

ANNUAL EVALUATION 2017-18

EN 9101

ENGLISH

Standard : IX

Max. Score : 80

Time : 2½ hrs

INSTRUCTIONS

- 15 minutes is given as cool-off time.
- This time is to be used for reading the question paper.
- Attempt the questions according to the instructions.

Qns. 1- 5. Read the excerpt from 'The Jungle Air Crash' and answer the questions that follow. Each question carries one score. (1×5=5)

Nights in the jungle are attractive only in films. In real life they are frightening. There was always a rustling somewhere: snakes? Something was crawling over my legs: a tarantula. Even the air seemed poisoned by decaying trees. I slept fitfully.

On the third day, I heard vultures. Where there are vultures there are usually bodies. I came upon a piece of airplane fuselage and saw twisted cables. The place stank of burnt fuel. But I could find no survivors. During the afternoon, I heard the noise of aircraft engines. I knew it was senseless, but I yelled, "Hello! Help!" over and over again. They must have been quite near, though I never saw them and, of course, they didn't spot me. Then the noise of the planes faded and I was again alone. But I was not disheartened: I could walk. I wasn't hungry and I could drink from the clear stream.

1. Why does the writer feel that nights in the jungle are attractive only in films?
2. "I knew it was senseless". What was senseless? (Choose from the options given)
 - a. To check for survivors
 - b. To walk through the jungle
 - c. To call for help
3. "On the third day, I heard vultures." What conclusion does the writer arrive at?
4. Complete the sentence given below.
If the rescuers saw the writer,
5. Identify the sentence which means 'Juliane was not sad.'

Qns.6-9. Read the following lines from the poem *Newton's Law* and answer the questions that follow. Each question carries one score. (1×4 = 4)

I was inattentive in Science class one day
When the teacher at random looked my way
I didn't look up, I wouldn't dare
There's no escaping that intense glare.

Asked me to explain to the class
Newton's Law of Gravity and mass
My mind was a blank, heartbeats louder
For an answer I started to flounder.

6. Why couldn't the speaker look up at the teacher?
7. What did the teacher ask the speaker to do?
8. Why was the speaker's mind blank?
9. Write the rhyme scheme followed in the first stanza.
10. Read the following lines from the poem *Twice a Week the Winter Thorough* and write an appreciation focusing on the theme, imagery and other poetic devices. (4)

Twice a week the winter thorough
Here stood I to keep the goal:
Football then was fighting sorrow
For the youngman's soul.

Now in Maytime to the wicket
Out I march with bat and pad:
See the son of grief at cricket
Trying to be glad.

Try I will; no harm in trying:
Wonder 'tis how little mirth
Keeps the bones of man from lying
On the bed of earth.

- Qns.11-15. Read the excerpt given below and answer the questions that follow. Each question carries one score. (1×5 = 5)

BEN AND HIS VACATION

That night Ben was too excited. He was eagerly waiting for the next morning. As soon as the first bit of the sun peeped through his window, he jumped from bed and grabbed his bag from his shelf and opened it on the floor. Ben put in some of his favourite things to take with him on his trip to visit Grandpa. He put in a book on building forts, a book on making go-carts and a new book he had taken from the library about a kid detective who creates his own spy gear. He also put in a model car kit and his stuffed bear. He was ready to go!

Going to visit his grandfather for a week was always Ben's favourite part of summer vacation. Grandpa would take him fishing and to baseball games. Grandpa also taught Ben how to fix things around the house. Last year, when he was eight-years-old, Ben had learned how to replace a broken doorknob and how to fix a leaky tap. Grandpa was patient and did not mind taking many hours to show Ben how to use his tools.

Ben's mom came to his bedroom door. 'Grandpa's here,' she said with a smile. Ben grabbed his backpack and ran into the kitchen where Grandpa was waiting. 'Ready, big guy?' asked Grandpa. 'Or do you want to eat breakfast before we leave?' 'Ready,' said Ben. As he kissed his mother good-bye, he felt his stomach rumble. 'We can eat later!'

11. Why was Ben eagerly waiting for the next morning?
12. What were the things Ben collected in his backpack?
13. What attitude of Grandpa do you get from this story?
14. What did Ben learn from his Grandpa last year?
15. Why does visiting Grandpa become a favourite part of Ben's vacation?
16. **Prepare a profile of Richard Philips Feynman using the hints given. (5)**

Birth	: 11 May, 1918, Manhattan, New York City
Spouse	: Gweneth Howarth
Renowned as	: American theoretical physicist
Major contributions	: Integral formulation of quantum mechanics, theory of quantum electrodynamics
Accolades	: Albert Einstein award (1954). Nobel Prize in Physics (1965)
Death	: 15 February, 1988 (aged 69)

Qns. 17-19. Answer any TWO of the following questions. Each question carries five scores. (5×2 = 10)

17. As part of the Science Fair, the Eco Club of your school has decided to invite Smt. Sugathakumari, the famous poet and environmentalist to inaugurate the fair. Being the school leader, you are asked to write a letter inviting her. Draft the likely **letter**.
18. The English Club of your school has decided to conduct a seminar on the topic 'Climate change and its consequences'. Prepare a **notice** inviting all to attend the seminar.
19. Sue's joy knew no bounds when she saw her friend Johnsy back to life. At the same time she was feeling sad for Mr. Behrman. She writes her emotions in her diary. Prepare the likely **diary entry**.

