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ACADEMIC ENGLISH

IX (A)

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SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER

Maximum Marks: 100

Maximum Time: 3 hours

The question paper is divided into four sections.

Section A: Reading 15 marks

Section B: Writing 15 marks

Section C: Grammar 15 marks

Section D: Literature 35 marks

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SECTION A (Reading-15 Marks)

Q.1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow by writing the options that you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet. (5 Marks)

Imagine 100 people walking on a beach in the middle of the night, stopping every once in a while to search for turtle eggs and hatchlings! I was a part of this walk recently in the heart of Chennai in Tamil Nadu! Our aim was to take them to the safety of a 'hatchery'.

As we trudged along the beach, we came across the tractor-like tracks of a turtle that must have come ashore to lay her eggs. The tracks are unmistakable. These are caused by the feet and back flippers of the turtle as it drags itself across the sand. But try as we might, we could not locate the nest that the turtle must have dug to drop its eggs. An hour later, we came across another set of tracks, and this time located the nest.

As our expert guides dug, a wave of excitement went through the group...one by one, turtle hatchlings emerged from the hole. They began walking and we guided them to the sea so they could swim off. We found and released 87!

This night exercise has been a part of the unique "turtle walk" organized by conservationists in Chennai for the last 20 years! Every year when the nesting season of the Olive Ridley turtles comes around, people gather to patrol the beach every night. They ensure that no one digs up the eggs or hatchlings to eat them, and when they find eggs, they transfer them to a safe enclosed hatchery. Why do they need to do this? Because the Chennai beach is visited by thousands of people, and by dogs, and the turtles could easily be disturbed or dug up.

Another threat faced by the hatchling is the lighting across the beach. When they emerge from the nest, these turtles look for the brightest part of the horizon and head there. In natural conditions, this would be the sea. In Chennai, however, it is now brighter inland than at the sea! Chennai's turtle volunteers spend hours every night to ensure that this does not happen.

1. The Olive Ridley turtles come ashore

- (a) to lay eggs in nests
- (b) to enjoy the sand on the shore
- (c) to save themselves from bigger sea animals
- (d) to take rest

2. The author and others were looking for turtle eggs to

- (a) dig up the eggs and to eat them
- (b) keep them in show cases
- (c) transfer them to a safe enclosed hatchery
- (d) transfer them to a safe cage

3. Turtle eggs and hatchlings are in danger of

- (a) being dug up and eaten by people and dogs
- (b) being destroyed by children
- (c) being disturbed by bright light
- (d) being crushed by walkers on the beach

4. The hatchlings do not head towards the sea on their own because

- (a) they are too young to know the direction
- (b) they are attracted towards the bright lights inland
- (c) they are afraid of going to the sea

(d) the sea waves are very strong

5. the word in the passage which means the same as “people engaged in protection of valued resources” is

- a. guides
- b. conservationists
- c. volunteers
- d. flippers

Q.2. Read the following passage and write the options that you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet. (5 Marks)

Ever wondered about those tall structures that are landmarks along every shore all over the world? Lighthouses. We see them in pictures and in movies and along every seashore. Tall, stately structures looking out to sea, warning the incoming ships of approaching land.

Did you know what served as a lighthouse in the early years? The locals from the area would light a fire at a height to warn boats of any impending dangers like rocks or even land. The early constructors of lighthouse included the Greeks, Romans and Phoenicians.

How do you think these lighthouses showed the way to incoming ships? Those were the days when technology had not taken over the world. The lighthouses used lamps to guide the ships. However, these lamps could throw light only as far as a few miles into the sea. It was only much later that mirrors, prisms, electricity and the automatic working of a lighthouse came to be. It is indeed amazing what these stately structures out in lonely locations across the world mean to the sailors as they near land after days out at sea.

Did you know that the Lighthouse of Alexandria is one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World? It was located on the island of Pharos in Egypt and it was built in 290 BC. The lighthouse used fire at night and reflected the sunrays during the day to warn sailors of land. This monument is a legacy in the world today although it was destroyed by several earthquakes that hit it in the 1300s. Today, in its place stands a fort built in 1480 using the marble and stones from the lighthouse, a breathtaking structure that came down ravaged by nature.

