

**2021**  
**CLASS – IX (Phase-2)**  
**ENGLISH**

Total marks : 40

Time: 1½ hours

**General instructions:**

- i) *Approximately 07 minutes is allotted to read the question paper and revise the answers.*
- ii) *All questions are compulsory.*
- iii) *The question paper consists of 9 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 to ensure 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 , according to the author, can the mongrelisation of English be prevented? (Toasted English)  

**Or**

What does the author want the white man to teach his children?  
(A Simple Philosophy) **3**
2. Which of the sights shown by the three ghosts affected Scrooge the most?  

**Or**

How do you think Scrooge changed his life after the visitations of the three ghosts? **3**
3. **Answer either 3(i) or 3(ii)** **5**  

(i) a. Read the lines and answer the question that follow:

*I know why I look a lot like my mother  
She's put much of her into my making  
After my birth, as well as before;  
More after my birth  
Because before my birth  
I was just a nebulous wish in her*

- (a) What does the poet look like? (1)
- (b) Why does she resemble her mother? (1)
- (c) What words show that the mother was looking forward to having her baby? (2)
- (d) What is the mood of the poet? (1)

**Or**

- b. Before the birth of the daughter, the mother had dreamt of an ideal daughter. How do you think her dreams were different from reality?(5)
- (ii) Give the summary of the poem 'The Echoing Green'. (5)

### UNIT – II (Reading)

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

One day George Washington was riding along a road. On his way, he saw some soldiers trying to lift a heavy beam. The corporal was giving them orders. The beam was too heavy to move without help. They needed just one man more. The Corporal, however would not help them. He thought, he was too big an officer to come down to the level of the soldiers. Washington watched for a minute and then asked the corporal why he did not help the soldiers. The corporal at once turned round and said, "Don't you know sir, that I am an officer?" Washington replied, "I beg your pardon, Mr. Corporal, I did not know that you were such a great man." Then he at once dismounted, took off his coat, rolled up his sleeves and pulled at the beam with all his might. The beam came up at once. Washington then mounted his horse again and said to the officer, "Mr. Corporal, if in future you need the help of another man, send for your General". The Corporal was ashamed. Washington, the first President of United States of America was a great man, indeed.

- i) Answer the following questions:
  - a. What did George Washington see when he was riding along the road? 1
  - b. Why could the soldiers not lift the beam? 1
  - c. Why did the Corporal not help the soldiers? 1
  - d. What did Washington say to the Corporal in the end? 2
- ii) Find words in the passage that has the same meaning as: **3x1=3**
  - a. got down
  - b. big
  - c. embarrassed

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

There will come soft rains and the smell of the ground,  
And swallows circling with their shimmering sound;

And frogs in the pools singing at night,  
And wild plum trees in tremulous white,

Robins will wear their feathery fire  
Whistling their whims on a low fence-wire;

And not one will know of the war, not one  
Will care at last when it is done.

Not one would mind, neither bird nor tree  
If mankind perished utterly;

And Spring herself, when she woke at dawn,  
Would scarcely know that we were gone.

(Sara Teasdale)

Fill in the blanks and complete the summary of the poem.

**8x½=4**

The poet says that the rain will bring out all the \_\_\_\_\_ in the ground. The \_\_\_\_\_ circlings, as well as frogs croaking in \_\_\_\_\_ of water at night. The robins are completely at ease sitting on a low \_\_\_\_\_. All the natural element will not care of the war and not notice when it is \_\_\_\_\_. They will never be impacted even if the whole mankind was to perish \_\_\_\_\_. The poet uses spring here as the birth of a new life. That if she \_\_\_\_\_ up to a world without human being, she would \_\_\_\_\_ know that we were gone.

**UNIT – III (Writing)**

6. Write a paragraph in about 80-100 words on ‘Benefits of Newspaper reading’ using the inputs given:

One of the most beneficial habits – helps update current affairs – politics, cinema, business, sports.etc – improves vocabulary – can speak fluently on various topics – above all dispels boredom.

**Or**

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Write a paragraph on ‘My Best Friend’ in 80-100 words.

7. Based on the visual input given below, write on ‘Cyber Crime’ in about 120-150 words. 5



**Alternate question for the visually impaired students:** (5)  
**Based on the inputs given below, write on ‘Say No to Plastic’ in about 120-150 words.**

-hazardous to environment – non-biodegradable – soil, water pollution  
 –effects animals on land – in the sea – prevent – proper disposal – cloth bags

**UNIT – IV (Grammar)**

8. Rewrite the given sentences as directed in the brackets: 3x1=3
- (a) I \_\_\_\_\_ (study) English for ten years .( Fill in the blank with the correct tense of the verb given in the bracket)
  - (b) Dancing is an art. (State whether the underlined verb is Finite or Non-Finite)
  - (c) If you want to sleep, I’ll turn off the television. ( Identify the Dependent clause)
9. Transform the following sentences as directed: 5x1=5
- (a) He asked me if I would come to the party. (State whether the given sentence is Direct or Indirect speech)
  - (b) They teach young children in that school. (Change the sentence into Passive voice)
  - (c) John said, “I have already seen the movie twice.” (Change into Indirect speech)
  - (d) The new book will be published by Harris Publishing House. (State whether the given sentence is in Active or Passive voice)
  - (e) The doctor told them to turn off their mobile phones. (Change into Direct Speech)

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