

Practice Question Paper -2024

Subject -English

Class-IX

Set-A

Time 3:00 Hours

Max. Marks -75

Instructions: -

- All questions are compulsory.
- Marks are indicated in front of each question.

SECTION-A (READING)

Q-1 Read the passages carefully and answer the questions given below. (1×5=5)

Pachmarhi is the only hill station and is the highest point in Madhya Pradesh. Pachmarhi is also often known as "Satpura ki Rani" or the "Queen of the Satpura Range". Situated at an altitude of 1,067 metres, the picturesque town is a part of UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, home to leopards and bison. Five sandstone cut caves on the hilltop are believed to be the spot where Pandavas stayed in Pachmarhi during their exile, making it a popular spot among religious tourists. Being at an elevated height and surrounded by bewitching forests of the Satpuras with the streams and waterfalls, Pachmarhi is a perfect weekend getaway from the nearby cities of Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra. Since the town was discovered and developed in modern times by Captain James Forsyth of the British Army, it houses charming churches built in colonial style architecture.

Questions:

I. Pachmarhi is often referred to as-

- (a) Queen of Madhya Pradesh (b) Satpura Hill Station
(c) Satpura ki Rani (d) Capital of Madhya Pradesh

II. What is the altitude of Pachmarhi?

- (a) 1,000 meters (b) 1,067 meters (c) 1,500 meters (d) 2,000 meters

III. Why is Pachmarhi considered a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve?

- (a) due to its colonial architecture (b) presence of leopards and bison
(c) sandstone cut caves (d) high altitude streams

IV. According to the passage, who is believed to have stayed in the five sandstone cut caves in Pachmarhi?

- (a) British soldiers (b) Mughal emperors (c) Pandavas (d) Captain James Forsyth

V. What is the meaning of "picturesque" as used in the passage?

- (a) interesting and boring (b) beautiful and charming to look at
(c) busy and full of people (d) far away and empty

Q2. Read the passages carefully and answer the questions given below. (1×5=5)

When we are young, we learn that tigers and sharks are dangerous animals. We might be scared of them because they are big and powerful. As we get older, however, we learn that sometimes the most dangerous animals are also the smallest animals. In fact, the animal

that kills the most people every year is one that you have probably killed yourself many times: the mosquito. While it may seem that all mosquitoes are biters, this is not actually the case. Male mosquitoes eat plant nectar. On the other hand, female mosquitoes feed on animal blood. They need this blood to live and produce eggs. When a female mosquito bites a human being, it transmits a small amount of saliva into the blood. This saliva may or may not contain a deadly disease. The result of the bite can be as minor as an itchy bump or as serious as death. Because a mosquito can bite many people in the course of its life, it can carry diseases from one person to another very easily. Two of the most deadly diseases carried by mosquitoes are malaria and yellow fever. More than 700 million people become sick from these diseases every year. At least 2 million of these people will die from these diseases. Many scientists are working on safer and better ways to kill mosquitoes, but so far, there is no sure way to protect everyone in the world from their deadly bites.

Questions:

- I. People might be scared of tigers and sharks when they are young-
(a) because they are small and harmless (b) because they are big and powerful
(c) because they are friendly animals (d) because they are plant eaters
- II. What is the primary source of nutrition for male mosquitoes?
(a) animal blood (b) plant nectar
(c) human saliva (d) dead plants
- III. Why can mosquitoes easily transmit diseases from one person to another?
(a) because they are fast flyers (b) because they can carry a large amount of blood
(c) because they bite many people in their lifetime (d) because they are immune to diseases
- IV. Which two deadly diseases are mentioned as being carried by mosquitoes?
(a) malaria and dengue (b) yellow fever and zika
(c) malaria and yellow fever (d) dengue and West Nile virus
- V. Which of the following has the same meaning of "transmits" -
(a) swallows (b) passes on (c) consumes (d) creates

SECTION- B (WRITING)

Q.3 Read the following passage and make notes on it and also give a suitable title to it. 4

Global Warming is caused by the increase of carbon dioxide levels in the earth's atmosphere and a result of human activities that have been causing harm to our environment for the past few centuries now. Global Warming is something that can't be ignored and steps have to be taken to tackle the situation globally. The average temperature is constantly rising by 1.5 degrees Celsius for the last few years. The best method to prevent future damage to the earth, cutting down of more forests should be banned and Afforestation should be encouraged. Start by planting trees near your homes and offices, participate in events, teach the importance of planting trees. It is impossible to undo the damage but it is possible to stop further harm.

Q.4 You are Nishi studying in Govt Girls' Higher Secondary School, Morena. Write an application to your principal requesting him to issue books from the book bank. 4

Or

Write a letter to your friend congratulating him on his success in the examination.

