

CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

Class – IX

Subject – English

TAJPUR ROAD, SAMASTIPUR

Final Examination - 2021

Time- 3 hrs.

F. M. – 80

Section 'A' Reading (20 marks)

1. Read the passage given and answer the questions that follow:
- Kausani is situated at a height of 6,075 feet in the central Himalayas. It is an unusually attractive little town. It covers just about 5.2 sq. Km. It lies to the north of Almora in Uttarakhand's picturesque Kumaon region.
 - Kausani provides a 300 km. wide breathtaking view of the Himalayas. It is the most striking aspect of this place. Snow-capped peaks are spread in a stately row. They stare at you in silvery-white majesty. The most famous peak on view is Nanda Devi, the second highest mountain in India. It is situated at a height of 25,645 feet and is 36 miles away as the crow flies. The other famous peaks on view are Choukhamba (23,420 feet) and Trishul (23,360 feet). Then there are also Nilkanth, Nandaghunti, Nandaghat and Nandakot. On a clear day, the blue of the sky makes a splendid background to these peaks. At Sunrise and at sunset, when the colour of the sky changes to a golden orange, the scene gets etched in your memory.
 - When Gandhiji visited this place in 1929, its scenic beauty held him spellbound. He named it the 'Switzerland of India'. He prolonged his two day stay to fourteen days, making time to write a book, 'Anashakti Yoga'. The place where he was staying was originally a guest house of a tea estate. It was renamed 'Anashakti Ashram' after the book.
 - Kausani is the birthplace of Sumitranandan Pant, India's poet laureate. Its natural surroundings inspired many of his poems. Its tea gardens mingle with dense pine forests and fruit orchards. The area is also host to many fairs and religious ceremonies. If Uttarakhand is the abode of Gods, Kausani is God's own backyard. There is no traffic and no one is in a hurry. If serenity could be put on a canvas, the picture would resemble Kausani.

A. Answer the following questions:

(1 X 4=4)

- Gandhiji named Kausani as 'the _____ of India'.
- Kausani is a birth place of which Indian poet?
- _____ is the abode of Gods.
- Kausani's guest house of the tea estate is now known as

B. Choose the correct alternatives:

(1 X 4=4)

- Kausani is situated at a height of _____ feet in the Central Himalayas.
(a) 7125
(b) 6075
(c) 6175
(d) 4275
- In which year Gandhiji visited Kausani?
(a) 1914
(b) 1925
(c) 1935
(d) 1929
- At Sunrise and at sunset the colour of the sky changes to
(a) silverish grey
(b) golden orange
(c) blue
(d) white
- Gandhiji prolonged his two day stay to
(a) One week
(b) 10 days
(c) 14 days
(d) 15 days

2. Read the passage given below carefully and answer the questions that follow:

- i. Overpowering prey is a challenge for creatures that do not have limbs. Some species like Russell's vipers inject poison. Some others opt for an alternative non-chemical method — rat snakes, for instance, catch and push their prey against the ground while pythons use their muscle power to crush their prey to death. But snakes can't be neatly divided into poisonous and non-poisonous categories.
- ii. (Even species listed as non-poisonous aren't completely free of poison. The common sand Boa, for instance, produces secretions particularly poisonous to birds. So, the species doesn't take any chance it crushes its prey and injects poison as an extra step.)
- iii. Do vipers need poison powerful enough to kill hundreds of rats with just one drop? After all, they eat only one or two at a time.
- iv. While hunting animals try their worst to kill most efficiently, their prey use many tricks to avoid becoming a meal, such as developing immunity to poison. For instance, Californian ground squirrels are resistant to Northern Pacific rattlesnake poison.
- v. Competition with prey is not the only thing driving snakes to evolve more and more deadly poison. Snakes also struggle to avoid becoming prey themselves.
- vi. (Some snake killers have partial immunity to poison. Famously, mongooses are highly resistant to cobra poison, and with their speed and agility, kill snakes fearlessly. It would be the death of cobras as a species if they didn't evolve a more deadly poison to stop mongooses.)
- vii. Poison has another important role, It's an extreme meat softener, specific enzymes break up the insides of the prey. Normally, a reptile depends on the sun's warm ray to aid digestion.
- viii. But I wonder if we cannot use venom in our favour. (In remote parts of India, local hospitality often involves leather-tough meat. I chew and chew until my jaws ache. If I spit it out or refuse, our hosts would be offended, I swallow like python stuffing a deer, down its throat and hope I don't choke. If only I had poison.)

A. On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer any four of the following questions in 30 - 40 words each : (2X4=8)

- i. Russell vipers and rat snakes have different methods to attack prey. How?
- ii. How does Sand Boa kill its prey?
- iii. There is a constant tussle between the hunting animal and its prey? Why?
- iv. What makes mongoose a snake predator?
- v. What difficulty does the writer face when he is entertained in the remote parts of India?

