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ENGLISH (COMMUNICATIVE)
CLASS - IX

Maximum Marks : 70

Time : 3 hours

Instructions :

(i) The question paper is divided into three sections.

Section A---Reading 20 marks

Section B---Writing Grammar 25 marks

Section C---Literature 25 marks

(ii) All questions are compulsory.

(iii) You may attempt any section at a time.

(iv) All questions of a section must be attempted in the correct order.

SECTION A
(READING: 20 Marks)

1 Read the passage given below and complete the sentences that follow by choosing the most appropriate options from those given : 5

Charles A. Lindbergh is remembered as the first person to make a non-stop solo flight across the Atlantic, in 1927. This feat, when Lindbergh was only twenty-five years old, assured him a lifetime of fame and public attention.

Charles Augustus Lindbergh was more interested in flying airplanes than he was in studying. He dropped out of the University of Wisconsin after two years to earn a living performing daredevil airplane stunts at country fairs. Two years later, he joined the United States Army so that he could go to the Army Air Service flight-training school. After completing his training, he was hired to fly mail between St. Louis and Chicago. Then came the historic flight across the Atlantic. In 1919, a New York city hotel owner had offered a prize of \$ 25,000 to the first pilot to fly nonstop from New York city to Paris. Nine St. Louis business leaders helped pay for the plane by flying it from San Diego to New York, with an over night stop in St. Louis. The flight took only 20 hours and 21 minutes, a transcontinental record.

Nine days later, on May 20, 1927, Lindbergh took off from Long Island, New York, at 7.52 am. He landed at Paris on May 21 at 10.21 pm. He had flown more than 3,600 miles in less than thirty four hours. His flight made news around the world. He was given awards everywhere he went. He was presented with the U.S congressional Medal of Honour and the first Distinguished Flying Cross. For a long time, Lindbergh toured the world as a U.S goodwill ambassador. He met his future wife Anne Morrow, in Mexico, where her father was the United States ambassador.

(a) What did Lindbergh do before he crossed the Atlantic?

- (i) He charted a route to China
 - (ii) He graduated from flight-training school
 - (iii) He married Anne Morrow
 - (iv) He acted as a technical advisor
- (b) What happened after Lindberg crossed the Atlantic?
- (i) He flew the mail between St. Louis and Chicago
 - (ii) He left college
 - (iii) He attended the Army flight training School
 - (iv) He was given the Congressional Medal of Honour
- (c) When did Charles meet Anne Morrow?
- (i) After Lindbergh landed in Paris
 - (ii) After he worked for an airline
 - (iii) Before he was forced down in an ocean inlet
 - (iv) After he received the first Distinguished Flying Cross
- (d) With which award is Charles not associated?
- (i) US Congressional Medal of Honour
 - (ii) the Nobel Prize
 - (iii) the first Distinguished Flying Cross
 - (iv) prize of \$ 50,000
- (e) What do you mean by the word 'transcontinental'?
- (i) across the continent
 - (ii) within the continent
 - (iii) intra continent
 - (iv) within and outside the continent

2 Read the passage given below and complete the sentences that follow by choosing the most appropriate options from those given: 5

Nature - by Friendly

Being eco-friendly is in vogue. Whether on the ramp or at home, a large number of people are emphasizing the use of eco-friendly products, thereby doing their bit to protect the environment. "Eco-friendly products are those products that inflict minimal or no harm to the environment. Made of natural elements, these products are not only safe but also add an artistic dimension to one's home", explains C.K. Nair of Home stop.

The products are made of environment sensitive material such as recycled wood, dead wood, recycled paper, bamboo, jute, natural fibre and natural or organic cotton. "Grasses like sabai grass and vetiver can be woven to make mats, screens, bags and baskets. Old textiles can be used to make recycled paper, which can be used for packaging, lampshades, notebooks and other stationery. Recycled plastic can be used for containers and furniture, says Minhazz Majumdar of the Bamboo store.

Though there's been a lot of awareness about using eco-friendly products, it is still not the first thing that people look for when buying things for their homes. Eco-friendly products not only stand out in their looks, their durability is also high. "The life cycle of these products can be up to fifty years", says Majumdar.

- (a) Eco-friendly products are environment friendly and :
- (i) inexpensive
 - (ii) durable

- (iii) artistic (iv) fashionable
- (b) The eco-friendly products are made mainly from:
- (i) jute (ii) wood
- (iii) recycled material (iv) paper
- (c) According to the passage, students can contribute to protecting the environment by :
- (i) making eco-friendly things
- (ii) using eco-friendly paper and other stationery
- (iii) holding exhibitions of eco-friendly articles
- (iv) telling parents to use only eco-friendly products
- (d) C.K.Nair and Minhaaz Majumdar are :
- (i) social activists (ii) school teachers
- (iii) owners of eco-friendly stores (iv) environmentalists
- (e) "Being eco-friendly is in vogue." The word 'vogue' suggests it is
- (i) necessary (ii) popular
- (iii) fashionable (iv) creative

3 Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

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The handloom sector is the second largest employment generator in India after agriculture, giving employment to 65 lakhs weavers and allied workers. It represents the unique heritage of the country besides highlighting the exquisite skills which our weavers possess.

India has one of the richest histories of textile production spanning almost 5000 years. Indian fabrics were renowned for their sheer weaves and elaborate patterns. The process of dyeing, printing and painting patterns have always been highly advanced. This remarkable tradition of vibrant hand-woven and handcrafted textiles has been handed down by skilled weavers and artisans from generation to generation.

