2019
CLASS-IX
ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH

Total marks: 80   Time: 3 hours

General instructions:

i)   *Approximately 15 minutes is allotted to read the question paper and revise the answers.*

ii)   *The question paper consists of 21 questions. All questions are compulsory.*

iii)   *Internal choice has been provided in some questions.*

iv)   *Marks allocated to every question are indicated against it.*

N.B: Check that all pages of the question paper are complete as indicated on the top left side.

Unit – I (Reading)

1. **Read the passage and answer the questions that follow:**

         A lady worked at a meat distribution factory. One day, when she finished with her work schedule, she went into the meat cold room i.e., the freezer to inspect something, but in a moment of misfortune, the door closed and she was locked inside with no help in sight. Although she screamed and knocked with all her might, her cries went unheard as no one could hear her. Most of the workers had already gone, and outside the cold room it's impossible to hear what was going on inside. Five hours later, whilst she was at the verge of death, the security guard of the factory eventually opened the door. She was miraculously saved from dying that day. When she later asked the security guard how he had come to open the door, which wasn't his usual work routine, this was his explanation:

         "I've been working in this factory for 35 years. Hundreds of workers come in and out every day, but you're one of the few who greet me in the morning and say goodbye to me every evening when leaving after work. Many treat me as if I'm invisible. Today, as you reported for work, like all other days, you greeted me in your simple manner 'Hello'. But this evening after work, I curiously observed that I had not heard your 'Bye, see you tomorrow'. Hence I decided to check around the factory. I look forward to your 'Hi' and 'Bye' every day because they remind me that I am someone. By not hearing your farewell today, I knew something had happened. That's why I was searching for you everywhere."

     a.   For how long was the lady trapped in the cold room?   **1**

     b.   What was a moment of misfortune for the lady?   **1**

     c.   Why did the security guard come back?   **1**

     d.   What does the security guard look forward to everyday and why?   **2**

2. **Read the poem and answer the questions that follow:**

         <u>A River's Run</u>
         Just like a river,
         Life goes on and on,
         Sometimes it gets shallow,
         And sometimes it gets deep,
         The churning is like a whirl wind,
         That tries to blow you away,
         But somehow you hold your ground,
         And always stay,
         The sun beats down,
         And tries to make you fade away,
         But you must go on 'cause the river runs'
         Because things count on you to survive
         And thrive on what you have to offer,
         So don't go missing cause,
         The river must run.   (Kathryn Miller)

A. Complete the following sentences: **1x3=3**
   i.   _____ is endless, just like a river
   ii. A river has a certain flow, sometimes it gets _____ and sometimes _____

B. State whether the following statements are true or false: **4x½=2**
   i.   The river has a path that never changes.
   ii.   Its flow is very smooth.
   iii. We should hold our ground during difficult times.
   iv.   Life has both happy and sad phases.

Unit – II (Writing and Applied Grammar)

3. Write a story in about 100-150 words using the clues provided.   **6**
    Yanbo-16 years old- returns after school-next door building- thick smoke from window- old couple lives there- he must take immediate action.

4. **a.** Write a dialogue between two neighbours about the extreme weather condition in about 100-150 words.   **6**

Or

   b. Write an article in about 100-150 words on the topic, '*Books- Our Best Companion.*'

5. **Rewrite the sentences as directed in the brackets:**   **2x1=2**
   a. Chimpanzee is an extremely intelligent animal. (*Insert the suitable article wherever necessary*)
   b. You _____ have shouted at him, he is really upset. (*Fill in the blanks with appropriate Modal.*)

6. **Put the following words in the right order:**   **2x1=2**
   a. today/I/can't/a/you/give/lift.
   b. doing/cooking/a/course/these/I/days/am/in.

7. **Change these sentences into reported speech:**   **2x1=2**
   a. He said, "I bought an X-Ray machine recently."
   b. The labourer said, "We may come tomorrow."

8. **Put commas, exclamation marks, quotation marks and apostrophes wherever necessary:**   **4x½=2**
   a. They will meet on Sunday 15 November 2019.
   b. Youve got to shift closer to your college don't you?

