



DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL, CHANDIGARH

Model Test Paper Summative Assessment-I (2014-15)

Class-IX English Communicative

TIME: 3 Hrs

Maximum Marks: 70

Instructions:

The question paper is divided into three sections.

Section A: Reading	20 marks
Section B: Writing and Grammar	25 marks
Section C: Literature and Long Reading Text	25 marks

SECTION A (Reading – 20 Marks)

Q1. Read the following passage carefully.

1. When it comes to structures that are both majestic and well-fortified, the classic European castle is the **pinnacle** of design. Across the ages castles changed, developed, and eventually fell out of use, but they still command the fascination of European culture.
2. Castles were originally built in England by Norman invaders in 1066. As William, the Conqueror, advanced through England, he fortified key positions to secure the land he had taken. The castles he built allowed the Norman lords to retreat to safety when threatened by English rebellion. Castles also served as bases of operation for offensive attacks. Troops were summoned to, organized around, and deployed from castles. In this way castles served both offensive and defensive roles in military operations.
3. Not limited to military purposes, castles also served as offices from which the lord would administer control over his domain. That is to say, the lord of the land would hold court in his castle. Castles also served as symbols of power. Built on prominent sites overlooking the surrounding areas, castles constantly loomed in the background of many peasants' lives and served as a daily reminder of the lord's strength.
4. The end of castles can ultimately be attributed to gunpowder. Gunpowder was first introduced to Europe during the 14th century, but the first gunpowder weapons were unreliable, inaccurate, and weak by later standards. During the 15th century, artillery became powerful enough to break through stone walls. This greatly undermined the military role of castles. Castles were then replaced by artillery forts that had no role in civil administration, and country houses that were indefensible. Though castles no longer serve their original purposes, they receive millions of visitors each year, those who wish to experience the majestic relics of a time long passed.

1.1 On the basis of your reading of the above passage, complete the following sentences. (1x8=8)

- (a) Castles served as bases of operation for offensive attacks as _____ .
- (b) Castles were built in England by Norman invaders to _____ .
- (c) On seeing the castles, common people were _____ .
- (d) These magnificent structures also served as _____ .
- (e) Castles were built on _____ .
- (f) Gunpowder ended the role of traditional castles because _____ .
- (g) According to the passage, castles receive millions of visitors each year because _____ .
- (h) The word 'pinnacle' in the passage means _____ .

Q.2 Read the following passage carefully.

TOOTHFULLY YOURS - A LETTER FROM A DENTIST

Dear Everybody,

- (1) Dental caries, unlike many other diseases, is irreversible and will only continue to burrow, no matter what medication your godsend pharmacist prescribes. Well, it's not just caries, requiring the ubiquitous 'drill and fill' that you need to sweat over. There are periodontal diseases which can bring down your gum levels and rock your tooth within the bone. Orthodontic ailments causing malocclusions prevail primarily because of adverse habits. Let me uncloak the depressing Indian scenario which I have lately come to understand.
- (2) Gone are the days when parents invoked the name of ghosts to frighten their children in order to enforce discipline. Now, their imagination has touched the bottom that they often use dentists or their purely fictional "mammoth of a needle" to petrify children when they misbehave. No wonder, kiddos shake with trepidation at the mere thought of a dental visit.
- (3) Yes, dental treatment is expensive. We are restoring your teeth with materials that have to stand unperturbed in your mouth, with the power to combat all the forces thrown upon them. And most importantly, they have to be biocompatible, i.e. causing no harm or allergy and stay innocuous in your mouth. Apparently, such materials are manufactured with the utmost research and scrutiny, owing to their costs. So you could do with a scruple of respect for your dental health, not forgetting the materials and services which help you relish your pani puris and biryani!
- (4) Many a time, you fail to take charge in the initial stages of 'cavity' formation and give paltry, excuses like 'Dental phobia' or lack of pain. After harbouring all the pernicious 'germs' for donkey's years, and when the "magic drug" fails to bring cheer, you go into throes of agony and distress. Finally, you muster the courage to pay us a visit and when we tell you that you might need a root canal treatment followed by a "cap", you cringe. You look daggers at us. Call

us 'devils'!

- (5) As a young intern, I may not be the paramount authority to adjure you. But I have fondly grown to love what I have learnt as a dental student for the past four years. A habit of brushing twice daily (looking at the mirror and not dreaming away to glory!) and a regular six-month check-up will certainly keep the common maladies at bay. We do offer preventive treatments like 'fluoride therapy,' 'pit and fissure sealants' and many more to stave off cavities and counsel you 'out of business.' There are umpteen competent dentists in town who can quell pain of any degree.
- (6) Personally, I mean no offence to anybody, but my impetus to writing is to express my grief over how dentists are often goofed on and ridiculed in crude caricatures and writings. Please understand that this is no good humour. Whatever you say, we will continue to help you and try our best to alleviate pain and work on all the knots.