Q.5 Write an essay on the any one of the following topics in 150 words. 5

- a) Importance of Discipline
- b) Science in our daily life
- c) Environmental Pollution
- d) Importance of festivals in our Life

Q.6 Look at the picture given below and write a short paragraph about how you enjoyed your family picnic. (In about 75 words) 3



SECTION-C (GRAMMAR)

Q-7 Fill in the blanks choosing the correct alternative given in the brackets. (any five)

- (a) I didn't buy ____ mangoes. (some/any/much) 1×5=5
- (b) Sharad-----watching TV when the power went off. (was/were/is)
- (c) Honesty is ----- best policy. (a/an/the)
- (d) We were making kites when my father_____(arrive/arrived/arriving)
- (e) She is not going to office _____ she is ill. (and/so/because)
- (f) _____ you taken my pen? (have/has/did)

Q.8 Do as directed. (any five) 1×5=5

- (a) Our team played well. We did not win the match.(Combine the sentences using 'but')
- (b) Pramod sells toys in the market. (Make interrogative)
- (c) Sarita was watching a movie with her sister. (Change into Present Perfect Tense)
- (d) He saw a snake. (Change the sentence into negative)
- (e) Mohit is too weak to walk himself. (Rewrite using 'so....that' in place of 'too...to')
- (f) He eats bananas. (Change into passive voice)

SECTION-D (Textbooks)

Q.9 Answer the following questions. 1×4= 4

- (i) Where did Tommy find the book?
(a) in the library (b) in Margie's house (c) in his house (d) in his friend's house

- (ii) What does the poem 'The Road not Taken' speak about?
 (a) about the smooth roads (b) about the people (c) about green grass (d) about the choices made by people
- (iii) When did the intruder enter Gerrard's house?
 (a) when he was sleeping (b) early morning
 (c) when he was about to leave for a rehearsal (d) midnight
- (iv) What change did the encounter with the snake bring in the doctor's life?
 (a) understood the value of life (b) no change (c) became a fearless person (d) became an arrogant person

Q.10 (A) Read the following extract and answer the questions given below-

To the little girl he was a figure to be feared and avoided. Every morning before going to work he came into her room and gave her a casual kiss, to which she responded with 'Good Bye Father'. And oh, there Was a glad sense of relief when she heard the noise of the carriage growing fainter and fainter down the long road! 3

Questions:

- (i) The little girl feared and avoided-
 (a) her mother (b) her father (c) her grandfather
- (ii) Her father visited her-
 (a) in evening (b) in morning (c) in afternoon
- (iii) Find out a word from the passage which means "answered".

(B) Read the following extract and answer the questions given below-

1×3=3

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

Questions:

- (i). Why are the houses, doors, rafters etc. crumbling?
 (a) because they are weak (b) because they are solid (c) because they are strong
- (ii) Why has the wind been called 'god'?
 (a) because, like 'god', he uses his power
 (b) remove and crush the undesirable, weak things.
 (c) both (i) and ii)
- (iii) In the context of the poem, what does "winnows" most likely mean?
 (a) builds
 (b) destroys
 (c) protects

Q.11 Answer the following questions (any 6)-

2×6=12

- (i) What things about the book did Margie and Tommy find strange?
 (ii) Why was Kezia afraid of her father?
 (iii) What did the headmaster say about Einstein?
 (iv) How did Abdul Kalam earn his first wages?

- (v) Why was Santosh Yadav sent to the local School?
(vi) What did the snake seem admiring in the mirror?
(vii) Why did the intruder not kill Gerrard immediately?

Q.12 Answer the following questions in about 30 words- (any 2) 2×2=4

- (i) What makes an echo in the poet's heart?(**Rain on the Roof**)
(ii) How is the city life different from the life at the Lake of Innisfree?
(iii) How does the poet suggest that all people on earth are the same?(**No Men Are Foreign**)

Q.13 Answer the following questions in about 30 words- (any2) 2×2=4

- (i) How did Toto manage to escape from the closet?
(ii) Why does the Happy Prince send a ruby for the seamstress?
(iii) Why was Johnsy counting the leaves on the creeper outside her window?

Q.14 Answer the following question in about 75 words- 3

What was the doctor's opinion about himself? How did this opinion change after his encounter with the snake?

Or

Do you agree with Margie that schools today are more fun than the school in the story? Give reasons for your answer.

Q.15 Write the central idea of the poem 'The Road Not Taken'. 3

Or

What is the message of the poem "Rain on the Roof"?

Q.16 Justify the title of the story '**The Kingdom of Fools**' in your own words. 3

Or

What values did Olga exhibit while saving the life of Lushkoff?