

DAV BR PUBLIC SCHOOL, BINA (MP)
Practice Paper Annual Examination 2023-24
Class - IX **Subject - English**

Time Allowed – 3 Hours

MM: - 80

General Instructions –

1. This question paper consists of 3 sections, 13 questions and 7 pages.
2. All questions are compulsory.
3. Read instruction and the question statements meticulously and then only start writing answers.
4. Children are advised to write the answers of the same section together.
5. Write correct question numbers and don't change the format of the questions.

Section 'A' - Reading Skills

20Marks

Q1. Read the passage given below carefully.

While the advancements in technology come with a whole lot of advantages including keeping us connected at all times of the day, they are not without their drawbacks. Smartphone addiction is a real problem but aside from that, there are a number of other psychological problems that could arise from using too much technology.

No Escape from Work: Constant connection means that not only are you connected to your friends and family, but also to your work. Many people have been found to experience stress and anxiety when they receive work communications outside of their office. This reaction can badly affect the quality of the time meant for rest, relaxation and socialising.

Lack of Sleep: Social media can be addictive without us realising it. Very often you decide to check your social media accounts for just ten minutes before bed, but before you know it, two hours have passed. Besides the fewer hours of sleep, the quality of sleep is also affected because of the light of screens that prevent people from feeling sleepy. Poor sleep can affect productivity, mood, energy levels, and focus which in the long run can cause more serious problems.

Causes FOMO: Fear Of Missing Out, more commonly known as FOMO has become a much more serious problem since the onset of social media. A study revealed that people experienced a type of social anxiety when kept away from social media. The anxiety was caused because they felt that they would miss out on something like an interesting piece of news, or an event if they didn't regularly check their phones. The irony, however, is that the more time people spend online the more likely they are to miss out on real-life events.

Can Lead to Low Self-esteem: Another unfortunate fallout of spending too much time on social media is that we start to compare ourselves and our life to others. When we start to think that other people have better lives, it affects our self-esteem and makes us feel like we're not good enough because we may not have all those nice things.

The Other Side: Of course, the internet and being online is not

always bad. We have a great resource at our fingertips that allow us to contact our loved ones, get information, and reach out for help when we need it. The key to preventing the bad effects of the internet is to moderate how much time is spent online.

Now on the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions (any ten) - 1X10 =10

- a. Why is smart phone a problem?
- It is using too much of technology.
 - It tends to make us addictive without us being aware of it.
 - Its ability to keep us connected.
 - It stops us from socializing.
- b. The quote that best captures the central idea of the passage is -
- With technology expanding at this ridiculous pace bit by bit we are losing our humanity and our ability to connect with each other without having electronic media in the middle. – **Walter Trout**
 - Technology and social media have brought power back to the people. – **Mark McKinnon**
 - It has become appallingly obvious that our technology has exceeded our humanity. – **Albert Einstein**
 - We are all connected by the internet, like neurons in giant brain. – **Stephen Hawking**
- c. Which of the outcomes are NOT associated with lack of sleep as revealed in the above passage?
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| 1. Depression | 4. Stress |
| 2. Fluctuating energy levels | 5. Poor productivity |
| 3. Lack of creativity | 6. Anxiety |
- 1 and 6
 - 3 and 5
 - 1 and 4
 - 2 and 5
- d. Which of the following will be the most appropriate title for the passage?
- Beware of the Internet
 - Being Connected
 - Smartphones can be a Bane
 - Too Much of Technology
- e. The phrase 'unfortunate fallout' means the
- time spent on social media
 - adverse effects
 - unexpected result
 - miserable condition
- f. Select the option that makes the correct use of the word 'moderate' as used in the passage above.
- Although he got angry, he expressed his unwillingness in a moderate language.
 - Her moderate income helped her support her family.
 - The sudden heat from the sun moderated the severe chill in the city.
 - The first step is to moderate the situation, after which

decision will be announced.

- g. What does the author want to do by listing the threat of too much of Smartphone use?
 - h. What does the expression 'constant connection', according to the given context mean?
 - i. What does the author clarify about 'Fear of Missing Out' or FOMO?
 - j. What is the meaning of 'real life events' as used in the passage?
 - k. Why does author point out that our self-esteem gets affected by too much of social media?
1. Find an appropriate word from the passage for “an objectionable feature”.

Q2. Read the passage given below carefully.

