

CBSE Class 09
English Language and Literature
Sample Paper 5 (2019-20)

Maximum Marks: 80

Time Allowed: 3 hours

General Instructions:

- i. This paper is divided into three sections: A, B and C. All questions are compulsory.
 - ii. Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary.
Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.
 - iii. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.
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Section A

- 1. Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions carefully: (8 marks)**

One of the most devastating earthquakes occurred in Nepal on April 25, 2015. It occurred at 11:56 Nepal Standard Time, with a magnitude of 7.8 Mw or 8.1 Ms and a maximum Mercalli Intensity of IX (Violent). Its epicentre was east of the district of Lamjung, and its focal point was at a depth of approximately 8.2 km (5.1 mi). It was the worst natural disaster to strike Nepal since the 1934 Nepal-Bihar earthquake. It killed over 8,000 people and injured more than 21,000.

The earthquake triggered an avalanche on Mount Everest, killing at least 19, making April 25, 2015, the deadliest day on the mountain in history. The earthquake triggered another huge avalanche in the Langtang valley, where 250 people were reported missing. Hundreds of thousands of people were made homeless with entire villages flattened, across many districts of the country. Centuries-old buildings were destroyed at UNESCO World Heritage sites in the Kathmandu Valley, including some at the Kathmandu Durbar Square, the Patan Durbar Square, the Bhaktapur Durbar Square, the Changu Narayan Temple, and the Swayambhunath Stupa. Geophysicists and other experts had warned for decades that Nepal was vulnerable to a deadly earthquake, particularly because of its geology, urbanization, and architecture.

According to the USGS, the temblor was caused by a sudden thrust, or release of built-up stress, along the major fault line where the Indian Plate, carrying India, is slowly diving underneath the Eurasian Plate, carrying much of Europe and Asia.

Kathmandu, situated on a block of crust approximately 120 km (74 miles) wide and 60 km (37 miles) long, reportedly shifted 3 m (10 ft) to the south in a matter of just 30 seconds.

On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer any eight of the following questions briefly: (1×8=8)

- a. When did one of the most devastating earthquakes take place in Nepal?
 - i. April 25th 2015
 - ii. August 25th 2015
 - iii. May 10th 2017
 - iv. September 3rd 2017
- b. How many people died in the Nepal earthquake?
 - i. Over 7000
 - ii. Over 8,000
 - iii. Over 10000
 - iv. over 5000
- c. April 25, 2015, is considered the deadliest day in the history of Mount Everest because the avalanche triggered by the earthquake killed
 - i. at least 19 people
 - ii. at least 27 people
 - iii. at least 30 people
 - iv. at least 40 people
- d. Where did the earthquake trigger another huge avalanche?
 - i. Langtang Valley
 - ii. Kathmandu Valley
 - iii. the Bhaktapur Durbar Square
 - iv. Arun Valley
- e. Kathmandu, situated on a block of crust approximately
 - i. 150 km wide
 - ii. 210 km long
 - iii. 120 km wide

- iv. 170 km wide
- f. Who had warned for decades that Nepal was vulnerable to a deadly earthquake?
 - i. Geophysicists and experts
 - ii. Historians
 - iii. Politicians
 - iv. Geophysicists and experts
- g. According to USGS, the earthquake took place in Nepal was caused due to sudden.....
- h. The tremblor caused by sudden thrust or build up stress made Kathmandu shift 3m to the south. (True/False)

2. Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions carefully: (12 marks)

It is a famous saying that “Time and tide wait for no man”. So, it is important to use the most of your time instead of procrastinating.

We often find procrastination in the field of education. Students neglect their studies during their school term and wait till the last minute to prepare for examinations. They spend so much time playing games and chatting with their friends that they eventually lose track of time and start panicking at the last moment - a few days before the examinations. These are the students that do not perform to their optimum level in the examinations.

On the contrary, toppers are consistent in their studies and strike the right balance between education and play. They never panic at the last moment because they are already well-prepared for their examinations.