Qns.20-24. Answer any THREE of the following questions. Each question carries six scores. (6×3 = 18)

20. "Life is full of ups and downs, and you are one of the best runners I have ever seen." These are the words of Ram Narayan which inspired Tarun and changed his future. Prepare a **write-up** on the importance of encouragement and inspiration in a person's life citing examples from the story *The Race*.

21. *The Last Leaf* is a touching tale of love and sacrifice. Prepare a review of the story.
(Hints: Theme of commitment – sacrifice – Sue brings Johnsy back to life – Behrman plays a pivotal role.)
22. Imagine you are a journalist of a leading daily. You are going to interview Leonardo Di Caprio on his stand on environmental issues. Prepare six questions that you might ask him.
23. Sue, in the story *The Last Leaf* took care of Johnsy and nursed her back to health like a true friend. Prepare the character sketch of Sue.
24. The construction of the five-star hotel in the play *Listen to the Mountain* led to a massive landslide and a lot of other environmental issues. A meeting was held at the Dharmagiri village to protest against the man made threats to nature. Prepare the text of the speech to be delivered at the meeting.

Qns.25-29. Given below are the cover pages of some books. Read them carefully and answer the questions that follow. Each question carries one score.

(1×5 = 5)

**A COMPANION TO ENGLISH
GRAMMAR AND COMPOSITION**

M. Soban Chaudhary

**Caravan Book House
Lahore**

GST

**Goods and Services Tax
Simplified**

C.A.Hemant Narang

**Computech
Publications Ltd.**

**ENERGY CONSERVATION
Awareness and Opportunities**

Somana Ganapathi

Arihant Prakashan Pvt. Limited

**TREASURES OF THE GUPTA
EMPIRE**

**A Catalogue of Coins of the
Gupta Dynasty**

**V.Siva Reddy
Sanjeev Kumar**

The Shyllee Trust

25. Which of the books is related to history?
26. One of the books is co-authored. Write the title of the book.
27. If somebody is interested to know more about the language elements, which book will you recommend?
28. If you have an aptitude in science, which book will you read?
29. Which publisher sells book for tax practitioners?
30. Read the dialogue between Richard Feynman and a journalist and answer the questions that follow. (2)

Journalist : Who influenced you in your life?

Feynman : My father influenced me.

a) What did the journalist ask?

b) What was Feynman's reply?

31. Some parts of the conversation between Feynman and his father are missing. Complete it suitably. (5)

Father : Feynman,(a).....?

Feynman : Yes. Here is the Encyclopaedia.

Father : Today we'll read about dinosaurs.

Feynman :(b).....?

Father : Let's look at the picture and find how they look like.

Feynman : Oh! They are vey huge,.....(c).....?

Father : If you are interested to know more about them,(d).....

Feynman : Yes dad. I'm interested.

Father : Ok . Will you read the book by yourself or do you want to listen to it from me?

Feynman : I would rather.....(e).....

32. Supply the missing words in the following passage. (4)

Climate change is one ...(a)..... the widely debated topics across the world. The changes have an enormous impact(b)..... the people's lives and ecosystems. The average global temperature has been raised(c)..... 1 degree in the last 30 years. The increasing of global temperature is due ...(d)..... the increasing emissions of heat trapping gases.

(to, through, on, by, of)

33. Choose the appropriate phrasal verbs to replace the underlined words in the passage. (4)

Adish woke up (a) from his bed and switched on (b) the radio and started listening to the news. In the news he heard that there would be a summer camp for children who are interested in science. He decided (c) to attend the summer camp and so he communicated (d) his desire to his father.

(came across, put across, made up his mind, turned on, got up)

34. Given below is the text of a speech written by one of the students. There are some errors in it. Edit them. (5)

Respected **Principle** (a), teachers and dear friends,

Welcome to the World Environment Day. I am here before you to speak about a serious threat **where** (b) our world is facing. Of course it's about the climate change. The climate change has ravaged the whole planet. But who **be are to** (c) blamed! It's none other than we humans. If we had acted wisely, we **will not have** (d) been in such a crisis. Come let's stand together and work together to **fought** (e) against the climate change.

Thank you.

35. Prepare a word pyramid using the following pattern with the word 'box'. (4)

Noun Phrase

Determiner + Noun Phrase

Determiner + Adjective Phrase + Noun Phrase

Determiner + Adjective Phrase + Noun Phrase + Relative clause