

**DAV BR PUBLIC SCHOOL, BINA**  
**Half Yearly Examination 2024-25**  
**PRACTICE PAPER**

**Class – IX**

**Subject - English**

**Time Allowed – 3 Hours**

**MM: - 80**

**General Instructions –**

1. This question paper consists of 3 sections, 12 questions and 7 pages.
2. All questions are compulsory.
3. Read instruction or 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.

1. Selfie is the latest fad among people, especially the younger generation. Whether you are at the railway station, at a restaurant, in the park or any other place, you would come across youngsters clicking pictures of themselves, which are more commonly known as 'selfies'. Though these selfies are good for a person's Facebook post, there have been several instances where selfie-obsessed youngsters have severely injured themselves or even met their death while trying to take a selfie. Oblivious of the surroundings, people have fallen to their death or have been run over by vehicles while in the process of taking a selfie. Some individuals have even gone a step ahead and attempted to take selfie at dangerous places or in difficult positions, thereby meeting a gory end.

2. In fact, such is the craze for selfies in India and the accident rate is so high that a new research has stated that India has the highest number of selfie-related deaths in the world. The study maintained that from March 2014 to September 2016, a whopping 60 per cent of the selfie deaths took place in India. The study, which has been titled "Me, Myself and My Killfie: Characterising and Preventing Selfie Deaths", has estimated that of the 127 selfie deaths that took place across the globe, 76 occurred in India. In contrast, Pakistan reported just 9 deaths while both the US and Russia witnessed 8 and 6 deaths respectively. The authors of the study hope that their study will serve as a warning for the people and would inspire new technology that could warn selfie-takers when they are in risky zones.

3. In fact, it is young men who are more prone to undertake dangerous selfies. The report has analysed a large number of selfies posted on Twitter and come to the conclusion that 13 per cent of these were taken in dangerous situations. Alarmingly, a majority of these were young people falling under the age of 24. While in the world most people had selfie-related deaths by falling off high buildings and mountain cliffs, in India most such deaths have been water-related or near railway tracks.

4. Taking selfies is not wrong, but it is imperative to be aware of the surroundings. Selfies should be avoided in dangerous places, for it is always better to be safe than sorry.

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

1X10 =10

- a. What is the latest fad among the younger generation?
  - i. Taking a smartphone
  - ii. Taking selfies
  - iii. Late night chatting
  - iv. Watching Movies
  
- b. At what places do youngsters click pictures?
  - i. Railway stations
  - ii. Parks
  - iii. Restaurants
  - iv. Monuments
  
- c. What is the downside of taking selfies?
  - i. Severe injury
  - ii. Death
  - iii. Both of these
  - iv. Defames one
  
- d. Which country has most selfie-related deaths?
  - i. Pakistan
  - ii. India
  - iii. U.S.A.
  - iv. Russia
  
- e. What is the main cause of selfie deaths in India?
  - i. Railway tracks accident
  - ii. Falling from the mountains
  - iii. Falling from high buildings
  - iv. Road accidents
  
- f. What is the title of the study?
  - i. Me, Myself and selfie
  - ii. Me, Myself and Irene
  - iii. Me, Myself and My killfie
  - iv. Me, Myself and My poesy
  
- g. Who are more prone to undertake dangerous selfies?
  
- h. What must be one aware of while taking selfies?
  
- i. Find synonym of 'fashion' from the passage. (para 1)
  
- j. Find word for ignorant or forgetful. (para 1)
  
- k. Find the antonym of 'safe'. (para 3)

1. What is the antonym of 'match'? (para 2)

Q2. Read the passage given below carefully.

1. Due to low per capita availability of fruits find their way to retail markets, and almost nothing is left for processing.

2. The biggest challenge faced by the fruit processing industry in India is the limited availability of fruits. Most of the fruits produced is sold at retail markets, and almost nothing is left for processing. In the absence of regular fruits supply for processing, the industry cannot assure a steady supply to its customers.