1. Lighthouses are built

- (a) to show direction to the ships
- (b) to warn the ships of approaching land or rocks
- (c) to show technological development
- (d) to keep a check on the ships at the sea

2. Lighthouses used only fire in the early years because

- (a) electricity was yet to be discovered
- (b) technology was not used
- (c) automatic lighthouses had stopped working
- (d) sailors wanted only fire to be used

3. The fort built in 1480 is unique because

- (a) it is a legacy in the world today
- (b) it was destroyed by several earthquakes
- (c) it is a breathtaking structure savaged by nature
- (d) it was built with the marble and stones from the destroyed lighthouse

4. The lighthouse of Alexandria

- (a) is located on the island of Pharos in Egypt
- (b) was destroyed in the 1300's
- (c) helps sailors today
- (d) used electricity at night

5. An important building/ structure that is easy to recognize is called a

- (a) stately structure
- (b) tall structure
- (c) beacon
- (d) landmark

Q.3. Read the poem given below and answer the questions by writing the options that you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet. (5 marks)

In London Town

It was a bird of paradise

Over the roofs he flew

Children clapped their hands and cried: "How nice!

Look- his wings are blue!"

His body was of ruby red

His eyes were burning gold

All the grown-up people said

"What a pity the creature is not dead,

For then it could be sold"

One was braver than the rest,

He took a loaded gun

Aiming at the emerald chest

He shot the creature through the breast,

Down it fell in the sun.

It was not heavy, it was not fat

And folk began to stare

"We cannot eat it, that is flat!

And such outlandish feathers as that

Why, who could ever wear?"

They flung it in to the river brown

"A pity the creature died!"

Thus they said in London town

But all the children cried.

1) "Children clapped and cried" shows that

- (a) they were celebrating
- (b) they were happy and excited
- (c) they were very sad and emotional
- (d) they were shouting at each other

2) The grown ups were materialistic as

- (a) they wanted to eat the bird and sell its feathers
- (b) they wanted to throw the bird into the river
- (c) they wanted to sell the bird for a huge sum
- (d) they wanted to kill the bird to save their town

3) The adults do not have

- (a) the innocence of children
- (b) the wealth of the world
- (c) peace of mind
- (d) cruel feelings

4) The children were different from the grown ups as the children

- (a) were kind and liked the bird just as it was

- (b) they liked the bird for its colourful feathers
 (c) wept when the bird died
 (d) they stared at the outlandish bird in distaste

5) The word 'outlandish' here means

- (a) Out of land
 (b) Unusual and strange
 (c) Ordinary
 (d) Colourful

SECTION B (Writing- 15 Marks)

Q.4. Your younger brother Sahil spends time and money on the latest electronic gadgets like I- pods, playstations, mobiles, DVD'sets. He also spends most of his time playing games on these gadgets.

Write a letter advising him against the wastage of money and also the risk he is running to his health due to too much indulgence with these gadgets. Also ask him to play outdoor games **(100 words)**

Q.5. Children are the future of the nation. Schools and parents play a very important role in the development of the all-round personality of a child. Write an article on the topic "Role of School in a Child's Life". **(120 words) (6 marks)**

Hints: Importance of school for a child—Shaping of physical & mental health development of right attitude—character building—providing opportunities to develop talents in each child.

Q.6. Your school organised a cultural programme with the help of the local artists for raising funds to help an association for disabled children of your city. Write a report in 60 words for your school magazine. **(3 Marks)**

SECTION C (Grammar-15 Marks)

Q.7. Choose the most appropriate option from the ones given below to complete the following passage. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. Do not copy the whole passage. **(1X3= 3 Marks)**

We (a) _____ not be anxious about our life, food (b) _____ clothing, because heavenly father takes care (c) _____ everybody's necessities. This, (d) _____, does not mean (e) _____ we stop working and (f) _____ that He will provide for us.

- a) i) can ii) should iii) could iv) would
 b) i) but ii) and iii) though iv) yet
 c) i) in ii) for iii) of iv) to
 d) i) therefore ii) however iii) rather iv) but
 e) i) if ii) whether iii) what iv) that
 f) i) hope ii) hoping iii) hoped iv) hopes

Q.8. The underlined words in the following passage have not been used appropriately. Replace them by choosing the most appropriate option from the ones given below the passage. Write your answers in your answer sheet with the correct number. Do not copy the whole passage. **(1x3= 3 Marks)**

Residents of neighbouring colonies could be seen (a) packed their valuables and moving out to safer areas. As an (b) emergent measure, five companies of police were posted in the adjoining colonies for the (c) protect of the life and property of the residents. **(1X3= 3 Marks)**

- (a) (i) pack (ii) packing (iii) packet (iv) packer
 (b) (i) emergence (ii) emergency (iii) emerged (iv) emerging
 (c) (i) protection (ii) protected (iii) protecting (iv) protector

Q.9. Read the following dialogue and then complete the report by choosing the correct options given below. Write your answers in your answer sheet with correct blank number. Do not copy the dialogue and the report. **(1X3= 3 Marks)**

Shylock: I am unwell.

