

SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER

ENGLISH (F.L.) 2016 – 2017

Std: IX  
Semester: II

Time: 2 1/2 hrs  
Marks: 80

SECTION A

Q 1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

A businessman was returning home on horse-back from the annual fair in a nearby city. He had quite a big sum of money with him. It was raining cats and dogs and the poor man was drenched to the skin. He grumbled that God had given him such terrible weather for his journey.

He entered a thick forest. All of a sudden, to his horror, he found himself face to face with a robber whose finger was already on the trigger of his gun. He would not have been saved from death, except for the fact that the rain had caused the powder to dampen and the gun was useless. The businessman spurred his horse and happily escaped the danger.

When he was out of danger he said to himself: "If the sky had been clear and the air limpid, I would now be lying in a ditch covered in blood and in vain would my children await my arrival. The rain which I was ready to bemoan saved my life and my riches."

Q1A. Choose and write the correct alternatives:

(2)

(i) It was raining cats and dogs means it was

- Raining heavily
- Drizzling lightly
- Animals were falling
- Dogs attacked the man

(ii) A word opposite in means to "arrival"

- Leave
- Departure
- Go
- Went

Q1B. On the basis of your reading of the passage, choose and write the correct alternative that would complete each of the following statements. (Do not copy the stem) (4)

1. The businessman complained about \_\_\_\_\_.

- the long journey
- his tired horse
- the wet weather
- the forest animals

2. The shot could not be fired as the \_\_\_\_\_.

- gun did not work
- gunpowder was moist
- trigger slipped
- man escaped quickly

3. The businessman realized that the rain was a\_\_\_\_\_.

- blessing in disguise
- curse from God
- cause of delay
- nuisance to his horse

4. The lesson the man learnt was about\_\_\_\_\_.

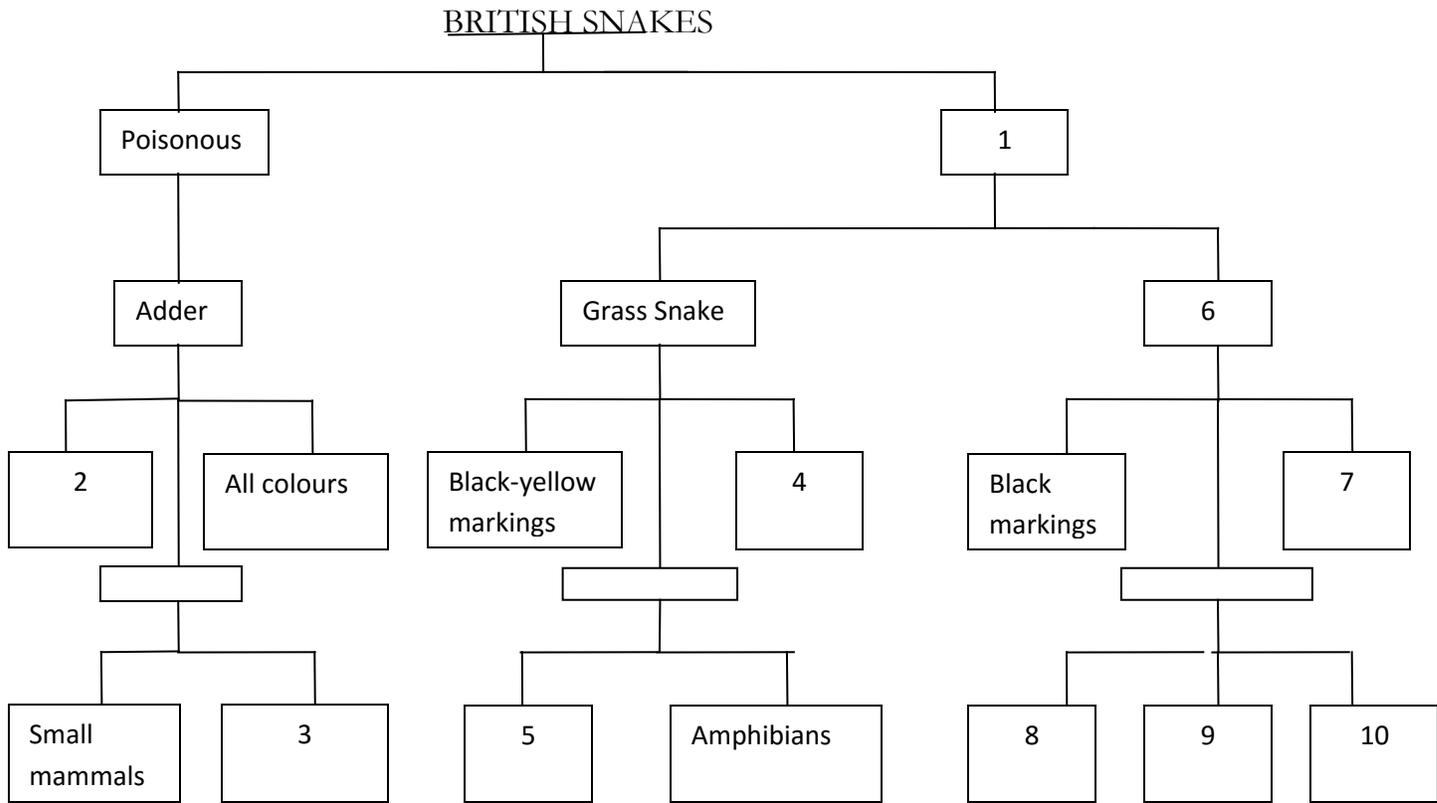
- trust in God
- how guns work
- escaping from danger
- weather systems