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- 2.1 Answer the following questions in brief. (2x4=8)
- (a) Why does the author use the term 'your godsend' for a pharmacist?
 - (b) In the author's opinion what do most people think of a dentist's profession?
 - (c) In the author's opinion how do most children develop a fear of dentists?
 - (d) What justification does the author give for dental treatment being expensive?
- 2.2 Find words in the passage which mean the same as the following. (1x4=4)
- (a) state of affairs/ situation (Paragraph 1)
 - (b) harmless(Paragraph 3)
 - (c) chief/topmost (Paragraph 5)
 - (d) indefinitely many (Paragraph 5)

SECTION B (Writing and Grammar–25 Marks)

- Q.3 Nowadays people along with their families go out during weekends and holidays for meals at fast food outlets. Mouth – watering pizzas, french fries and burgers please the taste buds, but are far from being healthy. Use the hints given below as well as your own ideas to write an article promoting healthy eating habits among people on the topic 'Fast Food and People's Health' in about 100-120 words. (5)
- excess fats and carbohydrates
 - high on calories, low on nutrition
 - short term and long term effects on the body; use of trans fats which are unhealthy
- Q.4 On the basis of the outline given below, write a story in 150-200 words. Also, give a suitable title and the moral of the story. (10)
- We, a group of five passing through jungle carrying rifles on shoulder a narrow stream encounter with short, black men a primitive tribe crucial moment mobile phone rang men in

terror my loud talk we are gods my brother threw a spear on them the men scared miraculous escape.

Q.5 Fill in the blanks with suitable words to complete the following passage. ($\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$)

A busy social life with lots of friends (a) _____ be helpful in being slimmer than spending hours (b) _____ treadmill, scientists have found. According to scientists, who conducted (c) _____ research on mice, socializing and meeting (d) _____ friends boost levels (e) _____ 'brown fat' in the body, (f) _____ burn calories to generate heat.

Q.6 The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line against which a blank is given. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number as given in the example. Remember to underline the word that you have supplied. ($\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$)

"So you want other day
of", shouted the office manager
on his clerk. I am anxious
to heard what excuse you have
now. You are gone for your
grandfather funeral twice
already." The clerk smile sheepishly
but said, "Today my grandmother
is getting marry again."

e.g. other - another
(a) _____
(b) _____
(c) _____
(d) _____
(e) _____
(f) _____
(g) _____
(h) _____

Q.7 Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. The first one has been done for you as an example. ($1 \times 3 = 3$)

E.g. disappointment / to / lead / broken / and sorrow / promises

Ans. Broken promises lead to disappointment and sorrow.

(a) always / his / word / thoughtful / keeps / gentleman / a true / and is

(b) make / but hasten / a promise / he / will be / it / slow to / to keep

(c) can / friendship / you / a broken / cost / promise / your

SECTION C (Literature and Long Reading Text -25 Marks)

Q.8 Read the given extracts carefully and answer the questions that follow in brief.

And here and there a foamy flake,
Upon me, as I travel,
With many a silvery water break,
Above the golden gravel.

(a) What occurs when the brook flows over 'the golden gravel'? (1)

- (b) What unique quality of the brook can be imagined in it carrying so many things to the brimming river? (1)
- (c) Identify the figure of speech used in the first and the fourth line of the extract. (1)

OR

'At times I used to regret not going to school, so I made sure that my children and grandchildren studied well.....'

- (i) Who is the speaker here? (1)
- (ii) Why did she regret 'not going to school'? (1)
- (iii) How did she try to make up for the opportunity that she had been denied? (1)

Q.9 Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each. (2x4=8)

- (a) How do we know that Lord Ullin forgave his daughter for eloping with her lover?
- (b) What are the guesses the poet makes with regard to the theme of the Solitary Reaper's song?
- (c) How can we say that Duke was not an ordinary dog? Discuss his special qualities to justify this.
- (d) Why was Sudha Murty surprised when her grandmother touched her feet?

Q.10 Answer any **one** of the following questions in 80-100 words. (4)

Marcy was not fond of dogs and more so of big dogs. Yet when Duke died, she was devastated. After many days she was able to pen down her feelings in her diary. Write a page of Marcy's diary.

OR

After reading the drama 'Villa for Sale' what impression do you get of human nature and psychic power of human brain through the characterization of the main characters specially that of Gaston. Elaborate.

Q.11 Answer any **one** of the following questions in 150-200 words. (10)

Describe Harris' feelings towards the owners of the property along the Thames?

What was the narrator's reaction to it? (10)

OR

Write a character-sketch of Montmorency.