

CBSE Board
Class IX English Language and Literature
Sample Paper – 1 Solution
SA 2

SECTION A
(READING - 20 marks)

Q1. I.

- a) The life span of Kangaroos range around six to eight years .
- b) They head for the water when they are bothered by predators.
- c) The height of a Kangaroo ranges from that of a rat to that of a grown man.
- d) They are big footed marsupials that evolved in Australia.
- e) The man-sized kangaroo of Australia is capable of speeding up to 88 km/hr for short distances.
- f) The kangaroos are known to generally be shy by nature.
- g) They take naps in the afternoon to prevent getting too hot.
- h) They use their short front legs as arms.

Q2. I.

- 1. Parents should question themselves why their children are getting too involved in social life while neglecting their studies and responsibilities.
- 2. Love, attention and companionship are the basic needs of a growing child.
- 3. The first needs of a child should be fulfilled at his or her home.
- 4. A common misconception about growing children is that they should not be cared for after they grow up.
- 5. There too many reasons for people living in nuclear families rather than joint families.

Q2. II.

- 1. troubles - woes
- 2. Squandering - extravagance
- 3. togetherness - companionship
- 4. disregarding - problems

Q2. III.

- 1. They should be treated on a par with adults.
The phrase 'on a par with' means 'on an equal level with someone'.
- 2. There are too many expenses to meet.
The phrase 'to meet' means 'to pay'.
- 3. The theory of the survival of the fittest...
The phrase 'survival of the fittest' means 'nature's process of eliminating the weak elements in the world'.

SECTION B
(WRITING & GRAMMAR- 25 MARKS)

Q3.

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25th December 2015

The Municipal Officer,
Water Department, D Ward,
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Subject: Wastage of water in the locality

Dear Sir,

I would like to inform you that I have noticed a lot of water being wasted in and around my society on a regular basis. At a time when our city is facing a drought like situation, this kind of carelessness should not be overlooked.

The water tank of our society fills around 6PM and overflows for about another hour till the municipal water supply remains on. This happens whenever the water supply is switched on. The people too, leave the taps in their houses flowing without any reason. If they are stopped from doing so, they justify their actions by stating that they receive water only for two hours in a day. Such mindset needs to be changed. They need to be made aware that their actions have a severe impact on the society at large. We the common people can only share merely knowledge with others. This problem can be solved only when someone in authority takes a forceful step towards it.

I therefore request you to look into the matter and take the necessary steps at the earliest so that such actions do not continue and further wastage of water is prevented.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,
S. Kumar

Q4.

She heard the knock and she screamed. She had never had a near death experience, but this surely accounted for one. The scenes replayed in her mind. All she could think about was to save her life. She did not dare turn; even if she wanted to she could not. A cold sweat broke out on her brow as she tried to think of the safest hideout in the house. There was no point trying to escape. The house had only one exit. As soon as she felt some life in her feet, she ran with all her might into the bedroom, all this while the knocking continued. There was an eerie silence for a few moments and she almost felt safe again. Suddenly she saw a shadow and the bedroom door opened. The one she did not lock. And then there was a voice, somewhat familiar and strangely amused, "Thriller films are not meant for you dear".

Q5.

- a) are
- b) of
- c) The
- d) as
- e) like
- f) seen

Q6.

	Incorrect	Correct
a) The children stared to the Taj Mahal which	<u>to</u>	<u>at</u>
b) is a amazing structure and one among	<u>a</u>	an
c) the Seven Wonders of the world. He was an	<u>he</u>	<u>it</u>
d) architecural marvel of immense glory. It	<u>architecural</u>	<u>architectural</u>
e) exhibits the diligence of these who worked	<u>these</u>	<u>those</u>
f) day in and day though to create this rare	<u>though</u>	<u>out</u>
g) piece of magic. All the children josed for their	<u>josed</u>	<u>jostled</u>
h) positions to getting photographed in front of the Taj Mahal.	<u>getting</u>	<u>get</u>

Q7.

1. The little boy pressed the buttons of all the floors in the lift.
2. The driver showed the car when they approached the red light.
3. The light from the hallway shone down the narrow stairs.

SECTION C
(LITERATURE – 25 MARKS)

Q8.

1. The word 'diurnal' means constant.
2. The rhyme scheme of the poem is ii) a-b-a-b
3. The poet uses the above lines to imply that Lucy is no more.

Q9.

1. On the fourth day after the storm Prashant organised the elders and youth who together persuaded the Merchant. He heeded to their requests and they thus returned to their shelters with grains of rice.
2. The doctor came in the afternoon and examined Johnsy. He then told Sue that Johnsey had found her will to live. She would therefore soon recover from her illness.
3. The beggar whom Sergie met had dull drunken eyes. He also had a red spot on each of his cheeks. He wore an overcoat which was fawn coloured and ragged.
4. The tourist once bent down to tie his shoe lace while travelling in an airplane. At the same time the person sitting ahead of him pushed back his seat to its maximum recline. Thus the tourist got stuck in a crash position.

Q10.

Gerrard gave the intruder a big surprise by telling him that he wasn't really a respectable man himself. He had committed some crime. The police found one of his fellow men who tipped them off regarding his whereabouts. He showed the intruder his packed bags and told him that he was expecting some trouble that evening and was therefore prepared to leave using a disguise as soon as possible.

Q11.

While on the sea, the three men in the boat began discussing illnesses and as the discussion grew the possibility of one of them falling fatally ill on their trip was one matter mentioned. This caused all of them to become gloomy. J thought of lightening the mood which was gripping them. He therefore suggested that they should all sing a comic song. George took up the initiative and began singing 'Two lovely black eyes'. Neither he nor his companions noticed that the song he chose also had a sad tone to it. Soon each one of them joined in the singing and the mournful strain grew in strength. Though he was a bad singer, everyone was surprised by the extent of sadness that George could draw out of it through his singing. The song once again weaved a web of gloominess around them and by the time they reached the chorus they could not take any more of the sadness and all of them broke down in bitter sobs. There was no real reason for their sadness apart from the song they sung which drew out the emotions of depression and sorrow within them.
