

Directorate of Education, GNCT of Delhi

Practice Paper – TERM II (2021 – 2022)

Class – IX

English- Language and Literature (184)

Time: 2 hours

Maximum Marks: 40

General Instructions:

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, WRITING & GRAMMAR and LITERATURE.
2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

SECTION – A – READING (10 marks)

Marks

Q. No.1 Read the passage given below:

The act of gardening goes back thousands of years. If gardens are beautiful to look at, imagine the pride and sense of accomplishment that the creator of such beauty can feel.

5 Numerous studies have been undertaken which show that gardening offers many health related benefits. The most obvious benefit of gardening is that it can be a great way to relieve stress. Work, family commitments, and social engagements are just some of the things that take up chunks of peoples' lives. Planning the garden and then caring for the garden offers the gardener a simple and inexpensive way to unwind and relax. Gardening can help a person clear the mind.

10 Second most important health related benefit of gardening is that it offers nutritional benefits to those who choose to plant a vegetable garden. Creating a vegetable garden is a way of ensuring that there is a continuous supply of fresh vegetables to consume. Vegetable gardeners know exactly where their produce is coming from and they also know exactly what chemicals were used to grow the produce. Eating more
15 vegetables, and especially home-grown vegetables, is a simple way to ensure that the body is getting a proper balance of vitamins and nutrients.

20 Another health related benefit of gardening is that when people tend to their gardens, they are getting exercise. Even an activity as simple as gardening can contribute towards weight loss. Gardening gets a person outdoors, exposed to natural air, and refocused on a pleasant activity.

And finally, some studies even report that people who are exposed to gardens and gardening recover more quickly from illnesses. It seems that for many people, gardening is just what the doctor ordered.

25 Gardening can be a creative experience as well. It's one thing to throw some seeds down and then wait to see what grows. While gardening does not require that the participant have a degree in landscape architecture, a bit of planning will go a long

way towards enhancing the beauty and the gardening experience overall.

30 And finally, the act of gardening teaches people the art of being patient. Unlike other activities, gardening does not produce instantaneous results. As such, a person who takes up gardening must wait for their rewards. Cut the flowers and vegetables, bring them inside and enjoy the sense of accomplishment that is gained from the benefit-rich activity called gardening!

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer ANY FIVE questions from the six given below.

1 X 5

- i. What are the two most important health-related benefits of gardening? 1
- ii. How does gardening help a person clear his or her mind? 1
- iii. When does a person know about the chemicals used to grow vegetables he or she eats? 1
- iv. Which human quality is enhanced through gardening? 1
- v. Rewrite the following sentence by replacing the underlined phrase with a word that means the same from lines 5 – 15.
She thanked the staff for their dedication towards work and enthusiasm for the company. 1
- vi. According to you, what are the uses of gardening? Mention any two. 1

Q No. 2 Read the following excerpt from a report titled ‘Road Traffic Crashes’

Each year nearly 1.2 million people die and millions of other are injured or disabled as a result of road traffic crashes. The vast majority (over 90%) of all road traffic deaths and injuries occur in low-income and middle-income countries.

5 In high-income countries, most of those killed or injured in road traffic crashes are drivers and passengers of four-wheeled vehicles. In low-income and middle-income countries, however, “vulnerable road users” – pedestrians, cyclists and motorcyclists and users of public transportation – constitute a higher proportion of road users, and consequently make up a larger proportion of those injured or killed on the roads.

10 This report focuses on young road users, defined as those under 25 years of age. The document highlights the main risk factors for road traffic injuries, noting how many of these risks are elevated in youth. It stresses that successful prevention programmes can be put in place to protect young people, and presents examples of interventions from different geographic and cultural contexts that have been shown to be effective.

15 Children and young people under the age of 25 years account for over 30% of those killed and injured in road traffic crashes. Of the 383046 road traffic deaths that were recorded in this age group around the world, at least half were road users from the World Health Organization’s African and South-East Asia Regions. However, the highest rates of road traffic fatalities in the 0-25 year age range occur among road users in the African and the Eastern Mediterranean regions.

