

**ST. JOSEPH'S ACADEMY, DEHRADUN**  
**FIRST TERM EXAMINATIONS AUGUST' 2021-22**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLASS IX**

**M.M. 80 TIME 2 HOURS**

NAME OF THE STUDENT.....CLASS/SECTION.....ROLL NO.....

YOU WILL **NOT** BE ALLOWED TO WRITE DURING THE FIRST 15 MINUTES. THIS TIME IS TO BE SPENT IN READING THE QUESTION PAPER. THE TIME GIVEN AT THE HEAD OF THIS PAPER IS THE TIME ALLOWED FOR WRITING THE ANSWERS.

**SET A**

**ATTEMPT ALL FIVE QUESTIONS**

THE INTENDED MARKS FOR QUESTIONS OR PARTS OF QUESTIONS ARE GIVEN IN BRACKETS [ ]

**Question 1.** Fill in the blanks with an appropriate word:

[10]

**SELECT AND WRITE THE ANSWER FROM THE GIVEN OPTIONS:**

- i) I refrained \_\_\_\_\_ telling the truth.  
a) on                                      b) from                                      c) by
- ii) The country is passing \_\_\_\_\_ a critical period of social change.  
a) through                                      b) by                                      c) upon
- iii) The public is cautioned \_\_\_\_\_ pickpockets.  
a) against                                      b) for                                      c) within
- iv) The mother escorted her daughter to school as she was anxious \_\_\_\_\_ her safety.  
a) to                                      b) with                                      c) for
- v) Their path was beset \_\_\_\_\_ difficulties yet they succeeded.  
a) from                                      b) with                                      c) through
- vi) A dispute rose \_\_\_\_\_ the boys.  
a) among                                      b) about                                      c) with
- vii) The lift broke \_\_\_\_\_ and the old man had to use the stairs.  
a) up                                      b) down                                      c) through
- viii) Ravishankar translated this book \_\_\_\_\_ many languages.  
a) to                                      b) into                                      c) with
- ix) The little child looked forward \_\_\_\_\_ the arrival of her mother.  
a) for                                      b) to                                      c) upon
- x) The new employee was able to put \_\_\_\_\_ his ideas to the Management and was highly appreciated.  
a) down                                      b) up                                      c) across

**Question 2.**

- (a) Fill in each of the numbered blanks with the correct form of the verb given in the brackets. Do not copy the passage, but write in correct serial order the word or phrase appropriate to the blank space.

[10]

**SELECT AND WRITE THE ANSWER FROM THE GIVEN OPTIONS:**

Example 0-claimed

Babulal, a young taxi driver 0 (claim) that a monster had 1 (attack) him while he 2 (drive) along a lonely road. The monster 3 (be) five feet tall, had red eyes and a hairy body. After 4 (chase) the taxi for a kilometre, he had jumped on its roof and scratched the face of the driver. Many people said that they believed in the 5 (exist) of the monster and the newspapers called the monster the *Monkey-man*. Ninety policemen set out to 6 (catch) the monster and the local television 7 (offer) rupees ten thousand to anyone who would get him dead or alive. The monkey-man 8 (become) so popular that crowds came to Delhi to see him. No one has 9 (find) him. As everyone knows, monsters may or may not exist, but they 10 (be) good for the tourist industry.

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| 1) a) attacks | b) attacked | c) will attack |
| 2) a) drove   | b) driving  | c) was driving |
| 3) a) was     | b) is       | c) had been    |
| 4) a) chased  | b) chasing  | c) chase       |
| 5) a) existed | b) exist    | c) existence   |
| 6) a) catch   | b) caught   | c) catching    |
| 7) a) offers  | b) offered  | c) offering    |
| 8) a) becomes | b) becoming | c) became      |
| 9) a) finding | b) found    | c) find        |
| 10) a) are    | b) were     | c) being       |

**Question 3.** Write a composition of 300 to 350 words on any **ONE** of the following:

[15]

- You were on a school trip and were on your way back to the hotel late one night when your school bus, full of children, broke down in a lonely area. Describe what you saw and experienced as you looked around. How was the problem solved?
- Your empathetic and compassionate behaviour helped you to win more friends and influence more people than your rude behaviour. Narrate how you learned this lesson in your life.
- Write an original story that begins with these words: As the train came to a halt, I saw him peering into the compartment.....
- 'Face to face communication' is better than other types of communication, such as letters, mail, or telephone calls. Express your views **for or against** this statement.
- Study the picture given below. Write an account of what the picture suggests to you. Your composition may be directly about the subject of the picture or may take suggestions from it but they must be a clear connection between the picture and the composition.



