

**Sample Paper – 2010**  
**Class – IX**  
**Subject – English**  
**Trial Exam 1 – (2009-10)**

**Time: 3 hours**

This paper consists of four sections.

Section A – Reading	20 marks
Section B – Writing	20 marks
Section C – Grammar	20 marks
Section D – Literature	20 marks

Instructions:

1. Attempt all questions.
2. Do not write anything in the question paper.
3. All the answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper and written in the answer sheet provided to you.
4. Attempt all questions in each section before going on to the next section.
5. Read each question carefully and follow the instructions.
6. Strictly adhere to the word limit given with each question. Marks will be deducted for exceeding the word limit.

**SECTION A – READING**

**Q1. Read the given passage carefully:**

**[05]**

My next pet was a pigeon the most revolting bird to look at, with his feathers pushing through the wrinkled scarlet skin, mixed with the horrible yellow down that covers baby pigeons and makes them look as though they have been peroxidizing their hair. Because of his repulsive and obese appearance, we called him Quasimodo the name without realizing the implications, I agreed.

Since he had an unorthodox upbringing, without parents to teach him Quasimodo became convinced that he was not a bird at all, and refused to fly. He walked everywhere. He was always eager to join us in anything we did. He would even try to come for walks with us. So you had to either carry him on your shoulder, which was risking an accident to your clothes, or else you let him walk behind. If you let him walk, then you had to slow down your own pace to suit his, for should you get too far ahead you would hear the most frantic and imploring coos and turn around to find Quasimodo running desperately after you.

Gerald Durrell: *Adapted from My Family and Other Animals*

**Read the questions given below and write the option you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet:**

**1. The narrator describes the pigeon as a 'revolting bird' because:**

- (a) he could not fly.
- (b) he had to be carried everywhere.
- (c) he had wrinkled skin covered with yellow feathers.
- (d) he was fat.

**2. Quasimodo got his name because**

- (a) he was fat and ugly.
- (b) he was attractive.
- (c) he could not fly.
- (d) he loved behaving like human beings.

**3. We know that Quasimodo was always eager to go on walks because**

- (a) he walked everywhere.
- (b) he did not know how to fly.
- (c) he complained loudly if he was not taken along.
- (d) he always copied whatever humans did.

**4. Quasimodo protested when he was**

- (a) left at home.
- (b) lifted on human shoulders.
- (c) taken for a walk.
- (d) left behind during walks.

**5. The phrase 'risking an accident to your clothes' means**

- (a) the bird pecked at their clothes.
- (b) there was a chance of the bird soiling their clothes.
- (c) the bird risked a fall.
- (d) the bird did not like their clothes.

**Q2. Read the given poem carefully:**

**[05]**

**LAW OF THE JUNGLE**

*I have heard  
There is a law of the jungle  
I have heard when the lion has eaten his fill  
He never attacks  
He goes to lie under dense shady trees  
And when the rough gusts  
Shake branches of trees  
The mynah leaving her own young Covers the frail crow's eggs  
With her protective wings.  
I have heard  
When any bird-young falls out of the nest  
The entire jungle wakes to rescue.  
I have heard  
When the weaver bird's nest  
Reflects on the lake  
The silvery fishes adopt it as neighbour.  
And if a rough storm breaks the foot-bridge.  
Then on a wooden plank*

*Squirrel, snake, goat and cheetah walk in a file.*

*I have heard  
There is a law of the jungle  
O God. All Powerful. All Seeing. All Wise.  
In this my city  
Proclaim a law,  
Even the law of the jungle*

*Translated from the Urdu by Syeda Hameed*

**Read the questions given below and write the option you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet :**

**1. The lines '.....when the lion has eaten his fill he never attacks' mean that the lion**

- I (a) becomes lazy on full stomach.  
(b) kills only to survive.  
(c) does not attack an easy prey.  
(d) likes to sleep under the shady tree. !?

**2. In case of a natural calamity, all the animals**

- (a) run helter-skelter.  
(b) create confusion.  
(c) protect/safeguard each other.  
(d) take cover in others' home.

**3. "I have heard when the lion has eaten his fill, he never attacks"**

The emotion conveyed through the above line is:

- (a) contentment.  
(b) selflessness.  
(c) community feeling.  
(d) co-operation.