20 Road traffic injuries among those under 25 years rank as the eighth leading cause of death around the world. However, when analyzed by five-year age groups the significance of road traffic injuries rises dramatically. Among 15-19 year-olds, road traffic injuries are the leading cause of death, while among the 10-14 years and 20-24 years age groups they are the second leading cause of death.

Children under five years of age, and in particular infants under 1 year, being especially

	vulnerable to other diseases and conditions, have the lowest ranking for road traffic deaths.																									
	On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer <u>ANY FIVE</u> questions from the six given below.	1X5																								
	i. Where do more than 90% of road traffic accidents and injuries occur?	1																								
	ii. Why do you think that pedestrians and cyclists constitute a higher proportion of road users in low and middle – income countries?	1																								
	iii. According to the passage, what can be done to protect young people from road traffic injuries?	1																								
	iv. Which group accounts for 30% of those killed and injured in road traffic crashes?	1																								
	v. Which regions or countries has the highest rate of road traffic fatalities in the 0-25 year age ?	1																								
	vi. Examine why infants under 1 year have the lowest ranking for road traffic deaths?	1																								
	SECTION – B- WRITING AND GRAMMAR (10 marks)																									
Q. No.3	Attempt <u>ANY ONE</u> from i and ii.																									
i	You are Manish/Manisha, a student of class IX. Due to the pandemic situation you have been distracted from your studies and have not performed well in your Periodic Tests. Write a diary entry in not more than 120 words describing why this has happened and your resolution to do better in Annual Examination.	5																								
ii	Develop a short story with the help of the given hints. Give a suitable title to your story. (120-150 words) Ranjit --- addicted to mobile phone ---does not attend online class --- secretly goes out with friends on a trip --- lockdown happens --- gets stuck--- parents worry --- efforts made --- gets home after many days	5																								
Q. No.4	The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Identify the error and write its correction against the correct blank number. Remember to underline the correction. The first one has been done for you.	1 X 3																								
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Q. No.5	Read the conversation between a father and his son and complete the passage that follows:																									
	<p>Father: We have to pay the toll tax here. Son: What is toll tax? Father: This is paid by the people for the maintenance of roads</p>																									
	<p>Father told his son that (a) _____. The son (b) _____. Father told him that it was paid by the people for the maintenance of roads.</p>	1 1																								
	SECTION C – LITERATURE (20 MARKS)																									

Q.No.6	Answer <u>ANY SIX</u> questions in 30 – 40 words each	2 X6
	i. What skills and qualities did Santosh develop after she took up climbing as a career?	2
	ii. Justify the statement ‘Love is mutual’ with reference to the story ‘The Bond of Love’.	2
	iii. What message does the poem ‘No Men Are Foreign’ convey?	2
	iv. Is it possible for a “simple jab of the knife” to kill a tree? Why or why not?	2
	v. Pets are sweet and loveable. But every living being has its limitation. In the story ‘Packing’, how is this fact described?	2
	vi. Prashant decided to work towards resettling the orphans and widows. Comment.	2
	vii. Explain why Sergei felt extremely delighted to see Lushkoff at the theatre?	2
Q.No.7	Answer <u>ANY TWO</u> of the following in about 120 words each.	4 X 2
	i. Johnsy could not get better despite the efforts made by the doctor and her friend Sue. Examine the negative feelings that keep one ailing and also discuss the values which remove such feelings and fill a person with a desire to live?	4
	ii. The narrator of the story ‘A house is not a Home’ would have continued to suffer miserably, if the students of the high school had not displayed the concern and warmth towards him. What did the students do for the narrator? What values do you think guided them?	4
	iii. The intruder had come into the house with the intension to harm. If such a person is cheated by anyone else, will that be justified? Discuss on the basis of the play “If I Were You”, how the intruder became a victim of his own wicked plan?	4