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Class : IX

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General Instructions:

1. The Question Paper contains four sections.
2. Section A-Reading Section has a passage for comprehension.
3. Section B-Writing Section has 2 questions. Adhere to the word limit as given in the instructions with each question.
4. Section C-Grammar Section has three questions. Read the instructions carefully.
5. Section D-Literature Section has 3 questions. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

SECTION-A
Reading Section (7 Marks)

1. Read the passage given below.
 - 1 When you grow up in a place where it rains for five months a year, wise elders help you to get acquainted with the rain early. They teach you that it is an ignorance to think that it is the same rain falling every day. Oh no! the rain is always doing different things at different times. There is rain that is gentle, and there is also rain that falls too hard and damages the crops. Hence, pray for the sweet rain that helps the crops to grow.
 - 2 The monsoon in the Naga Hills goes by the native name, Khuthotei (which means the rice-growing season). It lasts from May to early or mid-October. The local residents firmly believe that Durga Puja in October announces the end to rain. After that, one might expect a couple of short winter showers, and the spring showers in March and April. Finally, comes the 'big rain' in May; proper rainstorms accompanied by heart-stopping lightning and ear-splitting thunder. I have stood out in storms looking at lightning arc across the dark skies, a light-and-sound show that can go on for hours.
 - 3 This is the season when people use the word sezuo and suzu to refer to the week-long rains, when clothes don't dry and smell of mould, when fungus forms on the floor and when you can't see the moon or the stars.
 - 4 The rains are also called after flowering plants and people believe that the blossoming of those plants draws out rain. Once the monsoon sets in, field work is carried out in earnest and the work of uprooting and transplanting paddy in flooded fields is done. The months of hard labour are June, July and August. In August, as the phrogo plant begins to bloom, a rain will fall. This August rain, also called phrogo, is a sign that the time for cultivation is over. If any new grain seeds are sown, they may not sprout; even if they do sprout, they are not likely to bear grain. The rain acts as a kind of farmer's almanac.
 - 5 The urban population of school-goers and office-goers naturally dislikes the monsoon and its accompanying problems of landslides, muddy, streets and periodic infections. For non-farmers, the month of September can be depressing, when the rainfall is incessant and the awareness persists that the monsoons will last out till October.
 - 6 One needs to have the heart of a farmer to remain grateful for the watery days, and be able to observe from what seems to the inexperienced as a continuous downpour-many kinds of rain. Some of the commonly known rain-weeks are named after the plants that alternately bloom in August and September. The native belief is that the flowers draw out the rain.

7 Each rain period has a job to fulfil: October rain helps garlic bulbs to form, while kumunyo rain helps the rice bear grain. Without it, the ears of rice cannot form properly. End of October is the most beautiful month in the Naga Hills, as the fields turn gold and wild sunflowers bloom over the slopes, all heralding the harvest. Prayers go up for protecting the fields from storms, and the rains to retreat because the grains need to stand in the sun and ripen. The cycle nears completion a few weeks before the harvest, and the rain does retreat so thoroughly from the reaped furrows that the earth quickly turns hard. The months of rain becomes a distant memory until it starts all over again.

On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions.

- i. The rains are called after flowering plants because: (1)
 - (A) heavy rains kill plants. (B) flowers grow in the rainy season.
 - (C) it is believed that the plants bring the (D) flowers grow all the year-round.
- ii. The rain is like a calendar for farmers because: (1)
 - (A) it tells them when to sow and when to harvest.
 - (B) it tells them the birthdays of their children.
 - (C) each month has a time for plantation.
 - (D) different kinds of rains tell different things.
- iii. People who live in cities don't like rain because: (1)
 - (A) it brings mud and sickness with it.
 - (B) they are not bothered about the farmers.
 - (C) they don't like the plants that grow during the rain.
 - (D) going to shopping becomes difficult.
- iv. People pray asking the rain to retreat because: (1)
 - (A) the fungus and mold need to dry. (B) children don't get a chance to play
 - (C) the crops need the sun and heat to ripen. (D) they like to pray.
- v. What do elders want you to understand about rains? (1)
 - (A) That rains are always welcomed. (B) That the same rain falls every day.
 - (C) That the rain always damages the crops. (D) That rain always does different things at different times.
- vi. What helps the crops to grow? (1)
 - (A) Gentle rain. (B) Prayer for rain.
 - (C) Rain that falls too hard. (D) Easy rain.
- vii. Use the word 'retreat' in your own sentence the way it is used in para-7. (1)

SECTION-B

Grammar Section (6 Marks)

2. Read the following conversation between a mother and son and then complete the paragraph (3x1=3) that follows:

Mother : You seem so tired. Take some rest.

Suraj : I can't even think of relaxing. I have lots of homework to do.

