

CBSE Class 09
English Language and Literature
Sample Paper 6 (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)**

Telangana is the 29th state of India. It was formed on 2nd June 2014. Hyderabad will continue to serve as the joint capital city of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana for a period of not more than ten years. The area of Telangana is 114,840 square kilometres (44,340 sq mi), and its population is 35,193,978 (2011 census) making it the twelfth largest state in India, and the twelfth most populated state in India. The major cities in Telangana are Hyderabad, Warangal, Nizamabad, and Karimnagar.

Telangana acquired its identity as the Telugu-speaking region of the princely state of Hyderabad, ruled by the Nizam of Hyderabad, joining the Union of India in 1948. In 1956, the Hyderabad state was dissolved as part of the linguistic reorganisation of states and Telangana was merged with former Andhra State to form Andhra Pradesh. Following a popular movement for separation, it was awarded separate statehood. During its history, Telangana was governed by many rulers, including the Satavahana Dynasty (230 BCE to 220 CE), the Telinga Kakatiya Dynasty (1083-1323), the Musunuri Nayaks (1326-1356) the Delhi Sultanate, the Bahmani Sultanate (1347-1509) and Vijayanagara Empire (1509-1529). Later, the Telangana region became part of the Golconda Sultanate (1529-1687).

Telugu is the main language spoken by the people in Telangana. Before 1948, Urdu was the official language of Hyderabad state, and due to the lack of Telugu language educational institutions, Urdu was the language of the educated elite of Telangana. After 1948, once Hyderabad state joined the new Republic of India, Telugu became the language of government, and as Telugu was introduced as the medium of instruction in schools and colleges, the use of Urdu among non-Muslims decreased. As per the 2011 census, Telangana's literacy rate is 66.46%. Male literacy and female literacies are 74.95% and 57.92% respectively. Hyderabad district leads with 80.96% and Mahabubnagar district is at the bottom with 56.06%.

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

- a. When did Telangana become the 29th state of India?
 1. June 7 2012
 2. June 2, 2014
 3. August 3, 2011
 4. April 8, 2015
- b. Name the capital of Telangana.
 1. Kerala
 2. Chennai
 3. Hyderabad
 4. Mumbai
- c. Name the dynasty which ruled Telangana during 230 BCE to 220 CE.
 1. The Satavahana Dynasty
 2. The Chola Dynasty
 3. The Maurya Dynasty
 4. The Gupta Dynasty
- d. Which is the main language spoken by the people in Telangana?
 1. Malayalam
 2. Marathi
 3. Telugu
 4. Kannad
- e. Which was the official language of the educated elite of Hyderabad before 1948?
 1. Bengali

2. Kashmiri
 3. Gujarati
 4. Urdu
- f. What is Telangana's literacy rate?
- i. 64.6%
 - ii. 66.46%
 - iii. 68.76%
 - iv. 63.47%
- g. district of Telangana leads the literacy rate with 80.96%.
- h. Mahabubnagar district is at the bottom of literacy rate with 56.06%. (True/False)

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

For many teens of this day and age, visiting Facebook, Myspace, Twitter, Formspring, and WhatsApp is a part of their daily routine. Sure, it's a good way to keep in touch with our friends and peers, but can it be too much of a good thing? Social networking sites are beneficial if used in certain ways, but it can also be detrimental if used in the wrong way. These sites enable us to interact with the people next door or across the world with one click. They allow us to keep in touch with our friends and family that may live far away. Whoever we may need, whenever we may need them, we are able to reach them via social networking. These sites are very beneficial in keeping the user in touch with virtually the entire world. A feature on many of these sites allows us to upload pictures to our page. This is a very helpful feature in sharing pictures with our friends and family. The ability of people to comment on our pictures is both a good and a bad thing. It's nice to see what people have to say about our pictures, but often, some people don't have the most positive things to say. Others may take advantage of this feature and upload pictures that have the potential of getting themselves in trouble. So we can say that the ease of social networking often leads to people acting completely different over the internet than they would in real life. Usually, people find it easier to bully over the internet. This may be because they feel like there won't be as severe consequences than as if they were to bully in real life. Although, the consequences of cyberbullying are becoming more and more severe as people are starting to realize how serious it is becoming.

