CLASS IX (2019-20)
ENGLISH (CODE 184)
LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE
SAMPLE PAPER-4

Time Allowed : 3 Hours   **Maximum Marks : 80**

General Instructions :

(i)   This paper is divided into three sections: A, B and C. All questions are compulsory.

(ii)   Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.

(iii)   Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions

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SECTION -A READING 20 MARKS

Q1.   Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.   [8]

The phases of the Moon last approximately one month so it was easy for ancient people to measure that length of time. However, every society needs a length of time shorter than a month but longer than a day so the week was invented.

Sunday is, obviously named after the Sun and Monday is named after the Moon. Saturday is named after Saturn. The other days of the week are named after Germanic gods. Tuesday is named after Tiw, the god of war. Wednesday is named after Woden, the chief god. Thursday is named after Thor, the god of thunder and Friday is named after the Goddess Frigg.

In 45 BC Julius Caesar introduced a new calendar with 12 months. He also added a leap year.

The Romans celebrated New Year on 1 March so the name September is derived from Latin words meaning seventh month. October was the 8th month, November was the 9th month and December was the 10th month. In England, New Year was not celebrated in January until 1752. January is named after the Roman god Janus, who was the god of gates, doors, and beginnings. February may be named after the Roman festival of Februa. March is named after Mars the god of war. June is named after the goddess Juno and July is named after Julius Caesar. August is named after Augustus Caesar. The origin of the names of the other months is not certain. April is believed to be derived from the Latin word aperire, which means to open because buds opened at that time. May may be named after the Goddess Maia.

In 1582, Pope Gregory 13th introduced a new calendar. The calendar went forward 10 days and century years (like 1800) would no longer be leap years unless they were divisible by four. Britain adopted the Gregorian calendar in 1752 but in Russia, it was not adopted until after the revolution of 1917.

In the early years of Christianity there was a dispute over the date of Easter. In 325, the Nicean Council decided it should be on the first Sunday after the full moon after the Spring Equinox. That is why the date of Easter changes each year. Christmas is, of course, Jesus' birthday. However, it is very unlikely Jesus was really born on 25 December! In ancient times most pagans held some kind of mid-winter festival. Instead of abolishing the old pagan festivals the Church took them over and 'Christianized' them. In 354 AD 25 December was fixed as the birthday of Christ.

At the end of the 5th century a monk named Dionysius the Short introduced a new way of calculating dates. Previously dates were calculated from the foundation of Rome. Dates were now calculated from before the birth of Jesus (BC) or before Christ and in the year of Our Lord (AD or anno Domini). However, Dionysius miscalculated and Jesus was actually born in at least 4 BC.

Before the Reformation people would often record the date by writing Saint so-and-so's day rather than writing the day of the month. Many saints days were days of rest and our word holiday is derived from holy day.

In an agricultural society life was dominated by the seasons. The old word for Spring was Lenten (related to our word lengthen because the days lengthen at that time). Later it came to mean the days before Easter and it was shortened to Lent. The word Spring was first used for this season in the 16th century.

On the basis of your reading and understanding of the above passage, answer the following :

(i)   September is counted as the seventh month in the Roman calendar because

(ii)   After which year did the people of England start celebrating New Year in January ?

(iii)   Who introduced the calculation of dates from before the birth of Jesus ?

(iv)   The date of Easter changes every year because the Nicean Council in 325 decided that Easter will be celebrated on the first Sunday after the full moon after the Spring Equinox. (True/False).

(v)   The Gregorian calendar

(a)   came into being in 1583.

(b)   was introduced by Pope Gregory the 12th.

(c) didn't count century years as leap years unless they were divisible by four.

(d) was adopted by Russia before the Russian revolution.

(vi) The word 'pagan' in para 6 means people

(a) who oppose the government.

(b) with religious beliefs other than the commonly followed.

(c) who wage wars.

(d) are highly religious.

(vii) Which of the following is not true ?

(a) Days are named after the Germanic gods.

