

APEEJAY COMMON ANNUAL EXAMINATION (2021-22)

CLASS-IX

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (184)

Term - II

Time allowed: 2 Hrs.

Maximum Marks: 40

General Instructions:

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, WRITING & GRAMMAR and LITERATURE.
2. Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary.
3. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.

SECTION A - READING (10 marks)

1. Read the passage given below:

1. So often these days we hear and speak of the conquest of nature, the taming of a river, the war against insects, and so on. These phrases are often used without consciously attaching any value to them, but they have an underlying attitude of hostility towards nature and nature's creatures, a view point which seems to assume nature as an enemy that needs to be vanquished. Alternatively, nature is seen merely as a resource to be exploited, take the maximum out of it, regardless of what this does to the natural processes and to the creatures which depend on these processes. It is this attitude which views fellow human beings as a resource to be exploited, or other human communities as enemies to be conquered.

2. There is a growing lack of sensitivity and respect for our fellow creatures. This attitude is being drilled into a child by social forces, which can only be countered by environmental education. Yet, sadly, in most cases, this is not done. What is done is to talk about the food web and the energy cycles and ecological balance and how removal of any element disrupts the whole system, and how this can affect human beings too.

3. What this approach lacks is the essential interaction with nature and with other human beings. Indeed, in many environmental activities the opposite takes place. A classic example of this is the making of a herbarium, or even worse, an insect collection, as common in both formal and non-formal education in India. A child is often encouraged to pluck leaves and flowers and run after butterflies with a net and is part of a large group of children similarly marauding a patch of nature. It is even worse when the activity is also competitive, that is, who collects the maximum. A lot of knowledge may be gained, but this knowledge emphasises exploitation and conquest, not sensitivity and respect. Learning under a tree rather than a classroom, is far more effective and long lasting.

4. The alternative is to take up activities where ecological balance, ecological diversity, animal behaviour, human plurality and other such concepts and systems are introduced with the stress on their intrinsic worth. Materials, processes and living beings do not exist only for human use, they are worthwhile in themselves.

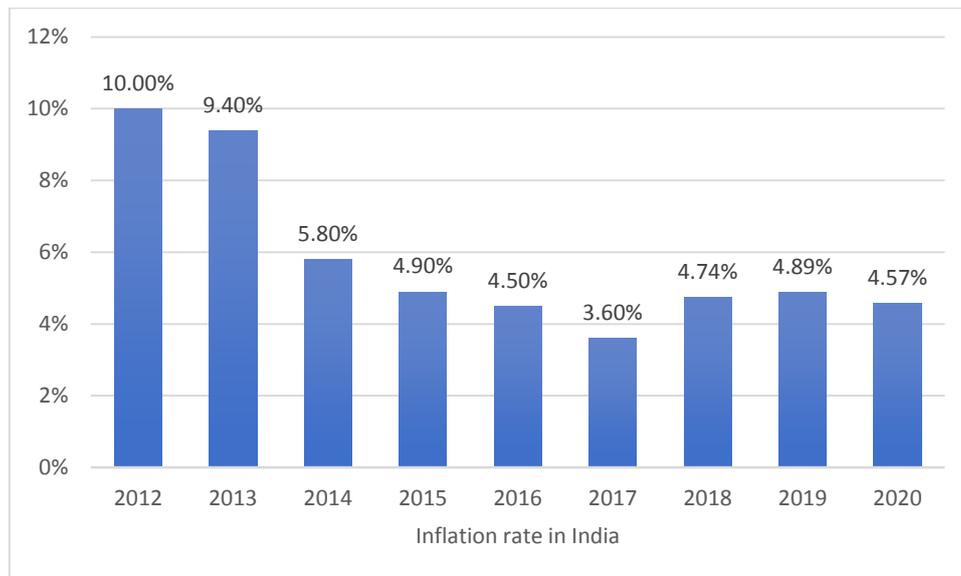
1.1 On the basis of your understanding of the passage attempt ANY FIVE questions from the six given below:

1*5

- (i) What is nature regarded as? (1)
- (ii) How can environmental education be helpful? (1)
- (iii) What is man required to realize? (1)
- (iv) Which type of knowledge emphasizes exploitation and conquest? (1)
- (v) What does ecological balance mean? (1)
- (vi) How does one with a hostile attitude treat nature? (1)

2. Read the passage given below:

1. Inflation refers to the rise in prices of most goods and services of daily or common use, such as food, clothing, housing, recreation, transport, etc. Inflation measures the average price change in a basket of commodities and services over time. The opposite and rare fall in the price index of this basket of items is called 'deflation'. Inflation is indicative of the decrease in the purchasing power of a unit of a country's currency. This is measured in percentage.