Indian handwoven and handcrafted textiles are amongst our proudest and most enduring civilization inheritance. No doubt handweaving techniques and intricate handcrafted designs reflect weavers' and artisans' with their skillful blending of weaves and artistic use of different colours, myths, symbols, imagery in using embellishments on handloom fabrics, provide their fabrics an appealing dynamism which also reflects their emotional attachment to the fabric. The Ministry of Textiles through the Office of Development Commissioner (Handlooms) has taken various initiatives to develop the handloom sector. 236 handloom clusters are being developed under the Integrated Handloom Development Scheme (IHDS) which provides funds for holistic and comprehensive development.

(I) On the basis of your reading of the passage, complete the following statements.

- (a) India's second largest employment generator is _____ .

(b) _____ made Indian fabrics quite popular.

(2) Answer the following questions.

(a) How do you know that handcrafted textiles are our inheritance ?

(b) What do the handcrafted designs reflect ?

(3) Find words from the passage which mean the same as the following.

(a) detailed (para 2)

(b) vitality (para 3)

4 Read the poem carefully and answer the questions that follow :-

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Daffodils

I wander'd lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden Daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.
Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the Milky Way,
They stretch'd in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.
The waves beside them danced; but they
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee :
A poet could not but be gay,
In such a jocund company :
I gazed – and gazed – but little thought
What wealth the show to me had brought:
For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.

William Wordsworth

- (a) What was the poet doing ?
- (b) Where were the daffodils ?
- (c) To what does the poet compare the daffodils ?
- (d) How did the poet feel when he saw the daffodils ?
- (e) What happens to the poet when he lies on the couch ?

SECTION B
(WRITING & GRAMMAR: 25 Marks)

5 You are Nitish/Nikita, head boy/girl of Tagore Public School, Jaipur. Write an E-mail to "New Star Sports Company Kalkaji, New Delhi asking them to send more popular sports material for your school games and sports department. 6

6 Taking help from the information given below and using your own ideas, write an article in about 120 words on Child Marriage in India. 5

Hints :10 percent women marry before 18 years age - Jharkhand and Rajasthan top the list - lack of education - lack of political will - poverty and caste dynamics - life ruined - early pregnancy and maternal mortality problem - swift and effective check required - strict action; political leaders and NGO's - to create awareness.

7 'Prayas' an NGO which works to help the poor and the needy recently encouraged women to make handmade stuff so that they could earn their livelihood. You saw them working and were greatly impressed. Write a report in 80-100 words. 4

8 Complete the following passage by choosing the appropriate options from the ones given below. Write your answer in the answer sheets against the correct blank number. Do not copy the entire passage. 3

Working in a team (a)_____ really a healer and a stress buster. Success (b)_____ failure is not an individual's responsibility. It is a collective responsibility. (c)_____ good team work demands a perfect communication between all members.

- (a) (i) Is (ii) Am (iii) Are (iv) Was
(b) (i) And (ii) Or (iii) Is (iv) Am
(c) (i) A (ii) The (iii) In (iv) At

9 The following paragraph has not been edited. One word has been omitted in each line. Write the omitted word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after in your answer sheet against the correct blank number as shown in the example. 4

	Before	omitted	after
Astronomers trying understand why Saturn appears 'young - brighter expected for planet of its age- have found that gas generated deep keeps it looking young hot. As planets age	e.g. trying	to	understand
	(a)	_____	_____
	(b)	_____	_____
	(c)	_____	_____
	(d)	_____	_____

- they become darker cooler. (e) _____
- Saturn however much brighter than (f) _____
- expected-
- a question has puzzled scientists (g) _____
- since late sixties. (h) _____

- 10 Eg : the largest meat-eating / Tyrannosaurus rex / was one of / that ever lived / dinosaurs 3
 Tyrannosaurus rex was one of the largest meat-eating dinosaurs that ever lived.
 (a) were / they / about / long / 40 feet
 (b) massive / its / 5 - foot - long / could bore / skull / into prey
 (c) could eat / they / up to / 500 pounds / in one bite / of meat

SECTION C
(LITERATURE: 25 Marks)

- 11 I am going upstairs for a moment. If that is the lady, tell her I will not be long. It won't do 3
 to give her the impression that I am waiting for her.
 (a) Why is the speaker going upstairs ?
 (b) 'It won't do to give her the impression', what impression is the speaker talking about ?
 (c) What character traits of the speaker are revealed in the above passage ?

Answer the following questions: (2x4)

- 12.1 How did Duke meet his end ? 2
- 12.2 According to the maid, why did Juliette look comical ? 2
- 12.3 Why has the poet used the line 'To join the brimming river ? What kind of picture does it 2
 create ?
- 12.4 How did Sudha Murty help her distressed grandmother ? 2
- 13.1 Though young, the granddaughter understands the feelings of her grandmother and was able 4
 to help her. What does this reveal about the personality of the narrator ?

OR

- 13.2 Marcy was not in favour of having Duke in the house, but towards the end of the story her attitude undergoes a drastic change. Discuss. 4

Attempt either part (a) or part(b)

Part (a)

- 14(A) Describe briefly Gulliver's visit to Mildendo, the capital of Lilliput. What precautions did he have to take? Answer in about 100-120 words. 5
- 15(A) Gulliver's hectic schedule of exhibition affected him adversely. Explain. How was he able to have a sigh of relief? (100-120 words) 5

Part (b)

- 14(B) Any work requires concentration and confidence. Prove this with reference to the story of Uncle Podger. 5
- 15(B) We come across many people who overload the boat of life. Are you one among them? Why/Why not? Give valid reasons. 5