1. A number of citizens suffer from a variety of diseases that can be linked to tobacco addiction. In a recent check-up camp organised by the Cancer Patients Aid Association (CPAA), 830 street children were examined and the following grim picture was established
 - ✚ All the boys, young and old, smoked ganja.
 - ✚ Girls consumed supari or burnt tobacco powder.
 - ✚ 'Solutions' or 'white ink' or 'erasing fluids' are also inhaled by these children to get a 'high'.
 - ✚ These substances are easily accessible, legal and cost a mere Rs2.
2. But this trend is not only confined to any particular segment of society. According to doctors, consumption of gutkha and smoking is quite rampant amongst children from higher income groups. According to CPAA officials, consumption of gutkha has gone up considerably in the last few years. Since there is no restriction on the advertisements of this product, even during Ganesh festivals, companies producing gutkha sponsor events and display huge ads.
3. Over 50% of the people screened so far are addicted to tobacco. The most common form of tobacco use is gutkha and chewing tobacco. Gutkha is being consumed by people of all ages, up to 22 times a day.
4. 4 million people die every year due to tobacco related causes. Unparalleled expansion of tobacco production and its aggressive and unrestricted promotion, especially in our country, confirms the fears that by the year 2030, approximately 10 million people will die every year of tobacco related causes.
5. Even though governments are now recognising and accepting the fact that tobacco harms their economies and kills their countrymen prematurely, not all governments are able to or want to introduce strong effective legislation and contribute in other ways to tobacco control. More and more young smokers are being recruited into the ranks of the tobacco habituated by deceptive and manipulative advertising. Though the industry claims that use

of tobacco is a decision made by informed individuals, the true picture is that today's youth is making an uninformed choice when it comes to tobacco consumption.

6. This is because the promotion of tobacco by the industry hides the truth about the effects of tobacco and goes to great lengths to make tobacco use seem to be the key to a healthy, happy, social life.

Report of Cancer Patients Aid Association (CPAA)

The Association in its survey gave the following information:

- Children between ages of 7 and 8 smoked *bidis*.
- The youngest smoker was 6 years old.
- 87 children have already acquired pre-cancerous lesions.
- Over 505 of people are addicted to tobacco.
- 4 million people die every year due to tobacco related causes.
- By the year 2030, approximately 10 million people will die every year of tobacco related causes.



Now on the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions –

1X10=10

1. Does the following statement agree with the information given in the last paragraph?

The promotion of tobacco by the industry reveals the ill-effects of tobacco consumption.

Select from the following:

True If the statement agrees with the information.

False If the statement contradicts with the information.

Not Given If there is no information on this.

2. Do you think that putting a stop on manipulative advertising regarding tobacco can help in reducing its consumption? Support your answer with reference to text.

3. According to the CPAA, what is main cause of increasing consumption of Gutkha?

- a. Lack of restrictions on its consumption.
- b. Lack of restrictions on its advertisements.
- c. Lack of economic stability in the poor groups.
- d. Lack of restriction on its production.

4. Based on the reading of the text, complete the following statement.

As a part of manipulative advertising, youngsters are made to believe that tobacco is

- a. a key to happy and healthy life
- b. a key to a more social life
- c. a symbol of higher status
- d. both (a) and (b)

5. Which of the following points is/are true regarding the camp organised by CPAA?

- a. Addictive substances are very cheap.
- b. Addiction starts as young as the age of 6.
- c. Tobacco was prevalent in all genders.

- d. All (a), (b) and (c).
6. Complete the sentence based on the following statement.
By the year 2030, approximately 10 million people will die every year of tobacco related cases.
 This could happen as a result of
7. How are people attracted towards tobacco?
8. Complete the given sentence by selecting the most appropriate option.
The passage negates the assumption that
- consumption of tobacco is limited to only lower income families.
 - with the ban of tobacco, its consumption had decreased.
 - consumption of tobacco is considered illegal.
 - tobacco consumption is rampant in only males.
9. ***The government knows the effects of tobacco consumption, but it does not..... its consumption.***
10. Based on the theoretical reading of the text, state a point to challenge the given statement.
Addiction of tobacco afflicts only the elder (18+) stratum of the society.