2. The purchasing power of a currency unit decreases as the commodities and services get dearer. This impacts the cost of living in a country. When inflation is high, the cost of living gets higher as well, which ultimately causes deceleration in economic growth. A certain level of inflation is required in the economy to ensure that expenditure is promoted and hoarding money through savings is demotivated.

3. Generally money loses its value over time, so people must invest money to ensure the economic growth of a country. Inflation is measured by two main indices in India—WPI (Wholesale Price Index) and CPI (Consumer Price Index), which measure wholesale and retail level price changes, respectively. The CPI calculates the difference in the price of commodities and services such as food, medical care, education, electronic goods etc. which Indian consumers buy for use. WPI calculates the goods or services sold by wholesale businesses to other smaller businesses for selling further.

4. Some main reasons for the increase in prices—high demand and local production or supply of multiple commodities create a demand-supply gap, which causes a hike in prices. Moreover, excess circulation of money causes inflation as money loses its purchasing power. Apart from this, the people having much money tend to spend more which causes increased demand and hike in prices. Inflation exists when money supply exceeds available goods and service or inflation is attributed to budget deficit financing.

2.1 On the basis of your understanding of the passage attempt ANY FIVE questions from the six given below: 1*5

- (i) According to the graph, what was the highest inflation rate in our country and in which year? (1)
- (ii) What happens when the inflation gets higher? (1)
- (iii) Why do you think a certain level of inflation is required? (1)
- (iv) Why is investment of money necessary? (1)
- (v) Why does excess circulation of money cause inflation? (1)
- (vi) What is the main factor that causes hike in prices? (1)

SECTION B- WRITING AND GRAMMAR (10 marks)

3. Attempt ANY ONE from (i) and (ii).

i. Today you celebrated Independence Day at your school but you are not satisfied with the attitude of people towards freedom. They consider that they are free to spoil the country and tarnish its image. Write a diary entry expressing your feelings. (100-120- words) (5)

OR

ii. Develop a short story with the help of the given starting line. Give a suitable title to your story . (120-150- words) (5)

It was raining hard that night. In my hurry to get into the house, I didn't notice....

4. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the error and its correction against the correct blank number in your answer sheet. Need not copy the paragraph again. The first one has been done as an example. 1*3

	Error	Correction
Although Martin Luther is considered to being an icon	Being	be
for racial equal, his work exceeds far beyond that.	(a) _____	_____
As a pastor, he worked to human betterment, irrespective	(b) _____	_____
of colour or creed. He believed in a word of the lord	(c) _____	_____
and implemented his virtues like kindness and honesty.		

5. Read the conversation given below and complete the passage that follows : (2)

Teacher: Can you read what is written on this page?

Student: I can't read all the words.

The teacher asked the student (a) _____ . The student replied that (b) _____ .

SECTION C- LITERATURE (20 marks)

6. Answer ANY SIX questions in 30-40 words each. 2*6

- i.. "It is ourselves that we shall dispossess, betray, condemn." What does the poet convey? (No Men Are Foreign) (2)
- ii. Where was the snake before any one could see it and chase it away ? How did the snake protect itself ? (2)
- iii. What three things made author's house 'a home'? (2)
- iv. Love is mutual. Do you agree? Illustrate this with reference to 'The Bond of Love'. (2)
- v. Discuss Sue's role in saving the life of her friend, Johnsy. (2)
- vi. Do you think George and Harris were experts at packing? Give reasons for your answer. (2)
- vii. "So hack and chop. But this alone won't do it." What does hack and chop do to a tree? (On Killing A Tree) (2)

7. Answer ANY TWO of the following questions in about 120 words each. 4*2

- i. Both Santosh Yadav and Maria Sharapova reached the top of the world in their respective fields. How are they alike and different? Out of the two whom would you make your role model and why? (4)
- ii. Presence of mind and patience are the two values that help a person at the time of adversity and danger. How did these two attributes of Gerrard help him get rid of the Intruder? (4)
- iii. Compassion and pity can bring positive changes in a human being. How does the story 'The Beggar' prove it? (4)