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Class : IX

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**General Instructions:**

1. The Question Paper contains three parts.
2. Part A- READING has 2 questions. Attempt all questions.
3. Part B- WRITING & GRAMMAR has 6 questions. Attempt all questions, as per specific instructions given therein.
4. Part C- LITERATURE has 3 questions. Attempt all questions, as per specific instructions given therein.

**SECTION A- READING (20 marks)**

1. Read the passage given below: (10)
- a) Close your eyes for a moment and listen to the music of the horn played on the roads of India. The cacophony you hear isn't just a collection of sounds—it's a mixture of safety, culture, and noise. Honking is important for warning and communication. But this ubiquitous practice has consequences that go beyond security concerns.
  - b) The horn is crucial for drivers globally and holds special importance on India's busy streets. It conveys various messages like overtaking, warning, or greeting. In India's chaotic traffic, honking prevents accidents by alerting others. While vital for safety, honking also reflects cultural expressions and frustrations. Urban life and congestion make honking seem necessary, but it's often used to show status or dominance. This misuse adds to noise pollution and diminishes the horn's true purpose as a safety tool.
  - c) While honking prevents accidents, it also fuels road rage. Listening to continuous honking raises stress levels and encourages aggressive driving. Studies show the noise affects drivers and pedestrians psychologically, worsening road conditions. Moreover, honking can promote reckless driving by providing a quick fix instead of safe driving practices.
  - d) To address noise pollution from honking, initiatives in India have been implemented. Maharashtra's government declared a 'No Honking Year' with awareness campaigns and distributing 'Horn Not Ok Please' stickers. Chandigarh also aims for quieter, safer roads. Awaaz Foundation trains traffic constables on noise pollution laws, health impacts, and hearing testing. These efforts raise awareness about excessive honking's consequences.
  - e) In a country where honking signifies safety and noise pollution, finding balance is vital. We need responsible honking, separating alerts from dominance displays. Let's reclaim the horn's purpose for safety, not irritation. India's journey to safer roads requires addressing honking noise collectively. Understanding honking's dual nature can lead to a pleasant-sounding road future.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i) What is the main focus of para a)? (1)  
(A) Honking in India is only a source of noise pollution.  
(B) Honking has both positive and negative aspects.  
(C) Honking should be banned completely in India.  
(D) Listening to Indian honking music is a cultural experience.
- ii) The author says honking can be a "quick fix" as \_\_\_\_\_ in para c). (1)

- iii) The following question consists of two statements, namely, Assertion (A) and Reason (R). Choose the correct option.  
**Assertion (A):** Honking is necessary for safety in India's chaotic traffic. (1)  
**Reason (R):** It conveys messages like overtaking and warnings.
- (A) Only A is true  
(B) Only R is true  
(C) Both A and R are true and R explains A.  
(D) Both A and R are true, but R doesn't explain A.
- iv) How does the author use both positive and negative references to describe honking in India? (2)  
Identify examples from the passage to support your answer.
- v) The author argues for "understanding honking's dual nature" as a key to a "harmonious road future." Based on the passage, what specific changes in individual and societal behaviour could contribute to this future? (2)
- vi) What is the main goal of the initiatives mentioned in para d)? (1)  
(A) To completely eliminate honking in India.  
(B) To raise awareness about the negative effects of honking.  
(C) To train traffic police to use horns more effectively  
(D) To develop quieter and safer car horns.
- vii) What does the author mean by 'responsible honking' in para e)? (1)  
(A) Honking only in emergencies.  
(B) Using the horn politely and sparingly.  
(C) Honking in specific, designated areas.  
(D) Honking at a specific frequency.
- viii) Which word could replace 'widespread' in para a)? (1)