Section 'B' – Grammar and Writing Skills

20Marks

- Q3. You recently participated in an “Inter School Science Exhibition”. Participants of as many as 30 schools in the district took part in the event. Write about the event describing how many and what kind of models were displayed in the exhibition. (Word limit 100 - 120)

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OR

- You recently attended a seminar on “What is Real Communication?”. Using the cues given below describe the event. (Word limit 100 - 120)



- Q4. You are Arvind/Arunita. These are your Summer Vacations. Due to

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some reasons you could not plan anything. One day somebody knocked your door. When you opened the door you were gladly surprised to see that your best friend Sanjay/Poonam was there. You were very happy to see him/her. Make a diary entry expressing your feelings. (Word limit 100 - 120)

OR

“.....Then shouldering their burdens, they set off, seeking a path that would bring them over the grey hills of Emyn Muil, and down into the Land of Shadow.” The closing of the story is given. Write your own story without changing the end. Give appropriate ‘Name’ to your story. Maintain the unity of time, plot and action. Write moral of the story separately. (Word limit 100 - 120)

- Q5. The following passage has not been edited. One word has been omitted in each line. Write the omitted word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after. ½*4=2

	Word Before.....	Missing Word.....	Word After
The man heard words of his soul,	e.g. heard	<u>the</u>	words
he remembered the little Mermaid	(a)
had no feet and not dance. And a	(b)
great desire came him, and he said	(c)
to himself, ‘It is but a day’s journey,	(d)
and I can return my home,’ and he			
laughed, and stood up in the shallow water.			

- Q6. Fill in the blanks choosing the most appropriate option given below. ½*4=2
- India (a)..... no longer the country (b).....Joint Families. The question of having old age homes in the past would have (c)..... unheard of. It is sad (d)..... true that the old are maltreated and neglected.

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| a) (i) is | (ii) has | (iii) have | (iv) will |
| b) (i) for | (ii) by | (iii) from | (iv) of |
| c) (i) was | (ii) being | (iii) been | (iv) be |
| d) (i) also | (ii) and | (iii) but | (iv) for |

- Q7. Read the following conversation and then fill in the blanks of the given paragraph. 1X3 = 3

Mother : Why are you looking so pale?

Daughter : I have not eaten anything since morning as I lost my bag.

Mother : You should have told me this earlier.

The mother asked her daughter (a)..... and whether she was alright. The daughter replied that (b)..... as she had lost her bag. The mother told her (c).....

- Q8. Do as directed. 1X3 = 3
- This place is very comfortable. (Change into ‘negative’ without changing the meaning of the sentence)
 - Rupa is taller than all the girls in her class. (Change into ‘superlative’)
 - Students are advised to work hard. (Rewrite using appropriate ‘modal’)

Section ‘C’ – Literature

40Marks

- Q9.A Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: 1X5 = 5
 “That’s a lie. You are not dealing with a fool. I am as smart as you and smarter, and I know you run a car. Better be careful, wise guy!”
- a) “A fool” according to the speaker refers to
 - i. himself
 - ii. the listener
 - iii. the police
 - iv. the man on the phone
 - b) The figure of speech in “I’m as smart as you are” is
 - i. repetition
 - ii. metaphor
 - iii. simile
 - iv. irony
 - c) The words “wise guy” are uttered with a sense of
 - i. irony
 - ii. hatred
 - iii. humour
 - iv. complement
 - d) The author of the play is
 - i. Deborah Cowley
 - ii. Douglas James
 - iii. Vikram seth
 - iv. Kenneth Anderson
 - e) The statement you “run a car” means
 - i. you own a car
 - ii. you can drive a car
 - iii. you have a garage
 - iv. you repair cars
- B Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. 1+2+2=5
 “And being faint with fasting,
 For the day was almost done,
 He asked her, from her store of cakes,
 To give him a single one.”
- a. What is the poetic device used in line 1?
 - b. Who was this holy man and why was he about to faint?
 - c. What did the holy man request the little woman? Was his request listened to?
- Q10. Answer any four out of five questions in about 40 – 50 words. 3X4=12
- a. What does the poet of the poem “Rain on the Roof” dream of?
 - b. Why did the doctor feel that he was quite near the death? (The Snake And The Mirror)
 - c. What was the secret of Maria’s Success?
 - d. Why did Einstein write a letter to Franklin Roosevelt?
 - e. Why did Bismillah Khan refuse to start a Shehnai school in the USA?
- Q11. Answer any two out of three questions in about 40 – 50 words. 3X2 = 6
- a. Why did the happy prince ask the swallow to stay?
 - b. What was Lushcoff in reality?
 - c. Why did the narrator feel isolated in his new school? (A House Is Not A Home)
- Q12. “*Subramania Iyer was a rebel by nature.*” Discuss the significance of this sentence citing appropriate examples from the lesson ‘My Childhood’. (100 – 120 words) 6
- Q13. In the lesson, ‘In the Kingdom of Fools’, the King is the kingpin of troubles that beset his kingdom. Cite examples from the lesson to draw up a pen picture of the King. (100 – 120 words) 6
