

**2019**  
**CLASS - IX**  
**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) All questions are compulsory.
- iii) The question paper consists of 18 questions, divided into Units I, II, III and IV.
- iv) Internal option is given in some questions.
- v) Marks allocated to every question are indicated against it.

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

**UNIT – I (Literature)**

**Answer the following questions:**

1. How did Rip Van Winkle spend his days? **3**
2. What does the author Chief Seathl want the white man to teach his children? **3**
3. How have the Americans simplified the language? Give examples. **3**
4. Describe in your own words the incident where T.Ao was given the title of 'Barefooted Genius'. **5**

**Or**

Explain the transformation in Scrooge after his experiences with the ghosts. Discuss the sights shown by the Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come. (2+3=5)

5. **Answer either 5(i) or 5 (ii) or 5 (iii)** **5**

**(i)** Read the lines and answer the questions that follow:

(a) *'O haste thee, haste!' the lady cries,  
'Though tempests round us gather;  
I'll meet the raging of the skies,  
But not an angry father.'*

- (i) Who said this and to whom? (1)
- (ii) Who were they fleeing from? (1)

(b) *I dreamed I saw a room somewhere,  
And the room was full of men and women.  
And the paper they were signing said  
'We'll never fight again!'*

- (i) Who were sitting in the room? (1)
- (ii) Why were they there? (2)

**(ii)** 'On the echoing green' - is repeated twice in the poem. Why do you think it is repeated? (5)

**(iii)** Give the summary of the poem, "Mirror". (5)

6. Persome: *You told him she was feeling poorly did you? And so my brother is to be kept out of his bed, and go without his supper because you told him she was feeling poorly. There's gratitude for you!*
- (i) Who is the speaker talking to? **1**
- (ii) Why is she angry? **2**
7. Why did the convict steal the candlesticks? **3**
- Or**
- Why did the Bishop not go to the police?

**UNIT – II (Reading)**

8. **Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:**

Cardamom, the queen of all spices, has a history as old as the human race. It is the dried fruit of a herbaceous perennial plant. Warm humid climate, loamy soil rich in organic matter, distributed rainfall and special cultivation and processing methods all combine to make Indian cardamom truly unique in aroma, flavour, size and it has a parrot green colour. Two types of cardamom are produced in India. The first type is the large one, which has not much significance as it is not traded in the future market. It is cultivated in North-eastern area of the country. The second type is produced in the Southern states and these are traded in the future market. These are mainly cultivated in Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka. As per the future market rules, only 7 mm quality was previously traded in exchanges. But later, it relaxed its norms, and now 6 mm quality is also traded in the exchanges. The small variety, known for its exotic quality throughout the world, is now traded in India's commodity future exchanges. Traditional auction markets also exist for trading in small cardamom in the country. Cardamom is an expensive spice, second only to saffron. It is often adulterated and there are many inferior substitutes from cardamom-related plants such as Siam cardamom, Winged Java cardamom, etc. However, it is only Elettaria cardamom which is the true cardamom. Indian cardamom is known in two main varieties: Malabar cardamom and Mysore cardamom. The Mysore variety contains levels of cineol and limonene and hence is more aromatic. India was the world's largest producer and exporter of cardamom till the 1980s. However, by 1990 Guatemala emerged as the leading producer and exporter of cardamom. The main harvest season of cardamom in India is between August-February.

- (i) Answer the following questions:
- a. What makes the Indian cardamom unique? **1**
- b. Name two main varieties of cardamom in India. **1**
- c. What is special about the Mysore quality cardamom? **1**
- d. When is cardamom harvested in India? **2**
- (ii) Find words in the passage that are synonyms of: **3x1=3**
- a. costly
- b. fragrant
- c. make poor in quality by adding other substances

9. **Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:**

The picture perfect Dzükou valley is located at the border of Nagaland and Manipur at an altitude of more than 2000 meters. The valley is an ideal holiday place for trekking. The place is famous for its multicolored carpets of flowers in summer, tough bamboo brush, most notably the Dzükou lily which is found only in this valley. In winter, temperatures drop far

lower than one would expect in such tropical states, and the valley freezes, sometimes covered with white snow. The best month to visit the place is from the month of June to September as the monsoon does make the valley look even more refreshing and flowers breeze far and wide with lilies, aconitum and multi colored rhododendrons that display beauty across the valley. The routes to ascend this valley are Viswema and Jakhama village. One can stay at the guest house or can carry tents and sleeping bags to camp under the many natural caves to experience the real feel of the valley. In the morning, you will experience the most beautiful sunrise that lights up the whole landscape, giving you the most panoramic view of the valley. Dzükou valley is truly a land beyond imagination, a piece of heaven all year round and a perfect destination for trekkers.

- (i) Answer the following questions:
- a. How is the temperature in the valley during winter? 1
  - b. What is the valley famous for? 2
  - c. Why is it an ideal time to visit the valley during June to September? 2

- (ii) Complete the following by filling in the blanks: 3x1=3
- a. Dzükou valley is located at \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. The two routes to ascend this valley are \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. One can camp under the many natural \_\_\_\_\_ to experience the real feel of the valley.