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

Answer briefly: (2×4 = 8)

- a. How do social networking sites help us?
- b. How can other users put us in trouble?
- c. How can social sites be harmful to us?
- d. What do you mean by cyberbullying?

Vocabulary: (1 x 4 = 4)

- i. The meaning of teens' is
 - a. children between 10 and 20 years of age
 - b. children above 18 years of age
 - c. children between 16 and 17 years of age
 - d. children between 13 and 19 years of age
- ii. Find the word from the passage which has the same meaning as 'advantageous',
 - a. good
 - b. beneficial
 - c. detrimental
 - d. troublesome
- iii. Which of these words has the same meaning as detrimental?
 - a. significant
 - b. harmful
 - c. instrumental
 - d. none of these
- iv. Find the word from the passage which is opposite in meaning to the word 'minor'.
 - a. many
 - b. certain
 - c. virtually
 - d. severe

Section B

3. You are Priyanka. You visited **The Green Gardens Resort** during the holidays. Write

an article for your school magazine about why the place attracted you, in 100-150 words. **(8 Marks)**

OR

A few days ago you went to Chandigarh with your family members and visited Rose Garden. You were so enchanted with the beautiful roses of different species that you decided to write it as a diary entry. Write a diary entry in about 100-150 words.

4. Aradhna started writing a story of **Two Boys in a Jungle**. Due to the pressure of heavy engagements, she gave up after writing a line or so. Taking help from the input given below and based on the introduction Aradhna made, develop a complete story, in about 100-120 words. **(10 Marks)**

Veeru and Karim were young Keralites. Next week their school was going to organise a camp near a forest in Ponmuddy...

OR

Write a story in 150-200 words from the outline given below :

One day, I was playing football in a park with my friends. Suddenly I saw an old man, just collapsing on the pavement. All of us rushed to him.....

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

Pt. Jawahar Lai Nehru (a) born on 14 November, 1889 (b) Allahabad. His father Shri Moti Lai Nehru was (c) famous lawyer. Jawahar got his early education (d)home. He was sent (e) England for higher studies.

- a. (i) is (ii) had (iii) was (iv) has
- b. (i) at (ii) in (iii) into (iv) on
- c. (i) the (ii) a (iii) an (iv) most
- d. (i) in (ii) on (iii) at (iv) for
- e. (i) for (ii) in (iii) into (iv) to

6. **In the following passage, one word has been omitted in each line against which a blank is given. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before**

and the word comes after it in the space provided. (1×4=4)

	Word Before	Missing Word	Word After
Baseball and softball, which dropped from	e.g. which	were	dropped
the program 2005, Karate, squash, golf,	(a) _____	_____	_____
roller sports rugby union all were	(b) _____	_____	_____
included. Leaders the seven sports held	(c) _____	_____	_____
presentations front of the IOC executive board in June 2009.	(d) _____	_____	_____

- 7. Read the conversation given below and complete the paragraph that follows: (4 marks)**

Policeman: You have crossed the red light. Don't you know it is a crime? You will be booked and the court will decide your punishment.

Driver: (brandishing a hundred rupee note) I believe in peaceful co-existence. Can't we settle the issue between ourselves?

Policeman: What do you think of a Delhi policeman? You value his worth only a hundred rupees. Nothing less than five hundred.

Driver: Have two hundred or give me a receipt.

The policeman told the driver that he had crossed the red light and asked

(a)..... Brandishing a hundred rupee note the driver told the policeman

(b)..... The policeman asked the driver what he thought of a Delhi policeman. He further added that (c)..... The driver asked the policeman

(d).....

Section C

- 8. Hi Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. (4x1 = 4 marks)**

You're very clever at poking fun at weaklings.

Frail crumbling houses, crumbling doors,

crumbling rafters, crumbling wood,
crumbling bodies, crumbling lives,
crumbling hearts -
the wind god winnows and crushes them all.

- a. Who is very clever?
- b. What does the wind God do?
- c. Write the word opposite in meaning to Frail.
- d. What is the poetic device used in the above stanza?

OR

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

I will arise and go now,
for always night and day
I hear the lake water lapping
with low sounds by the shore;
While I stand on the roadway,
or on the pavements grey,
I hear it in the deep heart's core.