**4. 'Proclaim a law' means**

- (a) make an announcement  
(b) break a law  
(c) change the law  
(d) amend the city law

**5. The poet prays to God for**

- (a) turning the city into a jungle  
(b) making people more empathetic/understanding  
(c) killing all animals  
(d) letting animals rule man

**Q3. Read the given passage carefully:**

**[05]**

1. The Galapagos Islands in the Pacific Ocean are a rocky, lonely spot, but they are also one of the most unusual places in the world. The reason is that they are the home of some of the last giant tortoises left on earth.

2. Weighing hundreds of pounds, these tortoises, wander slowly around the rocks and sand of the islands. Each of these islands has its own particular kinds of tortoise. There are seven different kinds of tortoises on the eight islands.
3. Hundreds of years ago, thousands of tortoises wandered around these islands. All that changed when people started landing there. When people first arrived, their ships had no refrigerators. This meant that fresh food was always a problem for the sailors on board. The giant tortoises provided a solution to this problem.
4. Ships would anchor off the islands, and crew would seize as many tortoises as they could. Once the animals were aboard the ship, the crew would roll the tortoises onto their backs and use them for soups and stews.

**Read the questions given below and write the option you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet:**

**1. The author calls, the Galapagos Islands, an unusual place because:**

- (a) they are in the pacific ocean.
- (b) the endangered giant tortoises are found there.
- (c) they are rocky and lonely spots.
- (d) they are located off the western coast of South America.

**2. Which statement is correct ?**

- (a) There is one kind of tortoise found on the seven islands.
- (b) There are eight kinds of tortoise found on the eight islands.
- (c) There are seven kinds of tortoise found on the eight islands.
- (d) All the tortoises are on one island.

**3. Explain: The giant tortoises provided a solution to the problem of not having refrigerators because**

- (a) the sailors went looking for refrigerators as they were starving.
- (b) fresh food was available in plenty as the sea was vast.
- (c) the fresh giant tortoise could be killed and eaten whenever the sailors were hungry.
- (d) the sailors seized the tortoise to store in refrigerators, incase they did not find.

**4. 'Ships would anchor off the islands' means :**

- (a) Ships would go off.
- (b) Ships would be near the shore.
- (c) Ships would be off to another land.
- (d) Ships would go to another island.

**5. In paragraph 4 the word 'crew' means :**

- (a) the new settlers.
- (b) men arriving on Galapagos islands.
- (c) men working on the ships.
- (d) men catching the tortoises.

**Q4. Read the given passage carefully:**

**[05]**

The idea of euthanasia, of hastening the death of someone from motives of compassion, covers two main situations. The first is where someone is close to death and can be kept alive briefly, with intensive medical care. The official reason for the use of every possible technique on patients, for whom there seems, no hope is that we never know that there is no hope of at least a brief recovery.

The second situation, in which it is proposed to end the life of someone who is not expected to die at once from natural causes, is more morally doubtful. In so far as the suggestion may be based on the notion of the 'quality of life' experienced by the patient, this is an inadequate approach to human beings.

At one extreme we may be dealing with a birth that cannot be called 'human' at all: such a being likely to live at the most for only a few hours. Many feel that during this time it ought to be given ordinary nursing care. Bringing to an end of the life of say, a spastic child, by the deliberate refusal of the fullest medical care seems morally indefensible.

Adapted from: Michael Keeling.: *Morals in a Free Society*

**Read the questions given below and write the option you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet:**

**1. Euthanasia means:**

- (a) a place in Asia.
- (b) bringing about gentle and easy death.
- (c) enthusiasm.
- (d) the youth in Asia.

**2. One reason for trying all possible measures to save a person is**

- (a) death is horrifying.
- (b) there is possibility of recovery.
- (c) doctors need to be compassionate.
- (d) science may invent more sophisticated machines later.

**3. The people who argue for euthanasia advocate it saying**

- (a) the patient is not living a qualitative life.
- (b) we must not spend quality resources on a sick person.
- (c) we should not bother about the ailing.
- (d) it can be defended morally.

**4. The words '*.....dealing with a birth that cannot be called 'human' at all*' implies**

- (a) humans have no control over birth and death.
- (b) the person may survive only for a very brief period.
- (c) doctors are incapable of saving people.
- (d) the patient may want to die.

**5. The writer finds it unpardonable to:**

- (a) end the life of someone who is not expected to die at once from natural causes.
- (b) end the life of a spastic child.
- (c) end the life of an infant who is likely to live only for a few hours.
- (d) end the life of a human being.