10. **Read the poem carefully and fill in the blanks:**

**The Rose That Grew From Concrete**

Did you hear about the rose that grew  
 From a crack in the concrete?  
 Proving nature's law is wrong it  
 Learned to walk without having feet.  
 Funny it seems, but by keeping it's dreams,  
 It learned to breathe fresh air.  
 Long live the rose that grew from concrete  
 When no one else ever cared.

(Tupac Shakur)

Fill in the blanks and complete the summary of the poem: 8x 1/2=4

The poem speaks of a \_\_\_\_\_ that grew in the crack of the \_\_\_\_\_ and how it proved \_\_\_\_\_ wrong because it learned to \_\_\_\_\_ without \_\_\_\_\_. The lack of \_\_\_\_\_ and the surroundings were not a hindrance to the rose's growth because there was something stronger present that could urge it onward and upward. The poet claims that because the rose kept its \_\_\_\_\_, it was able to live a \_\_\_\_\_ life.

**UNIT – III (Writing)**

11. You are the editor of your school magazine. Draft a notice asking all the English teachers of your institution to get articles written by the students for the school magazine.

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You have gone for a holiday to a beautiful resort. You are truly inspired by the scenic beauty and the people of the place. Write an E-mail to your friend describing the place, people and culture.

12. Write a paragraph in about 80-100 words on, 'How to keep healthy' using the inputs given:

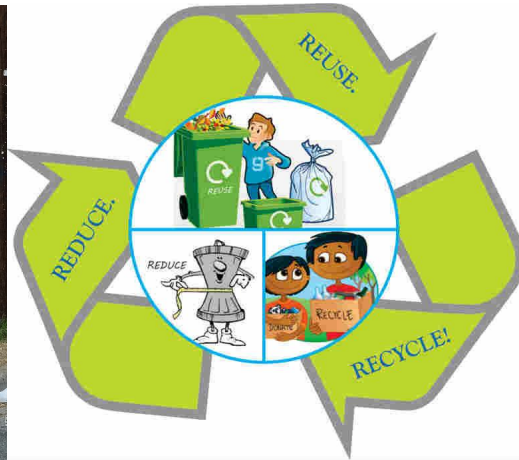
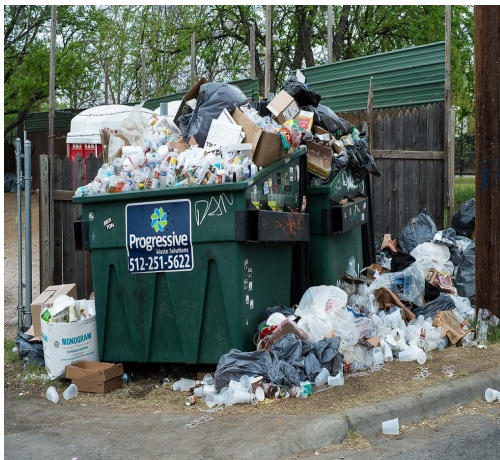
The value of health - rules for good health - necessary for happiness and success- proper diet, suitable exercise, fresh air, rest, avoidance of bad habits

Or

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Write a paragraph describing a memorable event that you have experienced.

13. Based on the visual and data input given below, write on "Proper waste management" in about 120-150 words: 5



common and alarming problem- growing urbanization- change in lifestyle- lack of waste management- health risks- comprises domestic , agricultural , industrial waste- recycling, composting, reuse

14. You are Ben. Write a letter to your cousin, telling him about the importance of sports and physical fitness. 7

**UNIT – IV (Grammar)**

15. There is an error in each line. Underline the error and write the correct word in the blank of each line: **6x½=3**

Our school library have just become functional.	(a) _____
It are an amazing building with two floors.	(b) _____
On the ground floor are the Reading Room with lots of tables and chairs.	(c) _____
This area provide ample space to sit and read.	(d) _____
On the first floor is the bookshelves stacked with books.	(e) _____
The books includes both fiction and non-fiction.	(f) _____

16. Change the narration: **3x1=3**

- (a) He said that he was unwell.
- (b) The teacher said to him, "Are you a scout?"
- (c) The doctor said to the patient, "Take medicine regularly."

17. Rewrite the following sentences using the correct tense of the verbs given in the brackets: **4x1=4**

- (a) The sun \_\_\_\_\_ (rise) in the East.
- (b) He \_\_\_\_\_ (come) just now.
- (c) The patient \_\_\_\_\_ (die) last night.
- (d) My sister \_\_\_\_\_ (get) married very soon.

18. Rewrite the given sentences as directed in the brackets: **5x1=5**

- (a) He has visited \_\_\_\_\_ foreign countries.(Fill in with a quantifier)
- (b) It takes \_\_\_\_\_ hour to get there. (Fill in with a suitable Article)
- (c) We inhale oxygen. ( Change the Voice)
- (d) The students watched the match \_\_\_\_\_. ( Fill in the blank with suitable Adverb)
- (e) I think that he will win the gold medal. (Name the kind of the underlined subordinate Clause)

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