about the alarming amount of food waste in the country. Share practical ideas and suggestions for reducing food waste at home and encourage readers to distribute surplus food to those in need.</p>	5
5.A	<p>Mount Carmel School, Chennai is hosting a state Football tournament for Middle School Students. As the Sports Club Secretary of the same school write a notice to be published on the notice board. You are Midhuna/Midhun.</p>	5

SECTION D: LITERATURE
CORE TEXTBOOK (*Beehive*) AND SUPPLEMENTARY READING
TEXT (*Moments*) (40 marks)

Answer the following questions (6-10) in about 40-50 words. (2 x 5=10)

6	<p><i>"He came to the door of a cottage In travelling round the earth."</i></p> <p>Who is he mentioned in these lines and what is he doing?</p>	
7	Why does the poet plead with the wind to blow softly?	
8	What does <i>"how way leads on to way"</i> mean?	
9	<i>"The sound was a familiar one."</i> What sound did the doctor hear?	
10	What do you mean by the literary genre Play?	

Answer the following questions in about 60-80 words. (4 x 5=20)

11	Who was Albert Einstein? Craft a paragraph detailing his life, accomplishments, and experiences.	
12	<p>Annotate the following lines</p> <p><i>"I will arise and go now, and go to Innisfree, And a small cabin build there, of clay and wattles made; Nine bean-rows will I have there, a hive for the honey-bee" And live alone in the bee-loud glade.</i></p>	
13	In which story do Sue and Johnsy appear? Who are they? How are they living?	
14	Parents were in a hurry to reach the fair but the child was delaying them. How?	

15	Write about an incident that Einstein describes in his autobiography, <i>Wings of Fire</i> .	
Answer the following questions in about 100-120 words. (5 x 2=10)		
16	Santosh Yadav had all the qualities of a good mountaineer. Justify.	
17	Draft a character sketch of Sergei.	
THE END		