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CLASS – IX
SUBJECT – ENGLISH

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General Instructions:

- (i) All questions are compulsory.
- (ii) This question paper is divided into two parts – Part-A and Part-B.
- (iii) Part-A consists of 20 Multiple Choice Questions carrying 1 mark each.
- (iv) Part-B consists of descriptive-type questions.

Part-A

(1 × 20 = 20)

Q.1–3. Read the following passage carefully and choose the correct option to answer the questions.

One night, three thieves stole a lot of money from a rich man's house. They put the money in a bag and went into a forest. They felt very hungry. There was no food in the forest. So, one of them went to a nearby village to buy food. The other two remained in the forest to take care of the bag of money.

The thief who went for food had an evil idea. He ate his food at a hotel. He mixed a strong poison in the food of

the other thieves. He thought that the other two would eat the poisoned food and die. Then he would get all the money without sharing it with others. Meanwhile, the two wicked men in the forest decided to kill their mate on his return. They thought that then they would have to divide the money into two shares only. All three wicked men carried out their plans. Thus, all three evil people met with a tragic end.

1. Three thieves stole money from:

- (a) a rich man's house
- (b) a poor man's house
- (c) the forest
- (d) a hotel

2. The thieves went into _____ after the theft.

- (a) a hotel
- (b) a forest
- (c) a house
- (d) None of these

3. At the end, all three thieves:

- (a) died
- (b) did not die
- (c) shared the money
- (d) None of these

Q.4–8. Choose the correct option to answer the following questions.

4. Reorder the sentence: brush / grammar / up / you / must / your

- (a) grammar brush up you must your
- (b) brush up you must your grammar
- (c) you must brush up your grammar
- (d) you must your brush up grammar

5. The sun rises _____ the east.

- (a) in
- (b) at
- (c) on
- (d) into

6. Which word is correctly spelt?

- (a) positive
- (b) by cycle
- (c) excellent
- (d) grammer

7. They _____ me against eating junk food.

- (a) advised
- (b) told
- (c) suggested
- (d) said

8. A person who cannot see is:

- (a) blind
- (b) dumb
- (c) deaf
- (d) lame

Q.9–10. Read the passage and answer the questions below.

And for all this, Evelyn won't accept any hint of heroic achievement. "If you work hard and know where you are going, you'll get there." And she got right to the top, the world's most sought-after multi-percussionist with a mastery of some thousand instruments and a hectic international schedule.

9. What should one do for success, according to Evelyn?

- (a) Work hard
- (b) Work less
- (c) Listen to music
- (d) None of these

10. Evelyn was a great:

- (a) shehnai player
- (b) sports player
- (c) percussionist
- (d) runner

Q.11–13. Choose the correct option to answer the questions.

11. Who found the old book?

- (a) Margie
- (b) Margie's mother
- (c) Tommy
- (d) Tommy's mother

12. The pages were crinkly and yellow because they were:

- (a) printed yellow
- (b) printed white
- (c) very old
- (d) None of these

13. What nightmare did Kezia have?

- (a) A giant with a knife
- (b) A butcher with a knife and rope
- (c) About Macdonald
- (d) About her father

Q.14–15. Read the following extract and answer the questions.

Frail crumbling houses,
Crumbling doors, crumbling rafters,
Crumbling wood, crumbling bodies,
Crumbling lives, crumbling hearts
The wind god winnows and crushes them all.

14. How does the poet describe the wind?

- (a) Good
- (b) Forgiving

(c) Hasty

(d) Cruel

15. Why is the word “crumbling” repeated in the extract?

(a) To improve the rhyme

(b) To emphasise the destruction caused by the wind

(c) To ignore the destruction

(d) None of the above

Q.16–20. Choose the correct option to answer the following questions.

16. The man lifted the child:

- (a) high
- (b) dropped
- (c) in his arms
- (d) up twice

17. At grandmother's house, Toto threw:

- (a) a ball
- (b) a plate
- (c) a glass
- (d) some water

18. Why did Toto and Nana never become friends?

- (a) He bit her on her neck
- (b) He pulled her long ears
- (c) He bit her on her long ears
- (d) She kicked him with her legs

19. Where was Einstein born?

- (a) Ulm, Germany
- (b) Munich, Germany
- (c) Switzerland
- (d) Milan

20. What was the name of Einstein's little sister?

- (a) Mileva
- (b) Maja
- (c) Elsa
- (d) Alexa

Section-B

21. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.

One day, while the princes of Hastinapur were playing together as usual, their ball fell into an old well in a corner of the garden. The boys stood around the well and looked into it. They could see the ball but had no idea how to get it. As they stood there trying to decide what to do, they saw, walking towards them, a small dark-skinned Brahmin they had never seen before.

The stranger came up to them and asked them about their problem. "We've lost our ball," said the boys. "It fell into the well while we were playing and now we cannot get it out."

The dark stranger smiled. "Surely that is not difficult for boys so well trained in archery," he said, and his eyes seemed to mock them. "Archery?" they asked, laughing. "What has archery got to do with getting a ball out of a well, O Brahmin?"

"Everything!" answered the stranger, smiling. "Everything, as you will now see! Get me an arrow." But the princes had no arrows with them. "No matter," said the

stranger. “Go, get me from the field a few good, strong stems of the bamboo growing there.”

The boys ran off to do as they were told. Then they stood around him, watching with great attention. The stranger chose the longest and strongest of the bamboo stems. Then, saying a prayer, he shot it forth.

The bamboo stem streaked into the well with the speed of lightning, striking the well in such a manner that it bounced out of the water, hit the wall of the well, then bounced back off the side and up in the air! The Brahmin caught the ball as it rose and handed it back to the astonished boys.

- (a) Who were playing together? **2**
- (b) Who came up to them? **2**
- (c) How did the princes get their ball? **2**
- (d) Pick out the word from the passage that means “unknown.” **2**

22. Write an application to the principal of your school requesting a week’s leave, as you have to attend your sister’s marriage. **4**

23. Write an article on any one of the given topics. **6**

- (a) A Visit to a Zoo/Hill Station
- (b) My Favourite Teacher

Grammar

24.

(a) Rewrite the following sentence in indirect speech: **2**

Ram said, "I am unwell today."

(b) Change the following into passive voice: **2**

The cat killed the mouse.

(c) Punctuate the following: **2**

the principal said to ramesh sit down and keep quiet

(d) Translate the following passage into English. **2**

वर्नाया मेरी सहेली है। यह मेरी कक्षा में पढ़ती है। यह एक बुद्धिमान छात्रा है। यह कक्षा में सदैव प्रथम आती है। वह समय से स्कूल जाती है। वह सदा खुश रहती है।

25. Answer the following questions in 30–40 words each. **3+3=6**

(a) Why did Einstein play with himself in his childhood?

OR

When and how did Bismillah Khan get his big break?

(b) What kind of person was Kezia's father?

OR

Why did Margie's mother send for the county inspector?

26. Give a brief character sketch of Kezia. **4**

27. Write four lines of any poem prescribed in your syllabus. **3**

28. Write the central idea of any one poem. **3**

(a) The Road Not Taken

(b) Wind

29. Which things did the child want to have at the fair? **3**

OR

From whom did Grandfather buy Toto? How much did he pay for him?

30. Describe Toto's adventures briefly. **4**

OR

Give a brief character sketch of Iswaran.