

JB Academy
Annual Examination 2020
English Language and Literature
Class IX

SECTION - A (READING 20 MARKS)

Q.1 Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow

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No one is born hating another person because of the colour of his skin, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite. Even in the grimmest times in prison, when my comrades and I were pushed to our limits, I would see a glimmer of humanity in one of the guards, perhaps just for a second, but it was enough to reassure me and keep me going. Man's goodness is a flame that can be hidden but never extinguished. In life, every man has twin obligations - obligations to his family, to his parents, to his wife and children, and he has an obligation to his people, his community, his country. In a civil and humane society, each man is able to fulfill those obligations according to his own inclinations and abilities. But in a country like South Africa, it was almost impossible for a man of my birth and colour to fulfill both of these obligations. In South Africa, a man of colour who attempted to live as a human being was punished and isolated. In South Africa, if a man tried to fulfill his duty to his people, he was inevitably ripped from his family and his home and was forced to live a life apart, a twilight existence of secrecy and rebellion. I did not in the beginning choose to place my people above my family, but in attempting to serve my people, I found that I was prevented from fulfilling my obligations as a son, a brother, a father and a husband.

I was not born with a hunger to be free. I was born free- free in every way that I could know. Free to run in the fields near my mother's hut, free to swim in the clear stream that ran through my village, free to roast mealies under the stars and ride the broad backs of slow moving bulls. As long as I obeyed my father and abided by the customs of my tribe, I was not troubled by the laws of man or God.

On the basis of your reading the passage, answer the following questions very briefly. (1x8)

- (a) The author says colour and religion are not the basis of-----.
- (b) What comes more naturally to man?
- (c) Why couldn't the author fulfil the obligations he wanted to?
- (d) What quality is inherent in man and cannot be extinguished?
- (e) What was the punishment given to a man who tried to live like a dignified human being?
- (f) Who does a man have to fulfil his obligations to?
- (g) Under what conditions could a person live without being troubled?
- (h) What is the natural birth right of a man?

Q.2 Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

(12)

If there is one subject that is still widely taught today, it is ancient Greek mythology. It is not just taught as part of a literature curriculum at school but is also part of most history lessons. Some people wonder why the world is still so hung up on ancient Greek myths when they are nothing but telltale stories made up thousands of years ago.

Those who think these stories are just a bunch of outdated tales, are wrong. These stories may have been written hundreds years ago, but remember, they were written by wise men like Aristotle and Socrates who helped shape modern thinking. They did not spend their days weaving tales just because they wanted to and had nothing to do. Their stories were too good and that is why Greek myths have withstood the test of time and are relevant until today. In fact , they might also be relevant a hundred years from now.

Some people might say that Greek myths are epic tales of gods and goddesses gallivanting about the earth , achieve all sorts of impossible tasks . They are stories of people dealing with the Gods and either they come out triumphant or they end up bloody and charred or turned into animals and plants. People who don't try to look beyond the surface will think that these tales are nothing more than flights of fancy told by storytellers from the past , but a deeper look at the stories will tell you that these myths are stories with a purpose and reason. They are loaded with morals, philosophies, and even warnings.

These stories are written for a lofty purpose. obviously, one would not expect such great minds to waste their time telling a story for the sake of telling a story- they had a purpose and that was to impart knowledge. And through these myths, we get a chance to understand the way the Greeks lived and how what shaped their thought.

We can see the influence of Greek mythology everywhere, be it fine arts, literature or performing arts.

These myths became an integral part of ancient Greek culture and by making the stories interesting lessons were passed down from one generation to the other. They helped people understand the difference between right and wrong, they taught them to understand the need to be humble and horrible and inopportune of ways. These tales told stories of heroes and how that achieved greatness by daring but at the same time also highlighted their flaws.

For those who still question as to why modern people be made to study Greek mythology, the answer is simple. People study ancient Greeks and their myths just as they would study other cultures to see what they can learn from it. Study of a culture as progressive as that of the ancient Greeks, enables us to understand how wise men thought in the past , what they considered important and their concept of morals. Another reason is that Greek myths have contributed a lot to classic and modern literature in the form of symbols.

2.1 On the basis of your reading the passage, answer the questions given below in 30 to 40 words each. (2x4=8marks)

- (a) What makes Greek mythology relevant for all times?
- (b) What are some of the important lessons that we get to learn by studying Greek mythology?
- (c) Why is study of Greek mythology important in the modern day?
- (d) How did Greek myths project the character of their heroes?