Time is just like a river; it keeps flowing forward and never turns back. You may delay your work and wait for the last minute to complete your tasks at hand, but time will continue to move forward.

Farmers have to keep a close watch of time because they follow strict schedules for planting and harvesting. Their farming schedules are based on the weather and if they delay their planting or harvesting time by even a day, it will spell disaster for them because time will not wait for them.

It is essential for us to respect time and not misuse it. You may have heard of this famous saying, “To realize the value of one year, ask a student who failed an examination. To realize the value of one month, ask a mother who gave birth to a

premature baby. To realize the value of one minute, ask a person who just missed his train. To realize the value of one second, ask someone who just avoided an accident". Time is precious; even one second of your life is valuable. So, do not waste it. If we show respect for time, time would also show the same respect to us.

On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions briefly: (12×1=12)

Answer briefly: (2×4 = 8)

- a. Time and tide wait for none. Explain.
- b. How are toppers able to do the best in the examinations?
- c. How do students procrastinate?
- d. To realize the value of one year and one month, whom should we ask?

Vocabulary: (1×4 = 4)

- i. Which of these words means the same as 'panic'?
 - a. about
 - b. uncertainty
 - c. hesitation
 - d. fright
- ii. Identify the word which means the opposite of 'neglect'
 - a. put off
 - b. heed
 - c. devote
 - d. none of these
- iii. The word similar in meaning to 'watch' is
 - a. observation
 - b. time-table
 - c. clock
 - d. none of these
- iv. Ask a mother who gave birth to a premature baby. Here, the word 'premature' is a
 - a. Noun

- b. Pronoun
- c. Adjective
- d. Adverb

Section B

3. Write an article on **Swachha Bharat Abhiyan** or **Clean India Campaign**, in 100-150 words. **(8 Marks)**

OR

You are Sunlit, a student of class X. Your father has been transferred to another city resulting in a change of school for you. You have been attending your new school for a week now. Write a diary entry on your thoughts and feelings about your old school and new school.

4. Seema decided to write a story for her school magazine, but after some time, she could not complete the story as she had to go out for some urgent work. Complete the story on the basis of the beginning given below using 150-200 words.

Hint-An old man had two daughters. He loved both of them. Once he asked them...

(10 marks)

OR

Renuka started writing a short story. However, due to an unavoidable reason, she had to give it up after writing a few lines. Using the beginning Renuka had made, develop the story in about 150-200 words.

Once a tiger killed a woman passing through the forest. The woman.....

5. **Fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate words/ phrases from the given options : (any four) (1×4=4)**

The most important thing (a) has happened to Indian cinema (b)independence is (c)emergence of regional films. This Phenomenon was very important (d) it gave rise (e)a cinema characterised by significant themes and innovative treatment.

- a. (i) this (ii) that (iii) which (iv) what
- b. (i) for (ii) in (iii) from (iv) since

- c. (i) a (ii) the (iii) an (iv) some
- d. (i) for (ii) from (iii) as (iv) so
- e. (i) from (ii) to (iii) in (iv) into

6. **There is one error in each line. Identify the wrong word and write it with the correction in the spaces given. (4 marks)**

	incorrect	correct
At a certain village, in the province of	e.g. at	in
La Mancha at Spain, there live	(a) _____	_____
the gentleman of about 50 years of age.	(b) _____	_____
He was tall and thin and has giant features.	(c) _____	_____
At one time he is rich, but now he was poor,	(d) _____	_____
because he had sold all his lands to buy books.		

7. **Rearrange the following to create meaningful sentences : (do any four) (1×4=4)**

- a. healthy person/germs/a/carry/may/of/in/body/typhoid/his/cholera/dysentery/etc.
- b. person/does not/such/usually/a/disease/suffer/the/from
- c. also/cultivate/they/asked them to/had to/those/which/crops/the English
- d. two flask-shaped bags/inside/for/it/storing/belly/its/has/water
- e. weigh up/elephant/an/to/can/5 tons

Section C

8. **Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. [4x1 = 4 marks]**

Then took the other, just as fair,
 And having perhaps the better claim,
 Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
 Though as for that the passing there
 Had worn them really about the same.