Duke: What can I do for you, Sir?

Shylock: Will you take me to the doctor?

Duke: Yes, Sir.

Shylock told the Duke (a)_____. The Duke asked respectfully (b)_____. Shylock asked the Duke (c)_____. The Duke replied in the affirmative.

(a) (i) that he is unwell (ii) that I am unwell

(iii) that he was unwell (iv) If he was unwell

(b) (i) what he could do for him (ii) what could he do for him

(iii) what he can do for him (iv) if he could do for him

(c) (i) would he take him to the doctor (ii) if he would take him to the doctor

(iii) that he could take him to the doctor (iv) if he would take me to the doctor

Q.10. Complete the following passage by choosing the correct passive form of the verbs given in brackets from the alternatives given. Write your answers in the answer sheet against the correct blank number. **(1X3=3 Marks)**

People of Delhi (a)_____ (loot) and massacred by the soldiers of Nadir Shah in 1739. It

(b)_____ (write) in history that many important buildings (c)_____ (destroy) by him.

(a) (i) are looted (ii) were looted (iii) had been looted (iv) have been looted

(b) (i) is written (ii) were written (iii) have written (iv) had written

(c) (i) had destroyed (ii) have destroyed (iii) were destroyed (iv) was destroyed

Q.11. Complete the dialogue by choosing the correct alternative from those given below. Write your answers in the answer sheet against the correct blank number. **(1X3=3 Marks)**

The teacher asked his student about (a)_____ on extra reading. The student said that he read for at least two hours everyday. The teacher enquired (b)_____.

The student told him that he was interested in comics. The teacher advised him to read the newspapers also but the student said that he did not know (c)_____ since it contained many items.

(a) (i) how much time do you spend? (ii) what time you spend

(iii) how much time he spent (iv) which time he spent

(b) (i) which books did interest most. (ii) which books interested him most

(iii) which are books interested in (iv) what books interested him the most

(c) (i) what to do with it (ii) what he read in the newspaper

(iii) where to read in a newspaper (iv) what to read in a newspaper

SECTION D (TEXTBOOK-35 Marks) Beehive (Prose)

SECTION D (LITERATURE – 35 MARKS)

Q13. Read the given extracts and answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate option. **(3x3=9 Marks)**

(1) Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,

And sorry I could not travel both

And be one traveler, long I stood

And looked down one as far as I could

To where it bent in the undergrowth.

1. The poet 'looked down one' as far as he could because he

i) was trying to see where it ended

- ii) wanted to take that road
- iii) was deciding which road to take
- iv) was unhappy that he could not take that road too

2. The tone of the poet is one of

- i) apology ii) regret iii) despair iv) anxiety

3. The roads represent the

- i) difficulties one faces in life
- ii) paths one takes while travelling in a forest
- iii) choices in life
- iv) profession one chooses

(2) By mid-April neighbours saw a daily struggle in front of Marcy's house. Out on the side walk they saw the dog pull his leash taut, then stand and wait.

- a. What was the struggle the neighbours witnessed?
- b. Why did the dog stand and wait?
- c. What was the final outcome of the struggle?

(3) Jeanne: What on earth have you done?

Gaston: I? Made a hundred thousand francs and a Carot!

- 1. How has Gaston made a hundred thousand francs?
- 2. Mention any two characteristics displayed by Gaston when he made a hundred thousand francs.
- 3. What is the Carot being referred to here?

Q14. Answer any FOUR of the following questions in about 30 – 40 words each. (2 x 4 = 8 marks)

- 1. How do we know that Lord Ullin forgave his daughter for eloping with her lover?
- 2. What are the guesses the poet makes with regard to the Solitary Reaper's song?
- 3. Why was Sudha Murty surprised when her grandmother touched her feet?
- 4. Which road does Robert Frost choose and why?
- 5. How and why does the Brook 'bicker'?

Q15. After Duke's death, Marcy was asked to write an article for the local newspaper. She decides to write on the topic – 'A dog is a man's best friend'. Write it for her in about 150 words.

OR

You are Juliette. You feel duped and cheated by Gaston. You decide to take legal action against him. Write a letter to your friend in about 150 words, sharing this incident and the action you plan to take against him. (8 marks)

Q16. Draw the character sketch of Lemuel Gulliver. 10 marks

Or

Why did the three friends want go for that trip?