**Section - B (Writing)**

**Q5. Given below is a profile of Mr. Raj, the school gardener. Write a short bio sketch of Mr. Raj. You may take the help of the clues given below:** **[04]**

- age-around 50 years

- height/weight-six feet, solid built
- family-large-six children, four boys, two girls
- education-high school
- his likes/dislikes-plant, nursery, manure, organic
- why he is popular/unpopular-believes children are like young saplings....

**Q6. You have just seen a girl walking in the rain. Last week you were also caught in a sudden shower of rain like her. Write an e-mail to your friend describing the experience (minimum 120 words). You may take help from the following points: [08]**

- unexpected rain
- no umbrella/raincoat
- completely drenched
- how you felt
- reactions of other passers-by
- condition of traffic/roads

**Q7. Mrs. Ghosh your teacher has recently retired after forty years of service to the school. You have been asked to interview her for the school magazine (minimum 150 words). Write an article based on the interview on the points given below: [08]**

- pleasant memories of the school
- reaction to the changes that have come into the schools/students in the last forty years
- plans on how to spend your retirement
- message for the students

### Section—C (Grammar)

**Q8. Choose the best word from the options given below to complete the following passage. [04]**

Most UFO sightings occur (a) \_\_\_\_\_ (at, in, on, during) the night, either late in the evening or in the early hours of the morning, (b)\_\_\_\_\_ (As, White, When, Often) they take place on a dark moonless night when the person (c) \_\_\_\_ (are, is, were, was) alone on a country road. This eerie atmosphere is perfect (d) \_\_\_\_\_ (of, for, off, on) playing tricks on a person's imagination. Police and newspaper officers are often swamped (e) \_\_\_\_\_ (in, for, with, among) calls when something strange is seen in the skies. (f)\_\_\_\_ (How, Then, Once, Before) an explanation is given, most people are happy to accept it. But (g)\_\_\_\_\_ (all, since, those, some) people are hard to convince. However, with (h)\_\_\_\_\_ (few, many, each, some) sightings, the interest is increasing.

**Q9. Edit the letter given below by choosing from the appropriate options: [04]**

A 21 Chanakyapuri

New Delhi

21 August 2009

Dear Sanjay

Your school (a) is going to be closed for the summer vacation (b) for next Monday, (c) Thereafter you will have a lot of time at your (d) dispersal. I (e) hence invite you to spend some days with me. My mother will (f)

happily see you. I am looking forward (g) towards it. Let me know. I will be there at the station (h) for receiving you.

Yours affectionately

Mukesh

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| (a) 1. is closing<br>2. closed<br>3. will be closing<br>4. will be closed | (b) 1. from<br>2. at<br>3. by<br>4. since   |
| (c) 1. because<br>2. hence<br>3. as<br>4. since                           | (d) 1. disposition<br>2. disapproval<br>3. disposal<br>4. deposit                           |
| (e) 1. therefore<br>2. must<br>3. shall<br>4. can                         | (f) 1. welcome you<br>2. be glad to see you<br>3. cheerfully see you<br>4. joyously see you |
| (g) 1. for<br>2. to<br>3. about<br>4. at                                  | (h) 1. to receive<br>2. receiving<br>3. receive<br>4. to have received                      |

**Q10. Complete the headlines by choosing the correct answer from the options below:**

**[04]**

**1. Ban on Smoking**

Smoking \_\_\_\_\_ in all public places.

- (a) is banned
- (b) has been banned
- (c) was banned
- (d) will be banned

**2. 12 injured as buses collide**

About \_\_\_\_\_ at the K.N.P. junction here today.

- (a) 12 persons were injured as two buses collided
- (b) 12 persons have been injured when two buses collided
- (c) 12 persons had been injured as two buses collided
- (d) 12 persons can be injured as two buses collided

**3. Drive against Liquor Mafia launched**

The police \_\_\_\_\_ engaged in smuggling of liquor to the state.

- (a) has launched a drive against the mafia who are
- (b) have launched a drive against the mafia that is
- (c) had launched a drive against mafia that will be
- (d) had launched a drive against mafia who were

**4. China develops medical robot**

A polytechnic university in China\_\_\_\_\_ that can conduct surgeries.

- (a) have developed a medical robot
- (b) has developed a medical robot
- (c) is developing a medical robot
- (d) will be developing a medial robot

**Q11. Complete the dialogue choosing the correct option:**

**[04]**

Manu : I am really thrilled about our trip to South India. I have heard it has some wonderful beaches. I don't know (a) \_\_\_\_\_ when I will find myself standing before the vast sea.

Arun : Yes, it is a wonderful experience to see the vast waves rising and striking the beach.

Manu : Tell me, (b) \_\_\_\_\_ Goa ?

