

Model paper

Sub: English  
Max. Marks: 40

Class: IX  
Time: 2 hours

Section A

Reading Comprehension

10 marks

1. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow. (The first four parts of the questions based on the stanzas carry 1/2 mark each and the last part contains 1 mark.)

*Remember, no men are strange, no countries foreign  
Beneath all uniforms, a single body breathes  
Like ours: the land our brothers walk upon  
Is earth like this, in which we all shall lie  
They, too, aware of the sun and air and water,  
Are fed by peaceful harvests, by war's long winter starved.  
Their hands are ours, and in their lines, we read  
A labour not different from our own.*

Questions:

1. "Beneath all uniforms, a single body breathes." Here the word "uniforms" refers to

- A. Dresses people wear throughout the world.
- B. Dresses students wear in the schools.
- C. Dresses armies wear during their duty.
- D. Dresses players wear while playing.

(1/2)

2. What has been used as a device of contrast in these lines

- A. Sun and air
- B. fed and starved
- C. Hands and lines
- D. Uniform and body

(1/2)

3. The writer is having sympathy for

- A. His brothers
- B. Strange men
- C. Foreign countries



D. universal brotherhood

(1/2)

4. 'like' ... 'land' ... 'lie' is an example of?

A. metaphor

B. alliteration

C. refrain

D. consonance

(1/2)

5. What do you understand by 'peaceful harvests'?

(1)

**II. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.**

All through history across the world, women have suffered on account of *inaccessibility* to education, healthcare and property rights. The denial of rights has led to women's oppression. To end this discrimination, many countries have taken social and political steps to empower women in the real sense. In India the Lok Sabha passed the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam (Women's Reservation Bill) 2023 during the Special Parliament Session held in September. The reservation Bill was introduced by various governments since 1996 and failed to reach a consensus every time. This is not only a historic moment for the Bill, which ensures 33% reservation and representation of women in the lower house of parliament but it is also the first Bill to be tabled in the new parliament building. 454 members voted in favour of the Bill, while two voted against it. The bill will definitely lead to empowerment of women and allow them to participate in making important decisions concerning the welfare of the people, particularly women.

Questions:

1. Women have suffered on account of

(1/2)

- A. Inaccessibility to Education
- B. Inaccessibility to Health Care
- C. Denial of property rights
- D. All the above

2. To end the discrimination of women, countries have

(1/2)

- A. Empowered women politically
- B. Empowered women socially
- C. Both A and B
- D. Denied women the right to contest elections

3. The Lok Sabha represents the (1/2)
- Lower house of the parliament
  - Upper house of the parliament
  - Central house of the parliament
  - Peripheral house of the parliament

4. The Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam (Women's Reservation Bill) 2023 (1/2)
- Ensures 1/3 of the reservation of women in the parliament
  - Ensures 33% of reservation of women in the parliament
  - Ensures equal reservation of women in the parliament
  - Both A & D

5. Why do you think rights are important? How will Women's Reservation Bill empower women? (2)

III. Look at the following pictures and answer the questions given below.



Questions:

- 1) Miranda and Ferdinand go out, carrying
- Flowers
  - Logs
  - Books
  - Blocks

(1/2)

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- 2) If you 'll sit down, I 'll bear your logs the while. Here 'you' refers to (1/2)
- A. Caliban
  - B. Prospero
  - C. Miranda
  - D. Ferdinand
- 3) How many people can be seen in the picture story? (1/2)
- A. Three
  - B. Five
  - C. Seven
  - D. Four
- 4) What happens after Miranda tells Ferdinand to stop doing the log work. (1/2)
- A. They get carried away with each other's love and start going into the forest.
  - B. Ferdinand stops, and Miranda takes over.
  - C. Ferdinand stops, and start a conversation.
  - D. They both go somewhere nice to eat together.
- 5) Give two reasons why Miranda was so concerned about Ferdinand? (1)

### Section B

#### GRAMMAR

5 Marks

1. There are four errors in the passage below. Identify them and rewrite the corrected passage.

Pineapple is highly relished for its unique aroma and sweet taste. It contain a number of volatile compounds in small amounts and complex mixtures. pineapple is also a rich source of minerals and vitamins that offer a number of health benefits. Ranked third behind banana and citrus, the demand for pineapple have greatly increased within the international market. Pineapple contains considerable amounts of bioactive compounds, dietary fiber, minerals, and nutrients. In addition, pineapple has been proved to have various health benefits including anti-inflammatory, antioxidant activity, monitoring nervous system function, and healing bowel movement. (4)

- 3-The underlined word in the given sentence has been used as:

- 1) She has done it beautifully.



- a) Noun
- b) Verb
- c) Pronoun
- d) Adverb

(1/2)

2) The underlined word in the given sentence is  
All that glitters is not gold.

- a) Conjunction
- b) Interjection
- c) Verb
- d) Noun

(1/2)

### Section C

#### Writing Skills

10 marks

1. Write an email or a message to your friend inviting him/ her to your brother's wedding. (1)
2. Write a letter to your sister about your experience at a two-day camp organized by your school.  
Or  
Write a letter to an editor about the frequent power curtailment in your area, which is disrupting the studies of students. (3)
3. Write a paragraph on your experience during COVID-19.  
Or  
Your parents have gifted you a book to develop your interest in reading. Write a short diary entry expressing your ideas on receiving the book as a gift. (3)
4. Create a dialogue between the teacher and the student on the launch of Chandrayaan 3.  
Or  
Read the conversation between the two friends and complete the dialogue.  
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Adil-----  
Aakash- How are you feeling now?  
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Or

Given below is the opening of a story. Complete the story in two hundred words.

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### Section D

#### Literature

15 marks

Answer two of the following short-answer type questions

1. Why does the poet compare human life to blossoms?
2. After reading *Blossoms* do you think life can be beautiful even though short?
3. What are the loveliest of all these things God has shown to the poet?
4. What does the contrast between the last line and the rest of *Beauty* suggest?

(2x2=4)

Answer three of the following short-answer type questions

1. How did Gulliver show his loyalty to the emperor?
2. What kind of life did Sheikh-Ul-Alam (RA) lead?
3. What did Mother Theresa mean by 'to fail would be to break faith'?
4. The morning of the eleventh day dawned, but Deesa did not return as he was busy enjoying his life. How did Motiguj react to it.
5. Why does the writer say Toto was not the kind of pet to be kept long.

(3x2=6)

Answer one of the following long-answer type questions

1. How did the judge and Brodie deduce that Mrs. Lomond had killed Nellie Salter?
2. Why did Mrs. Lomond come to the judge's lodge? Give two reasons.

(1x5=5)

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