2. Read the following passage.

- a) Cafe Coffee Day founder VG Siddhartha was an inspiration for an entire generation for making a stellar Indian brand that could take on international giants. But in July 2019, his tragic death shocked the entire nation. His brand was left with a gigantic debt of Rs 7,000 crore. Business analysts feared it was the beginning of the end for CCD. Siddhartha's demise left a huge question mark on the survival of the brand amid the financial crisis. Enter Malavika Hegde.
- b) The tragic loss of a life partner is not one which is easy to recover from. Yet Siddhartha's wife Malavika Hegde stepped up and took over the reins of the brand. The mother of two became CEO of CCD-parent company Coffee Day Enterprises Limited (CDEL) around the end of 2020. She reassured the nearly 25,000 workforce of CCD that she would fight for the brand's survival.
- c) With a mounting debt and the Covid-19 pandemic adding to the challenge, Malavika decided to consolidate the business. She took shrewd business decisions that scripted a remarkable turnaround for the brand. With focus on reducing debt and ensuring the brand stays afloat, Malavika made a big move to not raise prices of several signature products.
- d) She downsized operations by moving out of outlets and locations which were not making profit for the brand. From 1,752 outlets in FY19, CCD now has less than one-third in FY23 at 469 outlets. Her efforts led to the debt reducing to Rs 1,731 crore in March 2021 and further down to 465.25 crore in 2023. In her own words, Malavika's "mission has been to uphold the proud legacy" of her late husband.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i) What major challenge did Cafe Coffee Day face after the founder's death? (1)  
(A) Loss of key personnel (B) Negative publicity campaign  
(C) Gigantic debt of Rs. 7,000 cr. (D) Increased competition from international brands
- ii) Why did Malavika Hegde take over the leadership of CCD despite the challenges? (2)
- iii) What was Malavika's main strategy for saving CCD? (2)
- iv) What synonym could replace "shrewd" in para c)? (1)  
(A) Reckless (B) Timid (C) Hasty (D) Perceptive
- v) Identify whether the following statement is True or False: (1)  
Analysts believed the brand would quickly recover after the founder's death.
- vi) Based on the information provided, what was the approximate decline in the number of CCD outlets between FY19 and FY23? (1)  
(A) 200 outlets (B) 500 outlets (C) 800 outlets (D) 1,200 outlets
- vii) This question consists of two statements, namely, Assertion (A) and Reason (R). Choose the correct option. (1)  
**Assertion (A):** Malavika's decision to take over CCD was motivated by need of the company.  
**Reason (R):** Losing a life partner is emotionally challenging to overcome.  
(A) Only A is true  
(B) Only R is true  
(C) Both A and R are true and R explains A.  
(D) Both A and R are true, but R doesn't explain A.
- viii) The phrase 'the beginning of the end' is an example of \_\_\_\_\_. (1)  
(A) Metaphor (B) Hyperbole (C) Simile (D) Oxymoron

### SECTION B- WRITING AND GRAMMAR (34 marks)

Answer ANY ONE from A and B given below. (4)

3A The Principal, Sunshine Public School, Dindigul, has invited the Inspector of Police (Traffic) to deliver a lecture on 'Road Safety' in the school. Draft a notice in about 50 words informing the students to assemble in the school auditorium. You are Jisha, Head Girl of the school.

**OR**

3B You are the cultural secretary of your school. Now, write a notice urging the students to participate in the Blood Donation Camp organized by the school. Mention the date, time and venue of the programme, the presence of the local MLA, and all necessary precautions being taken for the donors.

Answer ANY ONE from A and B given below. (5)

4A Two friends Madhab and Bahadur meet after a long time. Of the many things they talk about, one of the topics is whether studying in a day school is better than studying in a boarding school. Both friends have differing views. Madhab believes that boarding school is better suited for education while Bahadur is of the opinion that a day school is the best bet. Write their conversation in dialogue form. Do not exceed 100 words. You may use your own ideas as well as those from MCB Unit 6- Children. You may use the hints given below.

The primary goal of the boarding schools' organized schedule of activities is to discipline the kids. Children are less likely to stray from their intended course because they are being monitored by competent and well-informed individuals.

The biggest advantage of day school is that the child can spend more time with at home with his family. They can develop hobbies after school, enroll in classes, and even develop social skills and networks separate from their school life.

**OR**

- 4B Two friends Mahnoor and Chinmayi have a conversation about how academic performance of a student can be improved. Mahnoor believes that books and other printed resources are the best way for a student to learn. Chinmayi is of the opinion that digital tools can be an excellent way to support student learning. Write their conversation in dialogue form. Do not exceed 100 words. You may use your own ideas as well as those from MCB Unit 4- The Class IX Video/Radio Show.

Answer ANY ONE from A and B given below.

(7)

- 5A You have had to shift to a new house recently. Write a letter to your grandmother telling her what you miss about your old house. Tell her also what you like about your new house and what changes you plan to do in the new house to make it comfortable for yourself. You live at 108, Rani Park, Mandal Road, Ajmer.  
Write the letter in 120 words. You may use your own ideas as well as those from MCB Unit 1- People.