- a. For how long time will the poet go there?
 - b. Where will the poet go?
 - c. How the poet will hear this sound?
 - d. What will the poet hear?
9. Answer any five of the following questions in 30-40 words each: **(10 Marks)**
- a. What did the Macdonalds make Kezia's feel?
 - b. What does Maria Sharapova recall?
 - c. How does a tree become strong? Write your answer in the context of the poem 'On Killing a Tree'.
 - d. How did Grandfather react when Toto destroyed things on his first day in the house? Write your answer in the context of The Adventures of Toto.

e. Why did Bryson's hair go into panic mode?

f. Why did the swallow stop in the city? Where did he put up for the night? Write your answer in the context of The Happy Prince.

10. What did the bear start eating in the company of human beings? **(8 Marks)**

OR

Why does the author call 'febrile confusion' to the atmosphere at Pashupatinath Temple?

11. Why did the people choose and crown the Guru and his disciple? **(8 Marks)**

OR

Describe the destruction caused by the super cyclone as narrated in the story Weathering the Storm in Ersama.

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Solution

Section A

1.
 - a. June 2, 2014
 - b. Hyderabad.
 - c. The Satavahana Dynasty
 - d. Telugu
 - e. Urdu
 - f. 66.46 %.
 - g. Hyderabad
 - h. True

2. **Answer briefly:**

- a. Social networking sites enable us to interact with the people next door or across the world with one click. They allow us to keep in touch with our friends and family that may live far away.
- b. Other users may put us in trouble by misusing our pictures. They can upload our pictures to a site in such a way that it can be troublesome for us.
- c. Social sites, if used in a wrong way, can be harmful to us. For example, some people bully others over these sites.
- d. Cyber bullying means to hurt others over the internet. Some people tend to bully others over the internet because abusing others over the internet is much easier than abusing them face to face.

Answer briefly:

- i. The meaning of 'teens' is children between 13 and 19 years of age.
- ii. Beneficial has the same meaning as 'advantageous'.
- iii. Harmful has the same meaning as detrimental.
- iv. Severe is opposite in meaning to the word 'minor'.

Section B

3.

The Green Gardens Resort

During the autumn vacation, I visited the Green Gardens Resort near Ooty. Situated in the Nilgiri hills, it is really a wonderful resort. It is about ten kilometres from Ooty on the Wellington road. The Green Gardens Resort is spread out in approximately ten acres. It is a luxury resort that caters to the middle and upper-middle class tourists. It offers boarding and lodging with all modern amenities and comforts. The place is surrounded by terraced tea-gardens. Wherever eyes go, one can see only green tea plantations and hills. In the middle of the resort, the main source of attraction is the swimming pool. It has two tennis courts, a one-foot ball court, a card room and a couple of billiard tables. The environment is divine and the ambience is excellent. It offers a peaceful environment.

OR

Preet Vihar

10th November, 20XX

Saturday, 5:00 pm

Dear Diary,

I want to share one of the best journeys I ever had! I along with my family went to Rose garden .omg it was so exciting. we enjoyed very much. I feel enthralled to put my experience of seeing Rose Garden in Chandigarh as records. On 8th November, 20XX, my father decided to have a visit to the Rose Garden in Chandigarh. In the evening of the same day, we reached Chandigarh by train. On 9th we went to visit Rose Garden. Really, the beautiful scene of the Rose Garden put an indelible impression on my mind. Earlier I had never seen so many roses of about 1500 varieties. It was indeed a wonderful experience in my life. I desire to visit the place again. I enjoyed so much and this day will be remarkable for me.

Prachi.

4.

Two Boys in a Jungle

Veeru and Karim were young Keralites. The next week their school was going to organize a camp near a forest in Ponmuddy. The following week they joined the

camp. One day they went out together. They thought of going inside the forest to explore it. Soon they lost their way. The sun had set. They were walking along the Periyar river. They heard a loud noise. They stood still and listened to it. They heard the sound of an animal coming towards them. It was the sound of a big elephant. He was just fifty meters away from them. The elephant smelled them too. He saw them standing quietly behind an oak tree. He raised his long trunk up in the air and trumpeted loudly. The boys didn't move. Veeru was a little frightened, but Karim was not. Slowly the elephant started coming nearer and nearer. Now he was only ten meters away. **Let's do something**, said Karim. **Do it, before he attacks us**, said Veeru.