2.2 Complete the statements given below in one word or phrase.(1x4=4 marks)

- (a) At school Greek mythology is being taught through subjects like and..... .
- (b) A culture which can be relevant at all times is called a..... .
- (c) Heroes were people who
- (d) It is wrong to think of Greek myths and epic tales to be stories about..... .

SECTION B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR 30 MARKS)

Q.3 Almost everyday , you see the newspaper carrying the news of accidents caused due to rash driving. Mostly , young people driving motor-bikes and cars end up as victims in these accidents. They need to drive carefully , avoid overloading and over -speeding and follow traffic rules. Write an article on 'Safe Driving ' . (8 MARKS)

Suggested value points : Driving in speed thrills the young people. Bikers carry many pillon riders. Riders flout traffic rules. Young people are victims in accidents.

OR

You are Alex/Ronny of 182, Mukherjee Nagar. You want information about German language course aitMaxMueller Bhavan, New Delhi. Write a letter in 100 - 150 words to the Director Foreign Languages enquiring about the details of the courses offered by the institution.

Q.4 Given below are the opening lines of a story. Using these lines complete the rest of the story in about 200-220 words.(10 Marks)

It was dark when I returned home . There was just one narrow road which passed through a thick jungle. I had barely walked 50 meters when.....

OR

Write a story using the following hints-

A night out on the terrace - all thanks to power cut.....

Q.5 There is an error in each line of the passage given below. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet. (1x4MARKS)

	Error	correction
Our class teacher wanted no one to come for the celebration. In spite of heavy rains,	(a)
a few students came for	(b)
a ceremony of flag hoisting. Mrs. Bhatia	(c)
who is the athelete saluted the flag.	(d)

Q.6 Fill in the blanks with appropriate word from the options given below.(1x4 MARKS)

We must understand that we do not live (i)..... a perfect society and therefore ,we cannot be free(ii)..... fear. One is protected (iii)..... home or in school, but when one moves (iv)..... the world outside, one needs to be sensitive about the negative elements in our society.

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| (i) | (a) among | (b)between | (c)in | (d)inside |
| (ii) | (a) of | (b)from | (c)by | (d)off |
| (iii) | (a)in | (b)at | (c) between | (d)on |
| (iv) | (a)in | (b) from | (c)towards | (d)into |

Q.7 Rearrange the following words and phrases form meaningful to sentences.(1x4)

- (a) drink/lots/liquids/should/we/during/to/summers/avoid /dehydrated/getting/of
- (b) energetic/and/exercises/children/keep/active/extracurricular
- (c) attention/producing/is a/process and/silk/close/demands/lengthy/that
- (d) god/some/remember/only/people/happiness/in

SECTION C (LITERATURE 30 MARKS)

Q.8 Read the following text and answer the questions that follow (1x4)

"Things went wrong with me.I said it with bullets and got away. Unfortunately they got one of my men , and found things the fool should have burnt".

- (a) Who is the speaker in the above lines?
- (b) What was he trying to convey?
- (c) Who is he telling this story to?
- (d) Why did he tell him this story?

OR

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence;
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I-
I took the one less travelled by,
And that has made all the difference.

- (a) What do you think the poet will tell with a sigh?
- (b) What do the roads signify here in the above lines?
- (c) Name the poem and the poet.
- (d) The poet took the road which was.....

Q.9 Answer any three questions from Part A and any two questions from Part B in about 30-40 words. (2x5=10 marks)

Part A

- (a) What were the contents of the letter that Einstein wrote to the American President? What does this tell us about the kind of person Einstein was?
- (b) Why did William Butler Yeats wish to go to Innisfree?
- (c) How did Bismillah Khan prove that he was at heart a devoted Indian?
- (d) How does the Green snake manage to save himself?

PART B

- (a) How can we say that Iswaran was a great storyteller ?
- (b) Why did the people living in the kingdom of fools panic?How did they solve their problem ?
- (c) What are the essential takeaway's from O' Henry's The Last Leaf ?

Q.10 Answer any one of the following in 100- 150 words:(8marks)

What were some of the memories of APJ Abdul Kalam about community life in his village in Rameswaram?

OR

'The Bond of Love' is a touching story of different emotions- that of cruelty , indifference and extraordinary bond of love between animals and humans. How does the author bring out all these elements through his story?

Q.11 Answer any one of the following questions from the stories you have read in about 100-150 words.(8Marks)

In the story ' The Beggar', the beggar's story is a ' rags to riches' story. Describe the journey of the beggar from the days at the church to a successful notary.

OR

Miracles happen if one is positive. Nature has its own way of teaching one important lessons in life. How does the narrator in 'A House is not a Home' bring out this truth?