**Question 4.** Select any **ONE** of the following:

[10]

- A friend of yours, living in Mumbai, has written a letter to you asking information about your school, where he or she intends to take admission. Write a letter giving details of your school.
- OR**
- Write a letter to the local municipal office, complaining about the dumping of waste on the road close to your house. Mention the problems caused and request the rubbish to be cleared immediately.

### Question 5.

- (a) Your school is conducting an Inter-School Elocution Competition for the students of classes IX and X. Write a notice( in not more than 50 words) for the students of your school, informing them about the event. [5]
- (b) Write an email to the Principal of a neighbouring school, informing him/her, of the event and requesting him/her, to send a team of students to participate in the event. [5]

### Question 6. Read the passage given below carefully and then answer the questions (a), (b) and (c) that follow:

It is breakfast time. You have been looking forward to eating a nice ripe banana ever since you woke up. Just when you reach for the delicious piece of fruit on your counter, you see something that makes you much less hungry: a swarm of fruit flies!

(Fruit flies are tiny insects that are attracted to ripe or rotting fruits and vegetables. The flies not only eat the fruit but they also lay their eggs there. A single fruit fly can lay up to five hundred eggs on the surface of a piece of fruit. Within eight days, the fruit flies that hatch from these eggs are full adults that can lay their own eggs. As you can see, what might start out as a small fruit fly problem can become very large very quickly.)

Although there is a chance that fruit flies can carry germs on to your food, this is not very likely. Fruit flies are **annoying**, but they probably will not hurt you. Because they are such a **nuisance**, however, most people want to get rid of these pesky bugs as quickly as possible. Some people use pesticides sprays on the fruit flies. Although this will kill the flies, it will also spread harmful poison all over your kitchen. Luckily, there is also a completely safe way for you to get rid of fruit flies in your house. The first step is for you to remove all fruits or vegetables from the counter. Store these items in the refrigerator or in sealed containers. Clean up any spilled juice or bits of food that might be on the floor. Take out the **trash** and empty the recycling bin. Wash any dirty dishes that are in your sink. Doing all of these things will stop new fruit flies from finding food or places to lay their eggs.

Next, make a trap to catch all of the remaining fruit flies in your house. First, fill a small bowl with a few tablespoons of vinegar. Then, put a piece of very ripe or rotten fruit into the vinegar. Cover the bowl very tightly with a sheet of plastic wrap and poke a few very small holes in the wrap with a fork. If all goes according to plan, the flies will enter the trap through the holes but will be unable to fly back out. This trap will catch all of the remaining fruit flies. You can either kill this flies or release them outdoors.

Fruit flies can be a pest, but they do not have to make you crazy. With a little effort, you can get existing flies out of your house and prevent new ones from taking over your kitchen.

- (a) Give the meaning of the following words:

- i) annoying  
ii) nuisance  
iii) trash

(i) What are fruit flies? [2]  
What are they attracted to? [3]  
(iii) What do some people do to get rid of flies? How effective is it? [2]

- (b) Answer the following briefly, in your own words:

- i) What makes you less hungry in the morning? a swarm of fruit flies or house flies [1]  
ii) What do fruit flies do on fruits and vegetables? How rapidly do the fruit flies grow? 4 line [2]  
iii) Why do people like to get rid of fruit flies? [1]  
iv) According to the passage, why should you not use pesticides spray to kill fruit flies? [2]

- (c) In not more than 50 words, describe the ways to prevent fruit fly infestation. [6]

### Question 7. Rewrite the following sentences according to the instructions given after each. Make other changes that may be necessary but do not change the meaning of the sentence. [7]

- i) He sold his house and also squandered his father's money.  
(Begin: Not only.....)
- ii) As soon as the train started, people ran for cover.  
(Begin: No sooner ..... )
- iii) The girl was so smart that he could not deceive her.  
(Use: too.....to)

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- iv) If the sky doesn't clear up, the flight will not leave.  
(Begin: Unless.....)
- v) Taj Mahal is one of the greatest monuments in India.  
(Begin: Very few.....)
- vi) Ramesh is very poor yet he is not dishonest.  
(Begin: Although .....
- vii) Robert said to his friend, "I have brought chocolates for you."  
(Begin: Robert told.....)

- (b) Join the following sentences to make one complete sentence without using 'and', 'but' or 'so' [3]
- i) You will surely miss the train. Hurry up!
- ii) Aniket had broken his arm. He still wanted to run the marathon.
- iii) I wear this expensive outfit very sparingly. I bought it last month.