**OR**

- 5B Your friend Abeer has been having some problems in adjusting in his new school. Given below is an excerpt from his letter to you. Write a reply letter in 120 words. You may use your own ideas as well as those from MCB Unit 1- People.

*...How are Shirish and Satinder? I miss you all very much. I have joined New Modern School here and although the teachers are very helpful and concerned, I have not really settled down. One reason is that the syllabus is different. In Delhi, we followed the CBSE syllabus while the school here offers the ICSE syllabus. Also, I have not made any friends yet...*

Answer ANY ONE from A and B given below.

- 6A The fashion industry represents an important part of economies worldwide, with a value of more than 2.5 trillion USD and employing over 75 million people worldwide. While the fashion sector is booming, increasing attention has been brought to the negative environmental impact that the industry is responsible for. Fashion production makes up 10% of humanity's carbon emissions, dries up water sources, and pollutes rivers and streams. Based on this information as well as MCB unit Environment, write a paragraph in 150 words and comment on the future of fashion. You may use the hints given below. Supply a suitable title.

Hints : use sustainable materials - source material locally - adopt renewable energy resources - reduce waste - reduce energy consumption - promote clothing rental, resale, and recycling - reduce packaging - foster ethical practices at all production stages

**OR**

(8)

- 6B The Johari Window is a visual framework which can be used to understand more about our conscious and unconscious biases and helps in increasing self-awareness. It can also be used as a personal development tool for improving communication and relationships to facilitate personal and team growth. Based on the above information as well as MCB Unit- 6 'Children' write a paragraph in 150 words about self-awareness through Johari window. You may use the hints given below.

Hints: helps us become better decision-makers - allows one to manage one's emotions, thoughts, and behaviour - helps people to form a more accurate perception of the world - provides students insight into who they are, why they react as they do, and gives them a direction for self-improvement - it is crucial for success and helps students thrive in everything they do

Read instructions carefully and answer the following questions.

- 7A The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Identify the error and write the correct word in your answer sheet. (4)

		<b>Error</b>	<b>Correction</b>
Surbhi: I wish to know for the tour programme your company offers.	(a)	x	x
Also kindly let me know the amount what I have to pay.	(b)		
Let me know if there is any discount available.	(c)		
	(d)		

- 7B Rearrange the following sets of words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. (3)

- i) comfortable / and / more / is / life / worth living / world / today's / in / before / ever / than
- ii) science / inventions / brought about / through / and technology / has / changes / awesome
- iii) man / creative / ways / today / in / communicate / more / is / able to / faster / and

- 7C Do as directed. (3)

- i) Without \_\_\_\_\_ to be rude, I must remind you to speak softly.  
(A) wishing            (B) showing            (C) hoping            (D) asking
- ii) Quick! \_\_\_\_\_ the train. It's ready to leave.  
(A) Get up            (B) Get away            (C) Get at            (D) Get on
- iii) The solution was obvious once we had fully \_\_\_\_\_ the question.  
(A) understood            (B) understanding            (C) understands            (D) understandingly

### SECTION C- LITERATURE (26 marks)

- 8A Select ANY ONE extract and answer the questions in brief. (4)

*“Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,  
And sorry I could not travel both  
And be one traveller, long I stood  
And looked down one as far as I could  
To where it bent in the undergrowth;”*

- i) What is the reason the speaker hesitates at the crossroads?  
(A) He is lost and unsure of the direction.  
(B) He is tired and need to rest.  
(C) He is attracted to both paths equally.  
(D) He fears the dangers one path may hold.
- ii) The speaker was \_\_\_\_\_ that he could not travel down both paths.  
(A) happy            (B) angry            (C) regretful            (D) bitter

- iii) The poet uses the roads as \_\_\_\_\_ for the choices in life.  
 (A) a simile (B) a personification (C) a metaphor (D) an oxymoron
- iv) How do the lines "To where it bent in the undergrowth" contribute to the poem's theme?  
 (A) They emphasize the mystery and uncertainty of the future.  
 (B) They highlight the beauty and peacefulness of the natural world.  
 (C) They foreshadow the potential dangers lurking on one path.  
 (D) They symbolize the speaker's regret for not taking both paths.