(b) Jesus was not really born on 25 December.

(c) 'Holiday' means a day of rest because it was derived from the combination of the word 'holy' and the fact that people referred to saint days to record days and most of the saint days were days of rest.

(d) all of the above

(viii) The word 'foundation' in para 7 can be replaced by the word

(a) base   (b) establishment

(c) organisation   (d) incorporation

Q2. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.   [2 × 4 + 1 × 4 = 12]

While we may not all possess the ability to paint the Mona Lisa, compose like Mozart, cook like Julia Child, or write like Hemingway, every human being is born with a special talent. Some people are able to find and learn to express their talents early on while others might discover them later in life. We are all creative beings, and creative beings need to create as much as we need to eat, breathe and sleep. Creativity has different meaning for different people and unfortunately, due to many factors (one's upbringing, religion, busy schedule, et cetera), that creativity is often stifled. Its importance is not valued as much as it should be, which can have a powerful effect on one's overall ability to achieve true happiness and success in life. If we stifle our creativity or discount its importance, we create blockages in other aspects of life, which can hinder our ability to move forward in different areas like health, work and personal relationships.

No matter how busy one's schedule is, it is very important to schedule time for self-care, specifically for expressing creativity. Trying out different hobbies is a great way to explore one's creativity because it can be very enjoyable. Some people find one hobby and fall in love with it so much it becomes their passion. For example, I love to play with natural ingredients and blend essential oils. Making all-natural, organic skin care products and teaching the recipes in my community workshops is one of my passions. Some people prefer to try different hobbies for shorter periods of time, or change them up each season to stay interested and keep trying different things.

One great thing about hobbies is that there are no set rules. Each person gets to decide how often they want to do it and whether they want to stick with it for a long time or move on to something else after trying it for a few weeks or months.

Another valuable aspect of hobbies is that one can enjoy them quietly when enjoying some downtime alone, or as a way to become involved with a community. Book clubs, art or cooking classes, writers' workshops, knitting circles, gardening clubs - nearly every type of hobby presents an opportunity to meet with other likeminded individuals and build relationships. This could be beneficial on both a personal and professional level. In any business, especially the salon and spa business, teamwork is vital to success. Hobbies can be a great way to create a community among co-workers either in or outside of the spa. Sometimes if co-workers are not getting along, having them participate in a seemingly non-work related hobby, where all participants are novices, can be great for creating common ground. Oftentimes, the simple act of providing an opportunity for a person to find and express his or her own inherent creative talents produces significant positive changes. When people experience something as simple and profound as creating something beautiful from seemingly nothing, they begin to view the world - and daily environments - in a fresh, new way.

2.1 On the basis of your reading and understanding of the above passage, answer the following: [2×4=8]

(i) What is creativity? What do we achieve from creativity ?

(ii) How can one explore one's creativity? What do people do to stay interested in hobbies ?

(iii) How do hobbies help build community or social relationship? In which way, does this benefit us ?

(iv) What kind of workplace problem do hobbies help to solve? How ?

2.2 Answer the following questions   [1×4=4]

(v) The synonym of the word 'stifled' in para 1 is

(a) free   (b) support

(c) suppress   (d) hide

(vi) The word in para 4 which means 'deep and intense' is

(a) novice   (b) profound

(c) inherent   (d) significant

(vii) Give an antonym for the word 'hinder' in para 1.

(viii) Identify the word in para 4 which means 'the time when one is not working'.

SECTION B - WRITING & GRAMMAR (30 MARKS)

Q3. Write an article on the role students play in a teacher's life in 100-150 words. You are Ajay/Anju.   [8]

OR

Describe the annual science exhibition held in your school recently in 100-150 words.

Q4. Write a short story based on the given outline or cue/s in about 150-200 words.   [10]
It was 1 a.m. Everyone except the head boy was snoring away in the river-side camp. Head boy, Arun, who enjoyed solitude was lost in the moonlight glimmer of the calm river. The sight of something floating towards him broke his reverie. It could be a log but what if ...

