

- ii. Besides passing the examination well, he won the first prize.

Use : Not only.....

- iii. She found the climate of Shimla favourable and decided to live there.

Begin : Having found.....

- iv. He is the cleverest man I have ever met.

(Use : clever)

- v. "Don't play on the road," he said to his son.

(Change to Indirect Speech)

- vi. Although he was selected for the post, he did not join the office.

(Begin : Despite.....)

- vii. The team consisted of ten singers and a music teacher.

(Use : 'comprised' in place of 'consisted')

- viii. As soon as the newspaper reaches the stand, it is sold out.

(Begin : No sooner.....)

**Quarterly Examination - 2018-19**  
**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**Class : IX**

**Time : 2 Hrs. + 15 min**

**Full Marks : 80**

**Question 1**

Write a composition on any ONE of the following : (20)

- Shifting or changing house is a painful exercise for adults but an exciting adventure for children. Narrate one such experience in your life.
- Describe a winter morning when you were waiting for your school bus.
- "The man who will succeed in life is he who can adopt himself easily." Express your views either for or against this statement.
- Write a story which begins, 'Through my semi-conscious state I heard the distant peals of a telephone ringing....'
- Study the picture given below. Write a story or an account of what the picture suggests to you.



for this only recently – from mother. “It may surprise you to learn that Aunt Jane wanted to be an actress when she was young,” she told us. “She used to wait outside film studios all day, just to appear in crowd scenes. Your aunt has probably appeared in dozens of films – as a face in the crowd at a railway station or in the street! Sometimes she did not even know the name of the film they were making, so she couldn’t go to see herself at the cinema!”

“All the time, of course, she was looking for a small part in a film. Her big chance came when they started to make a film in our town, Jane managed to meet the director at a party, and he offered her a role as a shopkeeper. It really was a very small part – she only had few lines to say – but it was an important moment for Jane. Before the great event, she **rehearsed** for days. In fact, she turned the sitting-room into a shop! We all had to help, going in and out of the shop until she was word perfect. And on the actual day she was **marvelous**. The Director congratulated her and it was then that Jane began thinking that it was the beginning of glorious film career for her.

She was excited beyond imagination. For her that was the moment when her dream of becoming a famous film actress was finally coming true.

Unfortunately, in the end, they did not include the shop scene in the film. But nobody told Jane. When the film first appeared in London, she took all her friends to see it. And of course, she wasn’t in it! It was a **terrible blow**! She stopped going to the film studios and gave up the idea of becoming an actress after that embarrassing situation she had found herself in. She still loves the cinema, as you all know, but from that day she has always gone alone!

- a. Give the meaning of the following words as used in the passage. (3)
  - i. rehearsed
  - ii. marvelous
  - iii. terrible blow
- b. Answer the following questions : (9)
  - i. How do we know that Aunt Jane loved cinema? (2)
  - ii. What puzzled the narrator’s family? (2)
  - iii. What explanation was provided by the mother regarding Aunt Jane? (2)
  - iv. When did Aunt Jane get her big opportunity? (2)
  - v. Why do you think she gave up the idea of becoming an actress? (1)
- c. In not more than fifty words relate what happened once the film was released. How did it affect Jane? (8)

#### Question 5

- a. Fill in the numbered blanks with correct form of the word given in brackets. (4)

Chandi Prasad Bhatt 1 (launch) a public campaign 2 (know) as the ‘Chipko Movement’ to protect the trees. In this movement, village women played an active role. They took up their positions with each 3 (hug) a tree enveloping the trunk in their arms. This 4 (do) to warn the contractors that if they wanted 5 (cut) down a tree, they would have to attack the protectors first. Bhatti himself 6 (surprise) at the success of the movement and at the protector’s positive participation to prevent the falling of the trees.

Question 2

Select one of the following : (10)

- a. You have left behind your cell phone in a shopping mall. Write a letter to the manager to inquire if it has been found.
- b. Your father wants you to become a doctor whereas you want to become an actor. Write a letter trying to convince him to allow you to pursue your dreams.

Question 3

Attempt both (5+5)

- a. Write a notice inviting children from classes VIII to X to participate in the Annual Debate being organised by the school.
- b. Write an e-mail to a well-known literary personality inviting him/her to be the Chief Guest at the above mentioned event.

Question 4

Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : (20)

Aunt Jane is now well over seventy, but she still is a great cinema-goer. The cinema hall in our town closed down years ago and sometimes she has to travel twenty miles or more to see a good film. And once a month at least she goes up to London to see the latest foreign films. Of course she could see most of these films on television, but the idea does not attract her. "It isn't the same" she says. "For one thing the screen's too small. Besides, I like going to the cinema!"

One thing has also **puzzled** us, although Aunt Jane has lots of friends and enjoys company, she always goes to the cinema alone. We discovered the reason

This unusual movement was successful as it \_\_\_7\_\_\_ (base) on the principle of non-violence and \_\_\_8\_\_\_ (focus) on the sentimental feelings of the local inhabitants.

b. Fill in the blanks with appropriate words (4)

- i. Her age is beginning to tell \_\_\_ her.
- ii. It is one of the best collections I have ever come \_\_\_.
- iii. The traffic was held \_\_\_ for hours.
- iv. I ran \_\_\_ him at the market.
- v. I chased the chief for a while but had to give \_\_\_.
- vi. My coat smells \_\_\_ moth balls.
- vii. Don't let your enthusiasm carry you \_\_\_.
- viii. The roof gave way \_\_\_ the weight of the snow.

c. Join the following sentences without using and, but or so. (4)

- i. He is very impatient. He never listens to me.
- ii. I am rude sometimes. My friends love me.
- iii. He was hurt. He helped the victims.
- iv. The man is a cheat. We met him in the bank.

d. Rewrite the following sentences according to the given instructions : (8)

- i. On reaching his school, he called his mother up.

Begin : As soon as.....