Karim pulled out a balloon from his pocket. He put it in his mouth and started blowing into the balloon. At last, it was blown to the size of a small bag. Karim hit the full-blown balloon hard with his hand. **Bang-Bang!** The elephant stopped and trumpeted angrily. He was confused. The elephant turned away and disappeared into the forest. The boys ran and ran till they reached safely at the camp. After reaching the camp, they shared their experience with their classmates. After that, they ate dinner and slept. Next day morning, they went back to their school. After reaching school their parents' came and took them to their home. Once they reached home they told their parents what they have experienced. They were angry at both of them and told them not to repeat it ever again later they appreciated Karim for his moment of action. After some time they ate dinner and slept.

OR

A WRONG DECISION

One day, I was playing football in the park with my friends. Suddenly I saw an old man, just collapsing on the pavement. All of us rushed to him, tried to call him and wake him up. But he was unconscious. Sensing the need of the hour, I ran back, took out the water bottle from my bag and sprinkled some water on his face. After a few moments, he opened his eyes. With gestures, he told us that he was very thirsty and starving with hunger. We gave him water to drink along with a packet of biscuits and two bananas. After having all that, the old man looked quite pleased. Then we asked him about his whereabouts so that his family members might be informed about his state. But to our surprise, on hearing the word family, he started crying bitterly. We

tried to soothe him and asked what had made him suffer. Then he told us his story. He had two sons. After the death of his wife, his sons persuaded him for the division of his property. Both of them assured him that he would live with them turn-wise, i.e., for one month, he would live with his younger son and then next month, he would live with his elder son. And he agreed to do so. But this decision had befallen upon him as a curse. For two-three months everything went quite okay. Then, he fell ill. None of his sons wanted to bear the expenses, incurred on his illness and medicines. Then they made a plan. One day both of them asked him that they would take him to an expert doctor so that he would get cured very soon. And they did a blunder. They brought him to that strange city and asked him to wait there as they had to search out the address of the doctor. He agreed and waited for them, sitting outside the bus station, with no money or assets with him. When both of them didn't return till evening, he realized that his sons had abandoned him. He wept a lot and blamed himself for agreeing for the division of his property. Even then he tried to locate them empty stomach but nothing to avail. On hearing his saga, we became very downhearted. Then one of my friends suggested that he should be taken to an old age home where his father was a manager and he would be treated kindly there. Since then, he has been living there but his sons never returned. His sons should feel ashamed of themselves. In fact, the manager asked that old man to sue his sons but he denied as he couldn't spend his leftover life in courts. But one day, they will reap, what they sow for themselves.

5. a. was
b. in
c. a
d. at
e. to

6.

Word Before	Missing Word	Word After
(a) program	<u>in</u>	2005
(b) sports	<u>and</u>	rugby
(c) Leaders	<u>of</u>	the

(d) presentation	<u>in</u>	front
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7. a. If he didn't know that it was a crime and added that he would be booked and the court would decide his punishment
- b. that he believed in peaceful co-existence and further asked if they could settle the issue between themselves
- c. if he valued his (the policeman's) worth only a hundred rupees and would not accept less than five hundred"
- d. to have two hundred and give him a receipt.

Section C

8. a. The wind is very clever.
- b. The Wind God separates weaklings from the strong. It winnows and crushes all that is weak. It destroys not only houses and doors but also lives.
- c. Strong.
- d. Repetition. The repetition of the word 'crumbling' serves to emphasise that the wind is very powerful and destroys everything that is weak in its wake.

OR

- a. He will go there forever.
- b. The poet will go to Innisfree Island.
- c. The poet will hear this sound through the very core of his heart.
- d. The poet will hear the lapping sound of the water against the shore.
9. Answer any five of the following questions in 30-40 words each:
- a. The Macdonalds were Kezia's neighbours. They had five children. They loved all of them. The children often played with their father in the garden. Kezia would see them enjoying and laughing together. Mr Macdonald was a kind-hearted and caring father. On the other hand, Kezia's father was aloof and did not show his love and affection for Kezia. This made her realise that there were different sorts of fathers.
- b. Maria recalls that she missed her mother terribly. Her father was working as much as she could to keep her tennis training going. She became determined and mentally tough. She learnt how to take care of herself. She recalls that she was

bullied by her seniors when she was a toddler.