**OR**

8B *"I wish I'd been that much more willin'  
 When I had more tooth there than fillin'  
 To pass up gobstoppers.  
 From respect to me choppers,  
 And to buy something else with me shillin'"*

- i) What does the poet in the excerpt regret?  
 (A) Not having more money when she was younger.  
 (B) Not being willing to try new things as a child.  
 (C) Missing out on healthier options due to temptation.  
 (D) Damaging her teeth by eating too many gobstoppers.
- ii) What does 'respect to me chopper' tell us about the poet's attitude towards her teeth?  
 The speaker \_\_\_\_\_ her teeth and seems to \_\_\_\_\_ the damage caused by gobstoppers.
- iii) Which life lesson is most clearly conveyed by the poet's regret in the excerpt?  
 (A) Always choose healthy options, even if they're less enjoyable.  
 (B) Enjoy life while you're young, but don't worry about long-term consequences.  
 (C) Material possessions like candy are more important than physical health.  
 (D) Respecting your body by sacrificing temporary pleasures for future well-being.
- iv) Identify the rhyme scheme of these lines.

Select ANY ONE extract and answer the questions in brief.

9A *"Childishly I made fun of the old lady. But she just smiled.  
 'For a good cause if you are determined, you can overcome any obstacle. I will work harder than anybody but I will do it. For learning there is no age bar.'"*

- i) Why did the narrator initially make fun of the old lady?  
 (A) The old lady was behaving strangely in public.  
 (B) The narrator felt threatened by the old lady's intelligence.  
 (C) The narrator believed learning was only for young people.  
 (D) The narrator was simply being mean-spirited.
- ii) What is the main message conveyed by the old lady's words?  
 (A) Age is a barrier to learning.  
 (B) Determination can overcome any challenge.  
 (C) Only the young can truly succeed.  
 (D) Making fun of others is acceptable.
- iii) Give a synonym for 'resolute' from the extract.
- iv) How does the contrast between the narrator's initial action and the old lady's reaction contribute to the overall meaning of the extract?

**OR**

(4)

9B *“Say,” said Pescud, stirring his discarded book with the hand, “did you ever read one of these best-sellers? I mean the kind where the hero is an American swell – sometimes even from Chicago – who falls in love with a royal princess from Europe who is travelling under an alias and follows her to her father’s kingdom or principality?”*

- i) Which phrase or detail does Pescud use to describe the typical hero in these "best-sellers"?
- ii) What is the closest synonym for "a different name" as used by Pescud?
- iii) What is Pescud's opinion about these "best-sellers"?
  - (A) He enjoys their predictable plotlines and characters.
  - (B) He finds them unrealistic and stereotypical in their content.
  - (C) He admires the heroism displayed by the protagonists.
  - (D) He believes they accurately portray European royalty.
- iv) Identify whether the following statements are True or False.
  - (a) In the story described by Pescud, the princess is travelling incognito while she is travelling.
  - (b) Pescud enjoys these "best-sellers" and simply wants to share his interest with the other person.

10 Select ANY SIX questions and answer them in 30-40 words. (12)

- i) Why were the doors in the Bishop’s house never bolted? Which two qualities of the Bishop are highlighted here?
- ii) Identify what is similar and what is different in the lives of the brook and men. (The Brook)
- iii) The narrator says, “Will no one tell me what she sings?” (The Solitary Reaper)  
Why does he ask this question? What assumption does he make about the song?
- iv) “At first, Private Quelch was a hero in the eyes of his fellow soldiers.” Support this observation with suitable examples from the story ‘The Man Who Knew Too Much’.
- v) What is similar in the life of men and of actors on a stage? (The Seven Ages)
- vi) How does the rain show itself as divine? (Song of the Rain)
- vii) According to Juliette what advantages does the villa have to please a customer? (Villa for Sale)

Select ANY ONE question and answer in 120 words. (6)

11A Imagine you are Charles Hooper. You have been asked by a local Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) ‘Animal Helpline’ to give a speech about the impact of Duke’s presence and support in your recovery in their annual meeting.  
As Charles Hooper, write a speech about the impact of Duke on your life. Encourage the audience to love animals and adopt animals as pets from animal shelter homes.

**OR**

11B Imagine you are a close friend of the Brambles. You have observed the efforts they put in to provide the best care for their child. Yet you are well aware of their faults. After the truth has been revealed to Harold, write a letter to them emphasizing their positive qualities and carefully yet clearly explaining their flaws.