3. Presently both fruit and fruit juice concentrate price in India are way higher than the global prices. For the last three years orange juice prices have been 60% higher than Brazil. This is because Brazilians segregate their fruit at source, and big financial houses are involved in fruit processing. Furthermore, Brazilian oranges are juicier and sweeter and therefore they use 40% less oranges to make 1kg of juice concentrate.

4. Globally, the three big crops that are processed are tomato, orange and apple. India is among the 5 top producers of all these commodities but such a negligible presence in their processing. Setting aside 5% of the harvest would lead to the processing of 4 million tons of fruits. We need to work towards improving, both overall fruit availability and farm productivity.

<b>Fruit Production in India</b>	
Banana	31,779
Mango	20,529
Citrus fruit	14,032
Papaya	6,086
Guava	4,359
Pomegranate	3,256
Grapes	2,939
Watermelon	2,922
Apple	2,783
Pineapple	1,802
Jackfruit	1,776
Muskmelon	1,306
Total	100,448

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

1X10=10

- a. In the line... 'Due to low per capita availability of fruits...' the term 'per capita' means
- the average capital spent on fruits
  - the average per yield
  - the average per person
  - the average per acre

- b. According to this passage, the biggest challenge for the fruit processing industry is
- i. limited availability of processors
  - ii. limited availability of fruits
  - iii. limited availability of machines
  - iv. limited availability of juicers
- c. One of the elements that is important for fruit processing is
- i. absence of a regular fruit industry
  - ii. absence of a regular harvest season
  - iii. absence of a regular retail market
  - iv. absence of a regular fruit supply
- d. Find the synonym of 'guarantee' from the option given below.
- i. Upset
  - ii. Process
  - iii. Distress
  - iv. Assure
- e. Based on your understanding of the passage choose the options that list the inherent drawbacks of India's fruit processing.
1. limited availability of labour
  2. Indian oranges are less sweet
  3. big financial houses want tomatoes
  4. fruits improve farm productivity
  5. grows apples instead
  6. absence of regular supply for processing
- i. 1 and 6
  - ii. 2 and 5
  - iii. 3 and 4
  - iv. 2 and 6
- f. Which of the following statements is TRUE?
- i. India is among 5 top producers of tomato, orange and apple.
  - ii. India is among 5 top producers of oranges, lemons and papayas.
  - iii. India is among 5 top producers of orange juice.
  - iv. India is among the 5 top producers of six types of fruits.
- g. According to the list of Indian fruit growing how can three fruits majorly contribute in Indian economy?
- h. What does the market profile of the Brazilian farmer indicate?
- i. How does the market profile of the Indian farmer differ from that of a Brazilian farmer?
- j. According to the data given, how much orange does Brazil use for processing the same amount as India?

### Section 'B' – Grammar and Writing Skills

20Marks

- Q3. Write a short descriptive paragraph in your own words on the famous Indian scientist Sir CV Raman on the basis of the following inputs. (Word limit 100 - 120)

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Born on 7 November 1888 in Madras – Physician by profession – worked in the field of light scattering – the discovery is known as 'Raman Effect' – won Nobel Prize in 1930 for his discovery – elected 'Fellow of the Royal Society' in 1924 – in 1954 India honoured him with its highest civilian award 'Bharat Ratna' – breathed his last on 21 November 1970.

OR

You recently attended a seminar on "How to Achieve Success". Using the cues given below describe the event. (Word limit 100 - 120)



- Q4. You are Avinash/Avantika. You recently attended a wedding. The ostentatious display of wealth made you reflect on the disparity existing in society. Make a diary entry expressing your feelings. (Word limit 100 - 120)

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OR

**"...Ultimately he won it as he was determined to accomplish his mission."** 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. (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.

1X4 = 4

	Word Before.....	Missing Word.....	Word After
Fast food a favourite with children.	e.g. food	<u>is</u>	a
There no doubt that it requires less preparation time, is tasty is served	(a) .....	.....	.....
quickly it is unhealthy and lacks nutrients. Rise in the case of obesity children is a matter of concern for all.	(b) .....	.....	.....
	(c) .....	.....	.....
	(d) .....	.....	.....

