

II SEMESTER EXAMINATION, FEB. - 2025
Class - IX

Time: 2 hrs. Sub: English Language M.M.: 100

Answer to this Paper must be written on the paper provided separately.

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 answer. Attempt all five questions.

Question 1

[Do not spend more than 30 minutes on this question]

Write a composition (300 to 350 words) on anyone of the following. [20]

- Write a story which begins with, "I was fast asleep. Suddenly there was a knock at the door."
- Narrate how Yoga Day was celebrated in your school.
- 'Every family should adopt a pet animal' Express your views either for or against this statement.
- Imagine that a passenger aeroplane has crashed on the ground close to your house. Write a composition describing the scene of disaster and what you and other people did to help the injured.
- Study the picture given below. Write a short story or description or an account of what the picture suggests to you. Your composition may be about the subject of the picture or you may take suggestions from it.



Question 2

Select anyone of the following.

[10]

- Write a letter to your friend, describing the Trekking Expedition in which you participated during the summer vacation.
- Write a letter to the Chief Minister of your State complaining about the bad condition of hospitals in your town.

Question 3

- You are the Head Boy/ Head Girl of your school. Your school is organizing a ' Literature Fest '. Write out a notice to be put up in your school informing students about it. [5]
- Write an email to a literary person, requesting him/her to be the Guest of Honour at the 'Literature Fest' to be organised in your school. [5]

Question 4.

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

I have told that the grass plot was twenty feet square. On the far side to that from which I had approached there was a fallen tree, lying north and south. This tree was about four feet in diameter, and, as it was lying along the edge of the grass plot in the middle of away from me. If which I was standing, it was ten feet my surmise, that the sun had been the cause of the tiger changing his position, was correct, there was no more suitable place than the lee of the tree for him to have taken shelter in, and the only way of satisfying myself on this point was, to walk up to the tree-and look over.

Slipping my feet forward an inch at a time on the soft grass, I now started to approach the tree, and had covered about half the distance that separated me from it when I caught sight of a black-and-yellow object about three inches long on the rocky ledge. For a long minute I stared at this motionless object: until I was convinced

that it was the tip of the tiger's tail. The tiger could only be crouching down and waiting to spring the moment my head appeared over the bole of the tree. But I should have to approach much nearer before I should be able to see enough of his body to get in a crippling shot, and a crippling shot it would have to be if I wanted to leave on my feet.

Inch by inch I again started to creep forward, until the whole of the tail, and after it the hindquarters, came into view. When I saw the hindquarters I could have shouted with delight, for they showed that the tiger was not crouching and ready to spring, but was lying down. Another foot forward and his belly came into view, and from the regular way in which it was heaving up and down I knew that he was asleep. Less slowly now I moved forward, until his shoulder, and then his whole length, was exposed to my view. The back of his head was resting on the edge of the grass plot, which extended for three or four feet beyond the fallen tree; his eyes were fast shut, and his nose was pointing to heaven.

Aligning the sights of the rifle on his forehead I pressed the trigger and, while maintaining a steady pressure on it, pushed up the safety-catch. I had no idea how this reversal of the usual method of discharging a rifle would work, but it did work. When the heavy bullet at that short range crashed into his forehead, there was absolutely no movement, not so much as a quiver did go through the body of the tiger. His tail remained stretched straight out; his hind legs continued to rest on the upper branches of the sapling; and his nose still pointed to heaven. Nor did his position change in the slightest when I sent a second, and quite unnecessary, bullet to follow the first.

However, the finish had not been satisfactory, for I had killed the animal, that was lying five feet from me, in his sleep. I should like to put the arguments before you that I used on myself, in the hope that you will find them more

satisfactory than I did. These arguments were (a) the tiger was a man-eater that was better dead than alive, (b) therefore it made no difference whether he was awake or asleep when killed, and (c) that had I walked away when I saw his belly heaving up and down I should have been morally responsible for the deaths of all the human beings he killed thereafter. All good and sound arguments, you will admit, for my having acted as I did ; but the regret remains that I didn't awaken the sleeping animal and give him a sporting chance.

a. For each word given below choose the correct meaning (as used in the passage) from the options provided. [3]

I. Crouching

- a. Straighten up
- b. hunker down
- c. stretch out
- d. ascend

II. Spring

- a. bound
- b. fallen
- c. subsided
- d. plunged

III. Quiver

- a. steady
- b. persist
- c. shiver
- d. settle

b. Answer the following questions briefly, in your own words.

- I. Why did he not shout instead of slowly nearing the tree to check if the tiger was behind the tree ? [2]
- II. How many feet away was the hunter from the tiger when he saw a black and yellow object ? How much time did he take to get convinced about the object?

III. A crippling shot it would have to be if I wanted to leave on my feet.' Explain the meaning of the sentence? [1]

IV. Why was he delighted to see the back part of the tiger? [2]

V. Describe the posture of the tiger as it came into the full view of the hunter. Where did the bullet hit the tiger? What did the tiger do? [2]

c. Give a vivid description of how the hunter was successful in killing the tiger. The description should be in ~~60~~ words. [8]

Question 5

I. Fill in each of the numbered blanks with the correct form of the word given in brackets. Do not copy the passage but write in correct serial order the word or phrase appropriate to the blank space. [4]

Example: (0) has hired

The district administration here..0...(hire) ^{Langurs} language to control the monkey menace at the Green Park Stadium, which...1....(stage) the first ODI between India and South Africa on October 11. The administration....2... (employ) two langurs....3.... (scare) away the monkeys. To ensure their effectiveness, the langurs...4....(stay) at the venue from Sunday. They ...5...(take) to the points from where monkeys enter the stadium. One of the owners said that regular...6...(patrol) by the langurs would act as a deterrent.

The monkeys frequent the nearby Parmat temple where they...7...(get) food and often stray into the stadium. The district administration would be paying Rs.5000 each for the two langurs, which cost Rs .7000-10000 a month...8....(depend) on the hours of work.

II. Fill in each blank with an appropriate word: [4]

- a. Indian customs are handed _____ to us from many generations.
- b. He was relieved _____ his duties as a policeman.
- c. Frogs live mainly _____ insects .
- d. They conducted a search all _____ the premises.
- e. The court has yet to serve him _____ summons .
- f. He has decided _____ swimming in the river.
- g. She has fainted, kindly send _____ doctor.
- h. We have insured the car _____ theft.

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