- a. What does the phrase want wear mean?

- b. What does fair refer to here?
- c. Write a similar word for perhaps.
- d. Give antonym of word claim?

OR

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. [4x1 = 4 marks]

He also felt a special interest in a fellow student, Mileva Marie, whom he found to be a clever creature. This young Serb had come to Switzerland because the University in Zurich was one of the few in Europe where women could get degrees. Einstein saw in her an ally against the Philistines- those people in his family and at the university with whom he was constantly at odds. The couple fell in love. Letters survive in which they put their affection into words, mixing science with tenderness. Wrote Einstein: How happy and proud I shall be when we both have brought our work on relativity to a victorious conclusion.

- a. For which fellow student Albert had a special interest?
 - b. How is Mileva Marie described in the above paragraph?
 - c. How do we know about Albert's affection for Mileva?
 - d. Why did Mileva opt for the university in Zurich?
9. Answer any five of the following questions in 30-40 words each: **(10 Marks)**
- a. Who helped Evelyn to continue with music? What did he do and say?
 - b. How was the doctor relieved of the hold of the snake? Write your answer in the context of The Snake and the Mirror.
 - c. "Beneath all uniforms" What uniforms do you think the poet is speaking about?
 - d. 'Iswaran would not pick up the thread of the story right away.' How did Iswaran build up his ghost story?
 - e. Who brought out Zan's mother from the burning house? Why was an oxygen mask put on her?
 - f. Is Lushkoff a willing worker? Why, then, does he agree to chop wood for Sergei?

10. Describe the meeting of the author's wife with the bear at the zoo. Why did she bring it back home? **(8 Marks)**

OR

How does the author describe Kathmandu's busiest streets?

11. Describe the condition of the child after he had lost his parents at the fair. **(8 Marks)**

OR

What had happened to Johnsy when she was suffering from pneumonia?

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Solution

Section A

1.
 - a. April 25th 2015
 - b. Over 8,000
 - c. at least 19 people.
 - d. Langtang Valley.
 - e. Geophysicists and experts
 - f. Nepal was vulnerable to a deadly earthquake because of its geology, urbanisation and architecture.
 - g. thrust or release of build up stress.
 - h. True

2. **Answer briefly:**

- a. The proverb 'Time and tide wait for no man' means that time keeps on going. It does not understand our compulsion or urgency. So we must use every moment for the right thing. Tide is the older form used for 'time'.
- b. Toppers study consistently and strike the right balance between education and play. Thus, they are well-prepared for their examinations and do not panic at the time of examinations.
- c. Students neglect their studies during their school term and wait till the last minute to prepare for examinations. Before the examinations, they spend too much time playing games and chatting with their friends.
- d. To realize the value of one year, we should ask a student who failed an examination and to realize the value of one month, we should ask a mother who gave birth to a premature baby.

Vocabulary:

- i. Fright means the same as panic.
- ii. 'Heed' is the opposite of 'neglect'.

- iii. Observation is similar in meaning to 'watch'.
- iv. The word 'premature' is an adjective.

Section B

3. **Swachha Bharat Abhiyan or Clean India Campaign**

Cleanliness is most important for physical well-being and a healthy environment. It is essential for everyone to learn about cleanliness, hygiene, sanitation and the various diseases that are caused due to poor hygienic conditions. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched his nationwide cleanliness campaign, the **Swachha Bharat Abhiyan** or **Clean India Campaign** from the Valmiki Basti on 2nd October 2014. Addressing the nation at the launch, Modi asked 1.25 billion people to join the 'Swachha Bharat Abhiyan' and promote it to everyone. Modi himself swept a pavement at Valmiki Basti, a colony of sanitary workers. Launching the campaign, Modi reminded the people that cleanliness is not only the responsibility of the **Safai Kamgars** but also the responsibility of 1.25 billion Indians. The Prime Minister showed his deep concern at mothers and daughters going in the open to relieve themselves. Constructing toilets in schools and villages, particularly for girls and women, would be the top priority for the government. The Prime Minister also pledged to people saying, I would not litter and won't allow anyone to do so. Cleanliness is next to godliness