- c. A tree grows on earth, feeds on its crust and absorbs years of sunlight, air and water. Thus, it becomes strong and grows as the leaves sprout. The real strength of the tree lies in its roots. The strength it has stored through a long period of hard work and patience cannot be destroyed in one go.
 - d. Instead of being angry, Grandfather was pleased at the damage that Toto had caused on his first day in the house. Toto tore off the ornamental paper that covered the wall of the narrator's room and wrenched the peg, to which he had been tied, from its socket. He also tore the narrator's school blazer into shreds.
 - e. Bryson was confused and unable to help himself in controlling the situation that resulted after he ripped open his carry-on bag. All the contents of his bag were on the floor and his finger was bleeding. That's why his hair went into panic mode.
 - f. The swallow stopped at the city to break his long journey to Egypt. His friends had already reached there. He alighted between the feet of the statue of the Happy Prince for a night's stay and thought that the statue would protect him from the uncertain weather.
10. Bruno was a baby bear when he was brought by the narrator. Before this, he had never lived with any human being. His mother had been shot dead. It was a matter of question how would the bear survive and what he would be fed on. But he soon took to drinking milk from a bottle. He ate porridge, made from any ingredients, vegetables, fruits, nuts, meat (especially pork), curry and rice regardless of condiments and chillies, bread, eggs, chocolates, sweets, pudding, ice-creams, etc. As for drink: milk, tea, coffee, lime juice, aerated water, buttermilk, beer, alcoholic liquor and, in fact, anything liquid. He relished everything that a human being enjoys to eat. He did not leave any eatable that humans eat.

OR

'Febrile confusion' means a situation of complete confusion and chaos. The author plans to visit two temples in Kathmandu: the Buddhist shrine and the Pashupatinath temple out of which he first visits the Pashupatinath Temple. Like any other Hindu

temple or pilgrimage centre, Pashupatinath temple is buzzing with people and mindless activities. There he notices too much clamour. He sees a number of priests, hawkers, devotees, tourists, cows, monkeys, pigeons and dogs roam through the ground. There are so many people at the temple that some people trying to get the priest's attention are pushed aside by the elbows of others. Besides, he sees Westerners seeking permission from the policeman to enter the temple. But the policeman does not allow them to enter it by saying to them that only Hindus are allowed to enter the temple. Moreover, a fight breaks out between two monkeys. One chases the other who jumps onto a Shivalinga then runs screaming around the temples and down the river Bagmati. Thus, the author finds a noisy environment at the temple and that is why he calls atmosphere febrile confusion.

11. In the Kingdom of Fools, everything looked odd. The disciple was arrested instead of the rich merchant just because he could fit the stake. He recalled the words of his Guru and started praying. The Guru reached in time and prepared a plan to save the disciple's life. The king and his minister became the victims of his plan and got themselves executed. The throne became vacant. People wanted that a wise person should sit on the throne. After the death of the king and the minister, the people were impressed by the wisdom and power of the Guru. They thought that if the Guru and his disciple became the king and the minister, there would be peace all around. So the people chose to crown the Guru and his disciple. Consequently, the laws changed and the people worked during the day and slept at night as per the instructions commanded by their new king.

OR

The super cyclone which came on 27th October 1999, when he had gone to the block headquarters of Ersama brought devastating effects and changed the face of the whole area drastically. Winds beat against the houses with great fury. There was heavy and continuous rain. The crazed destruction wrought by the cyclone and the surge of the ocean continued for the next thirty-six hours. Houses and people were washed away in the flood. His friend's house was made of bricks and cement. It was strong enough to survive the wind blowing at 350 km per hour. One uprooted tree fell on their house and damaged some part of its roof and walls. To escape the waters rising in the house, Prashant and his friend's family took refuge on the roof. For the

next two days, Prashant sat huddled with his friend's family on the rooftop. They froze in cold and rain. In the early morning, Prashant saw the destruction caused by the cyclone. There was a brown sheet of water everywhere. Only parts of cemented houses were still visible. All other houses had been washed away. Even huge trees had fallen. Bloated dead-bodies of animals and human beings were floating everywhere. No sign of life was visible.