B. On the basis of your reading of the above passage fill in any two of the following blanks. (1X2=2)

- i. Overpowering _____ is a challenge for creatures that do not have limbs.
(a) a killer (b) humans
(c) a python (d) a prey
- ii. Poison _____ meat.
(a) enhances taste of (b) hides
(b) softens (d) breaks down
- iii. Californian squirrels are _____ rattlesnake poison.
(a) afraid of (b) helpless against
(b) resistant to (d) indifferent to

- C. Find words from the passage which mean the same as : (Any Two) (1 X 2 = 2)
- (a) another (para 1)
 - (b) liquid substances released from glands (para 2)
 - (c) particular (para 7)

Section 'B' Writing and Grammar (30 Marks)

3. Write a descriptive paragraph in about 100-150 words, on 'My Best friend -my champ' Invent all the necessary details on your own. (8)

OR

There is a busy road in front of your school. A large number of students have to cross the road while going back home. They run a great risk. Write a letter in 100-150 words to the Editor, Navjiwan Times, Agra drawing attention of the concerned authorities to the problem. Make a request to mark a Zebra crossing and to put traffic lights in front of your school. Your are Amit/Anita, class X, New Age public School, Ram Nagar, Agra.

4. Write a story in 150-200 words with the help of the following outline. Give it a suitable title also. (10)

Bunya was a foolish boy, who was an attention seeker. He was a woodcutter and would go deep into the jungle to cut trees. One day he wanted to do an act of mischief. He shouted at the top of his voice. "There's a tiger, tiger, there's a tiger...."

OR,

On Sunday I was Watching TV. Suddenly I heard people shouting outside.....

5. Complete the paragraph given below with the help of options that follow: (Any four) (4)

Most Indian schools fail to ensure their students adequate playtime and fitness regime. Two out of every five school going children (a) _____ have a healthy Body Mass Index (BMT) and 50% of children (b) _____ adequate lower body strength. Some schools (c) _____ found to offer three or more physical education periods per week. The students (d) _____ exhausted (e) _____ Summers.

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| (a) (i) does | (ii) does not | (iii) don't | (iv) do |
| (b) (i) lack | (ii) lacked | (iii) have lacked | (iv) had lacked |
| (c) (i) was | (ii) are | (iii) is | (iv) have |
| (d) (i) will get | (ii) got | (iii) get | (iv) gets |
| (e) (i) in | (ii) of | (iii) during | (iv) after |

6. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the error along with its correction in the space provided. Do any four. (1X4 = 4)

	<u>Error</u>	<u>Correction</u>
Sachin Tendulkar is a best	e.g. a	the
cricketer in India. He has play for	(a) _____	_____
more than 20 years on the country	(b) _____	_____
He retired from the games	(c) _____	_____
last year. He is know for	(d) _____	_____
his skill in batting or fielding.	(e) _____	_____

7. Read the conversation given below and complete the paragraph that follow. (4)

Customer : Waiter, come here.

Customer : Look, there are flies in my soup.

Waiter : But sir, they are fresh flies.

Customer : What do you mean?

Waiter : They arrived only this morning sir.

Customer : I didn't expect to find flies in my soup at all.

A customer in a restaurant complained that there were flies in his soup. The waiter told the customer (a) _____. When the customer asked (b) _____, the waiter replied that they (c) _____. The customer said that (d) _____ flies in his soup at all.

Section c (Literature) 30 Marks

8. "He glides through the water away

From the stroke. O let him go

Over the water

into the reeds to hide without hurt"

- How did the snake move forward ?
- Why does he do so?
- Where does he go? Why?
- What does the poet wish?

1x4=4

9. Answer any five of the following questions in 30-40 words each.

2X5=10

- Give an example to show that even as a young girl Santosh was not ready to accept unreasonable.
- How was the problem of what to do with Bruno finally solved?
- Why does the intruder choose Gerrard as the man whose identity he wants to take on?
- How did Prashant spend the first two days after the cyclone?
- Behrman has a dream. What is it? Does it come true?
- What is the meaning of "My cat was back and so was I"? Had the author gone anywhere? Why does he say that he is also back?

10. Answer one of the following questions in about 100-150 words:

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Give a character sketch of Lushkoff

OR

Describe the incident that led Johnsy to change her mind?

11. Answer anyone of the following questions in about 100-150 words each.

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What was Montmorency's ambition in life and did he succeed this time?

OR

What has the poet tried to express in the poem "On Killing a Tree"?

For question numbers 14, 15 and 16, two statements are given-one labelled Assertion (A) and the other labelled Reason (R). Select the correct answer to these questions from the codes (a), (b), (c) and (d) as given below :

- (a) Both A and R are true, and R is correct explanation of the assertion.
- (b) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of the assertion.
- (c) A is true, but R is false.
- (d) A is false, but R is true.

14. Assertion : $\text{H}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_7$ is a heteroatoms molecule.

Reason : It contains same type of atom.

15. Assertion : Cell placed in hypotonic solution, it swells up.

Reason : Due to endosmosis cell becomes turgid/swells up.

16. Assertion : Balanced force acting on an object do not produce motion.

Reason : Net force acting on object is zero.

Question No. 17 - 20 contain four sub-parts each. You are expected to answer these questions.

17. Read the following and answer the questions :

Column I	Column II
(a) Isotopes	(i) ${}^{16}_8\text{O}$, ${}^{17}_8\text{O}$, ${}^{18}_8\text{O}$
(b) Isobars	(ii) ${}^{40}_{18}\text{Ar}$, ${}^{40}_{19}\text{K}$, ${}^{40}_{20}\text{Ca}$
(c) Isotones	(iii) ${}^{14}_6\text{C}$, ${}^{15}_7\text{N}$, ${}^{16}_8\text{O}$
(d) Isoelectrons	(iv) O^{2-} , Na^+ , Mg^{2+}