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ANNUAL EXAMINATION-2019-2020

- Check that this question paper contains **8** printed pages.
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- **15** minutes cooling time has been allotted to read this question paper only and do not write any answer in the answer book during this period.

STD-IX

SUB: ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (184)

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 80

General Instructions:

(i) This question paper is divided into 3 sections.

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| Section- A | - | Reading | 20 marks |
| Section- B | - | Writing & Grammar | 30 marks |
| Section -C | - | Literature | 30 marks |

(ii) All questions are compulsory.

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

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SECTION A READING (20 Marks)

1. Read the passage carefully:

(8)

1. The world's oldest trees, a species of pine, grow in California and have been known to live up to five thousand years. Is that why Californians look so young? The oldest tree I have seen is an ancient mulberry growing at Joshimath, a small temple town in the Himalayas. It is known as Kalpa Vriksha or Immortal tree.
2. The Hindu sage Shankaracharya is said to have meditated beneath it in the sixteenth century. These ancient sages always found a suitable tree beneath which they could meditate. The Buddha favoured a banyan tree, while Hindu ascetics are still to be found sitting cross-legged beneath peepal trees. Peepals are just right in summer, because the slender heart-shaped leaves catch the slightest breeze and send cool currents down to the thinker below.
3. Personally, I prefer contemplation to meditation. I am happy to stand back from the great mulberry and study its awesome proportions. Not a tall tree, but it has an immense girth-my three room apartment in Mussoorie would have fitted quite snugly into it. A small temple beside the tree looked very tiny indeed, and the children playing among its protruding roots could have been kittens.
4. As I said I'm not one for meditating beneath trees, but that's really because something always happens to me when I try. I don't know how the great sages managed, but I find it difficult to concentrate when a monkey comes up to me and stares me in the face. Or when a woodpecker starts hammering away a few feet up the trunk from where I sit. I expect the great ones were immune to all this arboreal activity. I am just a nature lover, easily distracted by the caterpillar crawling on my leg.
5. And so I am happy to stand back and admire the "good, green-hatted people" as a visitor from another planet described the trees in a story by R L Stevenson.

On the basis of your reading of the passage given above, answer the questions that follow :

(1 x 8)

- a) Shankaracharya meditated beneath the Kalp –Vriksha in
- the 8th century
 - the 19th century
 - the 15th century
 - the 16th century
- b) The peepal trees , according to the author, suit the ascetics for meditation because-----
- they are mythologically sacred tree.
 - they are old
 - they are shady
 - they send cool currents down
- c) The author cannot meditate beneath a tree because-----
- he cannot concentrate
 - he does not like trees
 - monkeys would not allow him to concentrate
 - none of the above
- d) When the author says the mulberry has an ‘immense girth’ , he means to say-----
- it is very slim
 - it is very tall
 - it has many shoots
 - none of the above
- e) the ‘good green-hatted people refers to
- people wearing green hats
 - trees
 - ancient sages
 - people wearing green clothes
- f) The world’s oldest tree , a kind of -----, is known to live upto five thousand years.
- banyan tree
 - peepal tree
 - pine
 - none of the above
- g) The synonym of the word ‘jutting out’ as given in paragraph 3 is:
- snugly
 - awesome
 - contemplation
 - protruding
- h) The Buddha meditated under Kalpa-Vriksha at Joshimath. (True/False)

2. Read the following passage carefully:

1. As students, many of us, at one time or another, have been guilty of putting off completing our homework or preparing for a test. We had probably convinced ourselves that there was plenty of time to study but as the test day or homework submission deadline drew nearer we would start to panic and wonder how we ever thought we could get all that work done in time. People go through the same experience in their professional lives too. This is exactly the premise of Hofstadter's Law.
2. Douglas Hofstadter, an American professor of cognitive science, and Pulitzer Prize winning author named the law after himself which states that "It always takes longer than you expect, even when you take into account Hofstadter's law." According to the law, even if you are not a person to procrastinate but a perfectionist, and have planned everything down to the last detail, you will still find yourself short of time.
3. The law is applicable to almost all walks of life, but is of particular significance to those who are involved in complex and time consuming tasks such as software developers and project managers. Psychologists have found that, for complex, long term projects the human mind looks at best-case scenarios and tends to provide over optimistic completion timelines, which do not factor in delays due to unforeseen circumstances such as illnesses or injuries.
4. Of course, theoretically, it is possible to beat the law with better time management skills. Being more organized and better prepared with right resources, skills and familiarity with the subject matter can help save a lot of time. Moreover, one needs to check progress of the work at constant intervals and develop contingency plans to deal with the problems. It is very important to inculcate a 'long-term perspective' for any task. It is equally important to be flexible, innovative and develop the art of taking tough decisions.
5. There is another school of thought that feels that it is better not to make long term plans at all. It advocates real time monitoring of a project and make course corrections as and when required. In this way you will never be under pressure to meet a deadline. This method, however, does not work very well in the real world where everything needs to be done yesterday!

2.1. On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions in 30-40 words each: (2 x 4)

- a. Explain Hofstadter's Law in your own words.
- b. Why is Hofstadter's Law more applicable to software developers and project managers?
- c. What are the ways in which one can beat the law?
- d. What is the other school of thought on planning long-term work?