OR

7th May 2014

Sunday 9 pm

Dear Diary,

Shifting to a new city and a new school, in the mid-session, had left me very unhappy. I badly missed my old school, teachers and friends. But today, my new classmates went out of their way to help me when I fell down the stairs in the school. They took me to the first-aid room and even did my written work. It has been just one week, but I have started to feel comfortable already.

Sumit

4. **Greed "A Bottomless Pit"**

An old man had two daughters. He loved both of them. Once he asked the girls to choose one from the two bags of bricks and money. One girl was a bit greedy and selfish but the other one was good and loved her father a lot. The greedy one though didn't understand what was that she chose the bag of money while others took the bag of bricks.

The father smiled and he said, the bag of money is only the money he had saved, it was a small amount. But the bag of bricks meant their house. He had built quite a big and comfortable home for his daughters. And whatever the girls chose will be theirs now. At last, the greedy girl felt sad extremely for her decision. But the good one said to her sister that they both can live in the house happily. The greedy girl felt bad for herself. Their father was happy to see them like that and sadly he passed away that evening.

Moral of the story :

we should not place the money before our assets of love and affection that are created by our parents.

OR

Greed has a Woeful End

Once a tiger killed a woman passing through the forest. The woman was wearing a gold bangle. The tiger washed it in the nearby pool and kept it for future use. One day, a young man came to the pool. He was dirty and tired and needed a bath. But, just before he could enter the pool, he noticed the tiger and hesitated. The tiger could read his mind; therefore, he spoke in a very sober and calm tone. He told the young man that he had given up his old sinful ways and was leading a saintly life. Violence and bloodshed were nowhere in his life. As a goodwill gesture, he offered the shining gold bangle to the young man. Greed overtook the young man's fear. He proceeded to pick up the gold bangle. As he came near, the tiger pounced on him and had a bellyful of the meal.

5. a. that
b. since
c. the
d. as

e. to

6.

incorrect	correct
(a) live	lived
(b) the	a
(c) has	had
(d) is	was

7. a. A healthy person may carry germs of typhoid, cholera, dysentery, etc. in his body.
b. Such a person usually does not suffer from the disease.
c. They had to cultivate those crops also which the English asked them to.
d. Inside its belly, it has two flask-shaped bags for storing water.
e. An elephant can weigh up to 5 tons.

Section C

8. a. It refers to the the road which has been sparingly used
b. It means that road with better prospects and less trodden.
c. Similar word for perhaps is Probably.
d. Antonym of claim is disclaim.

OR

- a. Albert had special interest for Mileva Marie.
b. Mileva Marie is described as a clever creature.
c. We know about Albert's relationship with Mileva through the letters in which they expressed affection for each other.
d. Mileva opted for the university of Zurich because it was one of the few universities in Europe where women could get degrees.

9. Answer any five of the following questions in 30-40 words each:

- a. Evelyn's talent was discovered by Percussionist Ron Forbes who helped her to continue with music. He asked her not to listen through ears but since the sound in some other manner. Suddenly she realised that she could feel the higher drum from the waist up and the lower drum from the waist down. Evelyn, being a girl of

strong determination repeated the exercise as guided by Forbes and sensed certain vibrations flowing in through every part of her body.