Arun : We shall reach within two days as we are going there first. Do you know (c) \_\_\_\_\_ since it's your first trip outside ?

Manu : Oh my God! I forgot that completely. Actually I had (d) \_\_\_\_\_, but the excitement was so much that it escaped my mind completely.

- (a) (i) what to do
- (ii) how I shall feel
- (iii) what I will do
- (iv) wha will I do.
- (b) (i) when we shall reach
- (ii) when we will reach
- (iii) when shall we reach
- (iv) when will we reach
- (c) (i) where you will go
- (ii) what you will do
- (iii) what to carry
- (iv) what you will carry
- (d) (i) come to you to know that
- (ii) come to tell you that
- (iii) come to ask you that
- (iv) come to ask that from you

**Q12. Read the conversation between a patient and a receptionist at a doctor's clinic. Then complete the following in reported speech by choosing from the options given below: [04]**



Patient : Can I have an appointment with the doctor this evening? I am very sick.  
 Receptionist : I'm sorry. There's a long waiting list. You will have to wait for at least two weeks.  
 Patient : But by then I could be dead.  
 Receptionist : No problem. If your wife informs me, I can cancel the appointment.

**1. A patient went to his doctor's clinic and asked the receptionist \_\_\_\_\_**

- (a) can I have an appointment with the doctor that evening ?
- (b) whether I can have an appointment with the doctor that evening.
- (c) whether he can have an appointment with the doctor that evening.
- (d) whether he could have an appointment with the doctor that evening.

**2. The receptionist \_\_\_\_\_**

- (a) said sorry, there's a long waiting list.
- (b) apologized saying that there was a long waiting list.
- (c) said sorry that there was a long waiting list.
- (d) apologized me that there was a long waiting list.

**3. She further added that \_\_\_\_\_**

- (a) you would have to wait for at least two weeks.
- (b) he would be waiting for at least two weeks.
- (c) he would have to wait for at least two weeks.
- (d) he would be having to wait for at least two weeks.

**4. When the patient said that he could be dead by then, the receptionist calmly replied that \_\_\_\_\_**

- (a) there is no problem, if my wife informs me, I can cancel the appointment.
- (b) there was no problem, if my wife informs me, she can cancel the appointment.
- (c) there was no problem, if his wife informed her, she could cancel the appointment.
- (d) there was no problem, if his wife informed him, she could cancel the appointment.

#### SECTION D — (Literature)

**D13. Read the following extract and answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate alternative from those given below :** [03]

*All the world's a stage  
 And all the men and women merely players:  
 They have exits and their entrances;  
 And one man in his time plays many parts,  
 His act being seven ages.*

**1. The poetic device used in these lines is :**

- (a) Simile
- (b) Irony
- (c) Metaphor

(d) Alliteration

**2. What does the term 'player' in line 2 means:**

- (a) sports people in the world,
- (b) actors in a theater.
- (c) performers on the stage of life.
- (d) members of an opposing team.

**3. 'Exits and entrances' mean:**

- (a) death and birth,
- (b) in and out.
- (c) a passage.
- (d) back and forth.

**14. Read the extract and answer the following questions by choosing the option you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet: [03]**

*"Oh, Mon Dieu ! It is hopeless. We shall have nothing left. His estate is sold, savings have gone. His furniture, everything. Were it not for my little dot we should starve! And now my beautiful salt cellars"*

**1. Who is speaking about whom?**

- (a) Marie about the Bishop,
- (b) Bishop about Persome.
- (c) Persome about the Bishop.
- (d) Persome about Marie.

**2. He has sold everything to**

- (a) help Marie,
- (b) arrange for his sister's marriage.
- (c) pay Mere Gringoire's rent.
- (d) help the poor.

**3. The word 'dot' means:**

- (a) a dress
- (b) Persome's dowry.
- (c) a woman's income
- (d) the speaker's pocket money.

**15. Answer any four of the following questions in 3-4 sentences each:**

**[2X4=8]**

- (i) What makes Robert Frost make the choice of the road 'less travelled by'?
- (ii) What were John Perkins' thoughts as he walked slowly towards his flat?
- (iii) How does Rabindranath Tagore use the three senses to remind the child of his mother?
- (iv) How did Lord Ullin feel standing at the fatal share?
- (v) Why did the Rani get angry with Jaimall?

**16. Answer any one of the following:**

**[06]**

Compare and contrast the characters of Mr. John Perkins and Mr. Loisel, highlighting their role as a husband.

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