- Q6. Unjumble the following phrases or words for making meaningful sentences. Write the correct sentences in your answer sheet.

1X3 = 3

1. in the cities and the villages is very bad/the effect/on the school and college going youngsters/of the cinema
2. I have not come to complain he said/even if it means some humiliation/but the boy must learn to be honest/and admit he broke it
3. not indeed in the sense that education has been universal/Our country has been a land of learning/and the learned man has been held in higher esteem than the warrior or administrator/ but in the sense that education has been universal

Q7. Read the given notes and complete the paragraph that follows by filling up the gaps most appropriately. 1X3 = 3

**Notes:**

- Rainy day
- Busy traffic
- Car collision with a speeding bus
- 5 badly injured, 1 died on the spot
- Injured taken to the hospital
- Local help

It was a rainy day. Traffic (a)..... busy on the road. A (b)..... a car badly in the market. Five commuters were badly injured while one person (c)..... on the spot. The injured persons were taken to the nearest hospital. The local people were of great help.

**Section 'C' - Literature**

**40Marks**

Q8.A Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: 1X5 = 5

I took off my black coat, white shirt and not-so-white vest and hung them up. I opened the two windows in the room. It was an outer room with one wall facing the open yard. It had a tiled roof with long supporting gables that rested on the beam over the wall. There was no ceiling. There was a regular traffic of rats to and from the beam. I made my bed and pulled it close to the wall. I lay down but could not sleep. I got up and went out to the veranda for a little air, but the Wind God seemed to have taken time off.

- a. The meaning of 'not-so-white vest' is that the vest was:
  - i. of a different colour
  - ii. of yellow colour
  - iii. soiled
  - iv. of off white colour
- b. The narrator's room was:
  - i. on the ceiling of the house
  - ii. in the courtyard of the house
  - iii. on the periphery of the house
  - iv. on the first floor
- c. The regular traffic of rats moved:
  - i. up and down the gables
  - ii. to and from the beam
  - iii. from the ceiling to the roof

- iv. from the roof to the ceiling
- d. For a little air, the author went to the:
  - i. Roof
  - ii. Veranda
  - iii. Lawn
  - iv. Courtyard
- e. The meaning of 'the Wind God seemed to have taken time off' is:
  - i. no air was blowing
  - ii. fast air was blowing
  - iii. it was very hot
  - iv. pleasant air was blowing

B Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. 1+2+2=5

Wind, come softly.  
 Don't break the shutters of the windows.  
 Don't scatter the papers.  
 Don't throw down the books on the shelf.  
 There, look what you did – you threw them all down.  
 You tore the pages of the books.  
 You brought rain again.

- a. What is the tone of the poet in these lines?
- b. Which poetic device is used here prominently? Explain.
- c. How can one withstand the destruction caused by the wind?

Q9. Answer any four out of five questions in about 40 – 50 words. 3X4=12

- a. "I doubt if I should ever come back." Why does the poet doubt?
- b. What is "a bliss" for the poet in the poem *Rain on the Roof*?
- c. What was the state of Kezia's mind in the absence of her mother and grandmother?
- d. Why did Einstein write a letter to Franklin Roosevelt?
- e. What did the doctor think when the snake was looking into the mirror?

Q10. Answer any two out of three questions in about 40 – 50 words. 3X2 = 6

- a. "One day Mahendra went to his bed with a certain unease." Comment on this statement.
- b. How did the dancing girl defend herself? (In the Kingdom of Fools)
- c. What were the Guru's words of wisdom? When did the disciple remember them? (In the Kingdom of Fools)

Q11. What was the final insult? Why did the doctor feel insulted? What should he have done to avoid the insult? (100 – 120 words) 6

Q12. Why was Toto's presence kept a secret? Where was he kept during this period? How did he behave? What does it tell about the character of grandfather? Do you think we should keep something secret from the family? Give reasons. (100 – 120 words) 6