OR

Aman's brother is six years younger to him. He studies in class 9. When he was in class 8, Aman observed that his brother was losing interest in not only studies but also music and sports. How Aman helped his brother get back to his studies and hobbies is a story you think worth knowing. Share Aman's story in 150-200 words by taking help from the given hints. Give a suitable title and moral to the story.
Hints : Aman's brother studied and played well - became rude and insincere - Aman kept an eye - talked to his teachers and friends - bridged gap between parents and him - slowly Aman's brother got back to his old form

Q5. Read the sentence given below and fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones that follow.   1×4=4
He (i) .... very tall but his skinny frame makes him look like a flag post. The stubby beard on his flesh rotund face (ii) .... him look older than his age. His overtly aquiline nose gives him a devilish look. No one knows who he is and (iii) .... he has come from. People wait (iv) .... his house, like a guard of honour, to see him when he comes out only once throughout the day to dig the ground and keep some utensils in it.

(i)   (a) isn't   (b) wasn't

     (c) was   (d) is

(ii)   (a) make   (b) made

     (c) makes   (d) has made

(iii) (a) when   (b) where

     (c) how   (d) who

(iv) (a) in   (b) at

     (c) beside   (d) near

Q6. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the error along with its correction in the space provided.   1×4=4

	Error	**Correction**
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	Error	**Correction**
(i) selected in, taught us intercultural skills.	____	____
(ii) The global village is created at this program.	____	____
(iii) We learned that the beauty is of diversity.	____	____
(iv) This program also taught us that we must be appreciative.	____	____

Q7. Rewrite the sentences according to the given instruction.   1×4=4

(i) We were asked to come back the next day. (Change the sentence into active voice.)

(ii) He said, "Please come to this room." (Write the sentence in reported speech.)

(iii) He belongs to a tribe. The tribe rears animals for livelihood. (Join the sentences.)

(iv) He learns music. He started learning in 2011. (Join the sentences using 'since and making other necessary changes.)

SECTION C - LITERATURE
(30 MARKS)

Q8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow.   1×4=4

Few would grudge her the riches she is now reaping. This is what she has to say about her monetary gains from tennis: "Of course, money is a motivation."

(i) Who does 'her' refer to here ?

(ii) Give the meaning of the word 'grudges'.

(iii) Why few grudged her riches ?

(iv) What was the other motivation for 'her' ?

OR

I will arise and go now, and go to Innisfree,

And a small cabin build there, of clay and wattles made:

Nine bean-rows will I have there, a hive for the honeybee,

And live alone in the bee-loud glade.

(i) Name the poem and the poet.

(ii) Why will 'I' go to Innisfree ?

(iii) Where will 'I' stay in Innisfree ?

(iv) Give the meaning of the word 'wattles'.

Q9. Answer any five of the following questions in 30-40 words.   2×5=10

(i) How did the author react when the snake fell on him ?

(ii) What did Einstein jokingly call his desk drawer at work? What did Einstein secretly do during his first job ?

(iii) How are noon, evening and midnight at the lake isle of Innisfree ?

(iv) Which title did Maria Sharapova win in 2004? What was the key to Maria's winning this ?

(v) What attracted the child towards the balloons? Why didn't his parents give him the balloons ?

(vi) Why grandfather had to pay for Toto at Dehra Dun Railway Station? Which animal did grandfather travel with without paying for its ticket ?

(vii) Who blamed the bricklayer for the collapse of the wall? What had the bricklayer done ?

Q10. Answer any one of the questions in 100-150 words.

How will the poet get peace in 'The Lake Isle of Innisfree' ?   [8]

OR

Has the author given a suitable ending to the story 'The Snake and the Mirror' ?

Q11. Answer any one of the questions in 100-150 words.
What do you think appealed the Swallow to be the messenger of the happy prince? [8]

OR

Describe the character of Sergei.