- b. The snake happened to look at its reflection in the mirror on the table. It uncoiled itself from the arm of the doctor, slipped into his lap and then crawled towards the mirror. He got up slowly from the chair and then he ran out of the house.
 - c. The poet is speaking about the dresses or uniforms that armies of different countries wear. Though these uniforms are absolutely different in appearance the bodies under them are the same. The poet tries to convey that all human beings are the same.
 - d. Iswaran built up the ghost story by first preparing a special dinner meant to feed the spirits of ancestors on an auspicious day. When Mahendra had just finished the delicious meal, he suddenly started to narrate how he sometimes saw ghosts at night. He told details about having seen an ugly female ghost holding a foetus in her arms.
 - e. Zan's mother had rushed into the burning house to save some important documents and her husband's letters and pictures. A fireman brought Zan's mother out of the burning house. She had inhaled a little smoke and so he rushed her to the truck and put an oxygen mask on her to help her breathe better.
 - f. No, Lushkoff was not a willing worker. In spite of that, he agreed to chop wood for Sergei because of pride and shame. He had been trapped by his own words. His strength had been lowered because of drinking. He was unhealthy and did not feel the slightest inclination to work.
10. When Bruno (Baba), was sent to the zoo, the bear and its mistress fretted for each other. The author's wife was very sad at her separation from the bear. For three months, the author restrained her from visiting Mysore. At last, he took his wife to Mysore zoo to meet Baba. The author and his friends had guessed that the bear would not recognise her after three months. But Bruno had also been going through the same sadness as the narrator's wife. As soon as Baba saw her, he recognised her and cried with happiness. She ran up to him and patted him. He stood up on his head in delight. Both of them were very happy and excited to meet each other. For the next

three hours, she did not leave the cage. At last, the 'closing time' came and she had to leave. The author's wife wept bitterly. She felt that she could not live without the bear. She pleaded the superintendent to send Baba back. He was a kind man. He consented and Baba was brought back into the author's home.

OR

The author presents the busiest streets of Kathmandu as 'vivid, mercenary and religious'. Besides the famous places like the Pashupatinath temple and the Boudhanath stupa, Kathmandu also has small shrines and deities. He says that it is a place with a beautiful, vivid landscape and a lot of religious activity goes on all the time. It is 'mercenary' as it is a tourist place and a lot of business flourishes in the narrow streets. As in any other tourist place, there are shops selling various things like cosmetics from western countries, rolls of film, chocolates, antique things of Nepal, and copper pots and pans. There is a bedlam of noises created by radios playing film songs, sounds of car-horns, bells of bicycles and vendors shouting to invite the customers. One can find fruit sellers, flute sellers, and hawkers selling postcard photographs. There are also the cows bellowing as they hear the sounds of motorcycles. Thus, the streets of Kathmandu are full of noise and din.

11. The child went to the fair along with his parents. He was very happy. He was attracted by the colourful and beautiful things. He saw balloons, flower garlands and sweets. He saw a juggler showing tricks. He also saw a roundabout. But he was sad because his parents rejected all his demands. He could not enjoy the juggler's tricks. Suddenly, he found his parents were missing. He started crying for his parents. A kind man tried to console him. But the child lost interest in everything. He wanted to join his parents again. He cried, "I want my mother. I want my father!". The man started walking back on the same route which the child had taken. So he took the child to the snake charmer. He asked him to listen to the nice music being played by the snake - charmer. The child shut his ears with his fingers and screamed loudly that he wanted his parents.

OR

Johnsy was a young girl and lived with one of her friends. She was an artist. She fell

seriously ill and was suffering from pneumonia. Her friend Sue looked after her. The doctor kept visiting Johnsy and did a regular check-up. But there was no sign of improvement in her condition. Her condition went from bad to worse. Both the doctor and Sue were worried. Later on, it was found that she was depressed and had associated herself to the ivy creeper climbing on the brick wall opposite to their window. She had a perception that she would die with the fall of the last leaf of that ivy creeper. In that state of mind, she lost her interest in everything. She kept lying calm gazing through the window. They tried to convince her, but in vain. She had lost the will to live.