

2021

**CLASS-IX(Phase-2)  
ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH**

Total marks: 40

Time: 1½ hour

**General instructions:**

- i) *Approximately 8 minutes is allotted to read the question paper and revise the answers.*
- ii) *The question paper consists of 11 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 to ensure that all pages of the question paper are complete as indicated on the top left side.*

**Unit – I (Reading)**

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

I got up late for school today,  
And nearly missed the bus!  
I hurried down the stairs,  
Wolfed my toast, and caused a fuss!

I quickly threw books in my bag,  
My pens, my lunch, and shorts.  
Grabbed my coat from out the cupboard,  
Took my bat and ball for sports.

I slid across the kitchen floor,  
And hopped around the cat!  
Then expertly rolled over,  
Jumped back up and grabbed my hat!

I belted out of our front door,  
Spun round and swung it shut.  
Saw the bus was waiting for me,  
I felt I had time to strut!

I climbed abroad and then froze still,  
And knew that things weren't right!  
My friends fell down in fits of fun,  
And pointed with delight!

My face went red, I couldn't breathe,  
For in my haste I knew!  
I'd forgotten to wear trousers,  
Jumper, shirt, my socks, and shoes!

**Choose the correct option:**

**5x1=5**

- a. What happened when the poet got up late?
  - i. He was early for school
  - ii. He was late for school
  - iii. He was right on time for school
  
- b. Where was the poet's coat?
  - i. In the bag
  - ii. In the cupboard
  - iii. In the box

- c. What did the poet quickly grab?
  - i. Hat
  - ii. Pen
- d. What did the poet’s friends do?
  - i. Ignored him
  - ii. Praised him
- e. Who belted out of the front door?
  - i. The bus
  - ii. The poet

- iii. Shorts
- iii. Laughed at him
- iii. The cat

**Unit – II (Writing and Applied Grammar)**

2. a. Write a story in about 100-150 words starting with the following sentence- ‘One night around 9.00 pm as Abemo was returning home it was raining heavily. Suddenly, the street lights had gone off ...’ 6

**Or**

b. Your friend had recently gone on a vacation. Write a dialogue between you and your friend discussing about his/ her vacation in about 100-150 words.

3. **Punctuate the following sentences:** 2x1=2

- a. Good evening How are you
- b. Im quite happy. Dont worry about me.

4. **Complete these sentences in indirect speech.** 2x1=2

- a. I will change my school soon.  
Tato told me that he \_\_\_\_\_ soon.
- b. She said, “I am a doctor.”  
She said that \_\_\_\_\_

**Unit – III (Literature)**

5. **Choose the correct answer from the alternatives given:** 6x1=6

- (a) What did the Miller offer to give Hans?
  - (i) The wheelbarrow
  - (ii) A sack of flour
  - (iii) One milch cow
  - (iv) A bouquet of flowers
- (b) What feeling does the mother express in the beginning of the poem, ‘*Mother’s Tears*’?
  - (i) Problem
  - (ii) Grief
  - (iii) Joy
  - (iv) Mockery
- (c) In which form did the Devil come in his second attempt in the drama, ‘*The Tale of Ivan the Fool*’?
  - (i) Commander
  - (ii) Nobleman
  - (iii) Beggar
  - (iv) Teacher
- (d) What does the Child ask the Master to reveal in the poem, ‘*The Soul’s Prayer*’?
  - (i) Pride
  - (ii) Pardon
  - (iii) Laws of life
  - (iv) Laws of life and death
- (e) What does the ‘birth-pang’ represent in the poem, ‘*Mother’s Tears*’?
  - (i) A son’s disobedience
  - (ii) A stomach pain
  - (iii) The grief of mothers at losing their sons
  - (iv) A new child
- (f) Who was the youngest son of the Russian peasant?
  - (i) Simeon
  - (ii) Tarras
  - (iii) Mason
  - (iv) Ivan

**Answer the following questions in about 20-25 words:** 3x2=6

- 6. How did Imp 2 plan to destroy Tarras?
- 7. What is the effect of ‘sevenfold height’ in the poem, ‘*The Soul’s Prayer*’?

8. What reward did the Tsar give Ivan for curing his daughter's illness?

**Answer the following questions in about 40-45 words:**

9. Why was it difficult for Hans to say 'no' to the Miller? How did Hans die? 2+2=4

10. *'My work is the easiest.'* (*The Tale of Ivan the Fool*)

a. Who is the speaker here? 1

b. What is the speaker's plan? 3

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

11. *'I had been hoping that the brothers would fight over their property, but the fool Ivan spoilt the whole scheme, I won't rest until they quarrel.'*

a. Who says these lines? 1

b. Who are 'the brothers'? 3

c. What is the speaker's scheme? 1

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