Mother : You should not take so much of stress.

Suraj : Don't worry. Please give me a hot cup of tea.

Mother said to Suraj that (i)..... Suraj replied that (ii)..... The mother advised him not to take so much of stress. Suraj told his mother (iii).....

3. Complete the paragraph given below with the help of the options that follow. Write the correct options against the correct blank number. (3x1=3)

A doctor had the habit of talking to the trees (i) _____ the roadside as he took (ii) _____ walks in the evening. He would bend to kiss the trees lovingly and whisper kind words to them. This was an odd (iii) _____ beautiful sight.

- (i) (A) on (B) in (C) along (D) with
(ii) (A) my (B) your (C) his (D) her
(iii) (A) and (B) but (C) as (D) so

SECTION-C

Writing Skills (9 Marks)

Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. (50 words)

- 4A. You are Pushpak/Pooja. As Secretary of the Social Service League of your school you have organized a cultural benefit show in aid of mentally handicapped children of your town, Vijayawada. Write a notice in not more than 50 words for your school notice-board, giving necessary information about the programme.

OR

- 4B. You are the secretary of English Club in Shri Aurbindo H. S. School, Guwahati. The 10th International Book Fair is being held at ISKCON auditorium between 7 Feb.-14 Feb 20XX. As Secretary of the English club, write a notice informing students about it.

Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. (100 words)

- 5A. Tanisha and Leela are discussing about the need of leadership qualities in a person. Tanisha is of the opinion that leadership skills are inherent and one can't be trained to become an effective leader while Leela feels that good parenting, proper education and person's own efforts can make her/him a good leader. Write their discussion in the form of dialogues taking clues from the MCB Unit 'People' and adding your own ideas.

OR

- 5B. Suman and Upendra work in a tour and travel company. Every year their company has to deal with a lot of difficulties because of the enthusiastic tourists who desire to do extreme adventures just to post their videos/photographs on social media. There have been serious accidents and hence Suman believes that there should be a complete ban on adventures without proper training. While Upendra thinks otherwise and feels that these adventure sports are the backbone of tourism industry and such ban would impact the industry badly. Write their discussion in the form of dialogues taking clues from the MCB Unit 'Adventure' and adding your own ideas.

SECTION-C

Literature Section (18 Marks)

6. Read the excerpts given below and answer the questions that follow after each excerpt.

- 6A. *"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."* (How I taught my Grandmother to read) (2x1=2)

- (i) What is the good cause the speaker is talking about?
(A) Learn to read and write Kannada language.
(B) Learn to read Kannada language and become independent.
(C) Teaching the villagers to read Kannada language
(D) Opening a school for the children of the village.

- (ii) What was the cause of this determination?
 (A) The grandmother felt helpless for the first time.
 (B) Sudha Murthy was a very strict teacher.
 (C) The grandmother wanted to prove her strength.
 (D) Sudha Murthy didn't have time and so the grandmother needed to learn fast.

6B. *I chatter, chatter, as I flow* (2x1=2)

To join the brimming river

For men may come and men may go

But I go on forever.

- (i) The brook chatters by _____ .
 (A) making thunderous sound
 (B) jumping like a monkey and flowing at a fast pace
 (C) keeping up with the blowing wind and making sweet sound.
 (D) making a loud noise as it rushes over different surfaces

- (ii) The final destination of the brook is _____.
 (A) the brimming river (B) Philip's farm
 (C) a sea (D) Brambly wilderness

6C. *Maid: All the same, Madame, when they brought you the 'For Sale' sign, you wouldn't let them put it up. You waited until it was night. Then you went and hung it yourself, Madame.* (2x1=2)

Juliette: I know! You see, I thought that as they could not read it in the dark, the house would belong to me for one more night. I was so sure that the next day the entire world would be fighting to purchase it.

- (i) Why did Juliette wait until night to hang the 'For Sale' sign?
 (ii) What role did the darkness play in Juliette's strategy with the 'For Sale' sign?
 (A) It made the house more mysterious.
 (B) It discouraged potential buyers.
 (C) It ensured the sign wouldn't be readable, giving her an extra night of ownership.
 (D) It symbolized the end of her time in the house.

7. Answer ANY THREE of the following in about 40-50 words each. (3x2=6)

- (i) What image is created by the phrase 'netted sunbeam'?
 (ii) Duke was an extraordinary dog. What special qualities did he exhibit to justify this? Discuss.
 (iii) Why did the poet leave the first road? Did he ever get a chance to walk on the road he had left for 'another day'?
 (iv) Why did Gaston quote three hundred thousand francs for the villa?

Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words each.

8A. Analyze the emotional impact of literacy on Sudha Murthy's grandmother.

OR

8B. What is the moral presented by the poet in the poem 'The Road Not Taken'?

(1x6=6)