Unit – III (Literature)

9. **Choose the correct answer from the alternatives given:**   **10x1=10**
(a) What did the two brothers take up as their permanent profession?
   (i) Hunting   (ii) Trapping
   (iii) Poaching   (iv) Cultivating
(b) What shapes one's 'wings of fire' to attain great achievements in life according to APJ Abdul Kalam?
   (i) Creativity   (ii) Righteousness
   (iii) Education   (iv) Courage
(c) What is the utmost skill of a happy man?
   (i) Simple truth   (ii) Flattery
   (iii) Praise   (iv) Envy
(d) Who ended up marrying a princess in the story of Ivan, the fool?
   (i) Jester   (ii) Mason
   (iii) Ivan   (iv) Devil
(e) What is the effect of Science?
   (i) Hinders creativity   (ii) Causes death
   (iii) Feeds the vulture   (iv) Creates goddess
(f) How many hours did Hans walk to reach the doctor's house?
   (i) 5 hours   (ii) 4 hours
   (iii) 3 hours   (iv) 2 hours

(g) With what did Ivan want to build houses for his brothers?
    (i) Oak   (ii) Rosewood
    (iii) Straw   (iv) Pinewood

(h) What did the son lose in the poem, 'Mother's Tears'?
    (i) Happiness   (ii) Innocence
    (iii) Money   (iv) Eyesight

(i) When did the Tunguska Event occur?
    (i) July 30, 1908   (ii) August 30, 1908
    (iii) June 30, 1908   (iv) May 30, 1908

(j) Whose birthday is celebrated as 'Women's Day'?
    (i) Dr.Sedengulie   (ii) Lhusi Haralu
    (iii) Sarojini Naidu   (iv) Madam Curie

Answer the following questions in about 20-25 words: **5x2=10**

10. How does the poet portray science in the poem, 'Sonnet To Science'?
11. Where did Ivan live? What did he do for a living? (*The Tale of Ivan the Fool*)
12. What is the simple method of preserving the liberties of all? (*On the Rule of the Road*)
13. Why didn't the Mason come to repair the Devil's roof? (*The Tale of Ivan the Fool*)
14. Where will one acquire knowledge according to Abdul Kalam?

Answer the following questions in about 40-45 words: **5x4=20**

15. Is Gardiner's policeman a symbol of tyranny or liberty? Explain. (*On the Rule of the Road*)
16. Name any two explanations offered for the Tunguska Event. Why are these explanations not plausible?   (2+2=4)
17. "*My work is the easiest*."   (*The Tale of Ivan the Fool*)
    a. Who is the speaker here?   (1)
    b. Why did the speaker say this?   (1)
    c. What is the speaker's plan?   (2)
18. '*I'm not a family man. In fact, I have never been married and I never intend to be.*' (*The Devoted Friend*)
    a. Who is the speaker here?   (1)
    b. Why did the speaker say this?   (3)
19. a. What do you think is the duty of a child to his/ her parents? (*Mother's Tears*)

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  b. '*The entire village had organised a thorough search, but gave it up when they found the footprints of the Ogress at their trapping site*.'
    i. For whom did the village organise a thorough search?   (1)
    ii. Why did the villagers give up the search on finding the Ogress' footprints?   (3)

Read the lines and answer the questions that follow in about 50-60 words: **2x5=10**

20. '*He went to Ivan in the disguise of a general and tried to urge him to raise an army.*'
    (*The Tale of Ivan the Fool*)
    a. Who disguised as a general?   (1)
    b. What was 'he' looking for?   (2)
    c. What is 'his' offer?   (2)
21. 'Oh thou who mad'st me of Thy breath,
  Speak, Master, and reveal to me
  Thine inmost laws of life and death.' (*The Soul's Prayer*)
    a. Who is the speaker here?   (1)
    b. To whom is the Master referred here?   (1)
    c. What is the speaker's prayer to the Master?   (3)

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