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PRACTICE PAPER FOR II PREPARATORY EXAMINATION 2015-2016 STD:- IX

Sub: - English

Date: -

Time: - 3 Hours

Marks: - 70

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This question paper is divided into three sections.

Section A: Reading 20 Marks

Section B: Writing & Grammar 25 Marks

Section C: Literature & 25 Marks

Novel / Long Reading Text

General Instructions:

- (i) All the sections are compulsory.
 - (ii) You may attempt any section at a time.
 - (iii) All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.
 - (iv) Please write down the serial number of the question in the answer script before attempting it.
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Section 'A' Reading

Q.1 A) Read the following passage carefully.

The spirit of youth is untamed and ungovernable. It throws caution to the winds. It jumps headlong into dangers. Raging seas and terrific winds instead of daunting this spirit goad it all the more to action. It defies the devil itself.

Old age is too careful and cautious. It calculates the risks and counts the cost. Like the old bachelor it looks before it leaps and then never leaps. No great achievement, in the sky or in the sea was ever made by shunning risks. The Everest could never have been conquered, the Poles could never have been reached, deserts and forests could never have been explored if the spirit of youth had not impelled men and women. Death stared them in the face every now and then, starvation dogged them, bodily discomforts and diseases invaded them, but this spirit led them on to victory. Old age sat on the shore, considering and magnifying the risks involved and this paralyzed their will. They took pride in their prudence and sanity little realizing that sanity is very often synonymous with senility. But the youth of the world have seen through the designs of the numerous politicians who are in collusion with the dollar-barons. The spirit of youth revolts at all this and all over the world there is a keen desire to "Grasp these sorry schemes of things and shatter it to bits". A new civilization is sought to be erected on the ashes of the old. In this new order man will be linked to man by the silken cords of love and not by bonds of paper. Youth is the time to go flashing from one end of the world to the other, both in mind and body.

1.1 On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer the following (5M) questions:

1. Write two specific facts about the spirit of youth.
2. What is particular about the old age? Write two points.
3. What is the need of the hour?
4. What types of risks do the youths encounter during their work?
5. Write a word from the passage which means 'discouraging'.

B) Read the following passage carefully.

1. To be in Rishikesh is to be far away. Cut away from your world, and all its trappings. It's both disconcerting and vaguely thrilling. Especially during the electric Ganga Arti, when singing music and lamps welcome sunset by the river. As the prayer reaches a crescendo, people release bobbing diyas into the swift inky water, where they rush away in warm circles of light. Further upstream at Shivpuri, the Ganga changes character, roaring impatiently at the muddling white water rafters. The first rapid grabs and tosses us playfully, the second has us clinging to our slippery boat in terrified delight, the third forces us to dive in, screaming with the shock of icy water. At night, the sky practically bursts with stars, as we curl up by the toasty bonfire at camp, listening to chilling stories about mountain spirits. As the fire dies, we stumble towards our welcoming canvas tents in pitch darkness, led by flickering lanterns.
2. There's nothing quite as satisfying as being bone tired, wrapped in a fluffy quilt and lulled to sleep by the murmur of a mighty, and now comfortingly familiar river. Taking on the challenges of the terrain by foot, following paths of the shepherds and sleeping under the stars is an experience of a lifetime.

1.2 On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions: (5M)

1. What is the experience of the water rafters at the rapids?
2. What is challenging for the narrator?
3. Why is it satisfying even after being bone tired?
4. How is the Ganga described by the narrator?
5. Write a word from the passage which means 'disturbing'.

Open Text – Based Assessment Questions

- Q.2** (a) India has become the fourth nation in the world and the first in Asia to embark on a successful mission to Mars. While the Indian media and leaders have gushed at this achievement as a national pride, how would it benefit the common people? **(5x2=10M)**
- (b) More Indians have access to mobile phones than adequate sanitation facilities. But habits of littering and spitting in the streets are also perennial problems with serious health consequences. Will people in our cities and towns stop littering the roads and spitting in public places as a result of 'The Clean India Campaign'? Express your views in 100-120 words.

Section 'B' Writing and Grammar

- Q.3** Geeta, a girl from a poor rural family has passed the class tenth board examination with flying colours. She is overjoyed to know that a certain NGO has taken up the responsibility of funding her higher education. She decides to write an article, describing her light heartedness and her desire to be independent in the male dominated society. With the help of the given visual and your own ideas write the article in 150-200 words.

**(5M)**

- Q.4** Be imaginative and develop a short story with the help of the following points. **(10M)**
(150-200 words)
A merchant – large sum of money – heavy rainfall – grumbles – robber – gun damp -attempt to shoot failure.

Q.5 Fill in the blanks with one word only: (3M)

Lecture as a method of teaching is as old as civilization. It is (a) _____ commonly practiced and widely used. The effective use of lecture requires skilful preparation (b) _____ is incomplete (c) _____ followed by questions and answers.

Q.6 The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line. (4M) Write the Incorrect word along with the correct word in your answer sheet.

	Incorrect	Correct
In the process to learning	eg. to	of
Self help is the better help	(a) _____	_____
Depend always on others,	(b) _____	_____
Even on teachers or parents	(c) _____	_____
is an sign of weakness	(d) _____	_____

Q.7 Make meaningful sentences from the words and phrases given below. (3M)

- (a) the warmth / glowed / he / affection / was / of his / so / and / open / friendly / I / that / with
 (b) that / business / I / of course, / he / knew, / wanted / the
 (c) the fare / glad / would / I / money / fellow / this / go, to / was / good

Section 'C' Literature and Long Reading Text**Q.8 Read the following extract and answer the questions. (3M)**

"It's only that I'm not going to fight on Monday"

- (a) Who is the speaker and the listener of the above line?
 (b) Against whom is the speaker supposed to fight?
 (c) Why doesn't the speaker want to fight?

OR

"And whistles in his sound. Last scene of all,
 That ends this strange eventful history,
 Is second childishness and mere oblivion,
 Sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything."

- (a) Which stage is the poet referring to in the above lines?
 (b) What does 'eventful history' refer to?
 (c) Name the poetic device used in the last line.

Q.9 Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each. (4x2=8M)

- Why is the rain divine?
- John is a hypocrite. Do you agree with this statement? Substantiate your answer.
- How did Harold come to know that his father was a boxer?
- Why is it said that 'You got a tooth, you got a friend'?

Q.10 Answer any one of the following questions in about 80 – 100 words. (4M)

- 'The Man who knew too much' is the story of Private Quelch who was very intelligent and hard working, yet none was fond of him. What according to you stops people from appreciating individuals like Private Quelch?

OR

The convict is the product of the society he lived in, both, in terms of the suffering that led him to steal a loaf of bread, as well as the excessive sentence he received as punishment for his "crime". As the convict (The Bishop's Candlesticks) write a diary entry describing the pain and suffering you had to undergo.

Q.11 Accommodation eluded the three friends at Datchet. What lesson did they learn out of their unnecessary search for a place to suit their whims? (10M)**OR**

The friends- George, Harris and Jerome are moody and whimsical. Elucidate.