2.2. On the basis of your reading of the above passage answer the following : (1 x 4)

- a. What does **PROCRASTINATE** (para 2) mean
(i) Delay (ii) allow (iii) deviate (iv) mislead
- b. The synonym of **REGULATING** as given in para-5 is _____
- c. Find out the antonym of **RIGID** as given in (para-4)
(i) Resource (ii) flexible (iii) perspective (iv) contingency
- d. The antonym of **CALM** as given in para-1 is _____

SECTION B- WRITING AND GRAMMAR (30 Marks)

3. There is a child in your area who collects plastic bottles and similar things from the garbage every evening. Write a descriptive paragraph about the child in about 100-150 words. (8)

You might like to include the following points in your descriptions:

- The name, age, build, general details
- Your feelings about seeing someone around your age or younger working to survive
- The reaction of people in your neighborhood to this child, any interaction you might have had.

OR

National parks and other nature reserves help protect our flora and fauna and provide a place for wildlife to flourish. Write an Article in 100-150 words about the need to protect them from threats.

Your Article may talk about

- The advantages of nature reserves over zoos
 - Challenges faced by wildlife in such places- poachers, unfamiliar diseases
- Long term advantages of national parks , such as promoting tourism

4. Given below is an incomplete outline of a story. Use it along with your own ideas to complete the story in about 150- 200 words. Do not forget to include an interesting title. (10)

Ratna is making a surprise visit to her aunt and uncle's house – she is carrying gifts for her cousins- driving up to the house she sees that the lights are out- wonders if they are out – she walks up to the house and finds the door unlocked- bewildered she walks in

OR

Given below is the basic outline of a story along with an image. Use them along with your own ideas to write a story in about 150-200 words. Give a suitable title

Dipak is walking down the road-notices a tiny sapling-waters it for weeks- some time later the sapling grows to a small tree-Dipak moves to city to pursue his career –after years returns to his hometown



5. Complete the paragraph given below by filling in the blanks choosing the correct option from those that follow. (1x 4)

The ideal bond between parents and their offspring is (a) _____ mutually loving and protective one. Parents try to give the best (b) _____ everything to their children. (c) _____ children achieve something in life ,parents praise and reward them. When children do something wrong, parents admonish and lead them (d) _____ the right path.

(a) (i) an (ii) a (iii) the (iv) their

- (b) (i) with (ii) in (iii) of (iv) at
 (c) (i) while (ii) when (iii) but (iv) and
 (d) (i) on (ii) to (iii) at (iv) for

6. The above paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. (1x4)

	Incorrect	Correct
A rainbow is an fascinating sight for	(a) -----	-----
all of us. It was a spectacular arch of	(b) -----	-----
seven colours then you can see in the	(c) -----	-----
sky when the sun shine after a	(d) -----	-----
shower of rain.		

7. Rearrange the following sets of words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. (1x4)

- every day/ it on/ a thankful/ with a prayer/ note/ start/ and end
- to remain/ important/ calm/ it/ a crisis /is/ during
- our failures/ we can learn/ as we/as much/ from/ can from/ our triumphs
- and you/ show/ your worth/ win respect/ at work/ will

SECTION C- LITERATURE (30 Marks)

8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

(1 x 4)

So , come, let's build strong homes
 Practise to firm the body
 Make the heart steadfast
 Do this and the wind will be friends with us

- The poem ' Wind' is written by-----
 (i) Vikram Seth (ii) Subramania Bharati (iii) A.P J Abdul Kalam
 (iv) Gieve Patel
- If we build strong homes the wind will be ----- with us.
 (i) Angry (ii) polite (iii) friends (iv) upset
- The poet asks the readers to -----
- Find a word from the extract that means the same as **UNWAVERING**

OR

It takes much time to kill a tree,
Not a simple jab of the knife
Will do it. It has grown
Slowly consuming the earth
Rising out of it feeding
Upon its crust, absorbing
Years of sunlight air, water,
And out of its leprous hide
Sprouting leaves

- a. Not a simple jab of a knife will do it- Here jab means-----
(i) Pull (ii) push (iii) stab (iv) grab
- b. The leprous hide refers to-----of the tree
(i) Bark (ii) trunk (iii) twigs (iv) leaves
- c. The tree grows by consuming-----
- d. Find a word from the above extract that means the same as **FEEDING ON**

9. Answer any five of the following questions in 30-40 words each: (2 x 5)

- a. Who was Behrman and what was his dream?
- b. 'The sound was a familiar one'- What sound did the doctor hear and what did he think it was?
- c. Why had the intruder been running away from the police? Where did it bring him?
- d. What thoughts flash through the poet's mind when it rains?
- e. How did Jerome's toothbrush make his life a misery?
- f. How did Bill Bryson end up in a 'crash position' in the aircraft?
- g. What does the swallow see when it flies over the city?

10. Answer any one of the following questions in about 100-150 words (8)

'There are different sorts of fathers'. When and how does Kezia's view of her father undergo a change?

OR

Pets at times become an indispensable part of our life. They establish a bond of love and friendship. Discuss with reference to 'The Bond of Love'

11. Answer any one of the following questions in about 100-150 words (8)

Justify the title of the story 'The Accidental Tourist'.

OR

At the end of the chapter 'A house is not a home' the author overcomes his feelings of loss and tragedy. How?