Q 2. Read the following passage and complete the tree diagram given below. Write the answers with their corresponding numbers. (Do not draw the diagram) **(5)**

Britain has three native species of snake of which the Grass snake is the most common. It grows to over a metre, and is strongly associated with damp habitats as it feeds mostly on amphibians and fish. Normally olive green, this snake is most easily identifiable by the interlinked black and yellow collar which usually forms a ring immediately behind the snake's head. It is completely harmless to man, and almost never bites, even when caught.

Britain's rarest snake grows up to 70 centimetres long and is khaki coloured, with black markings arranged in bars or two rows of dots down the back. The Smooth snake is found in heathlands and preys on common lizards, slow-worms and small mammals. A most even-tempered creature, it is harmless to humans and pets.

The adder is Britain's only poisonous snake and rarely grows more than 65cms in length. Adders are all sorts of colours but never green. They usually have a distinctive continuous black zigzag marking down the middle of the back. The Adders prefer open habitats where they can hunt small mammals and lizards. All three British snakes have declined in numbers. Therefore, they are protected against killing, injury and sale.



Q. 3. Carefully read the given passage and answer the questions below:  
 Your compassion for others brings you closer to life, fills your heart with purpose and you, ultimately, embark on a journey full of life. Whatever you do, do with never-ending Enthusiasm. You will perceive that the feeling that life is being led in a directionless way is the most painful feeling. In fact, nobody can be happy if he feels that his life has become purposeless. This feeling fills the heart with a sense of solitude and results in loss of enthusiasm which kills the will to do anything. Actually you have such a feeling when you do not have compassion for your fellow beings. You feel the lack of will to do anything for others, because you are too absorbed in satisfying your ego. The great Russian writer Maxim Gorky has said, “When work is a pleasure, life is a joy. When work is a duty, life is slavery.” Never do slave’s work. Always work in a selfless way and you will find joy.

It is natural to feel low at times and an absence of purpose too. At such times, you are required to ask yourself what you want to do, to be and to have. A sense of purpose at once gives meaning to your life.

- Q. 3. A. With reference to the passage: (2)
- i) Write the correct alternative that is nearest in meaning to ‘perceive’
 

a) think	b) feel
c) understand	d) remember
  - ii) Which of the following alternatives would be the opposite of ‘compassion’?
 

a) attitude	b) cruelty
c) purpose	d) passion

- Q. 3. B. Based on your understanding of the above passage complete the following statements in not more than 10 words. (3)
- i) A person will surely be unhappy if \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ii) Purpose in life is found when \_\_\_\_\_.
  - iii) Maxim Gorky advises you to \_\_\_\_\_.

### SECTION B

Text and Supplementary Reader – 32 marks

- 4.A. With reference to the text complete the following in not more than 10 words each: (4)
- (Do not copy the stem)
- i) Montmorency's ambition in life was to .....
  - ii) The holy man was surprised because.....
  - iii) Maria Sharapova attributes her success to.....
  - iv) Bruno the bear was taken to the vet since.....
4. B. Answer any four of the following questions in about 15-20 words each: (8)
- i) What makes the intruder choose Gerrard as the man whose identity he wants to take on?
  - ii) Why was Bruno sent to the zoo?
  - iii) What shows that Santosh is concerned about the environment?
  - iv) In what way is Pashupatinath different from Baudhnath?
  - v) What caused Jerome to reopen the bag ?
  - vi) What were Maria Sharapova's sacrifices as a young girl?
- 4.C. Read the following extracts and answer the questions that follow in not more than 30 words each: (4)
- i) "This is your big surprise."  
How was it a big surprise?
  - ii) "Why here it is all the time."  
What was the confusion before its discovery?
4. D. Pick out the correct alternative similar in meaning to the underlined words in the given sentences (2)
- i) The smell in the room was so nauseating that everyone ran out.  
A. overpowering      B. sickening      C. contagious      D. terrifying
  - ii) Arun was in deep reflection when I last saw him.  
A. sleep                      B. pain                      C. thought                      D. imagery.
- 5.A. Read the following lines and answer the questions given below each extract: (4)
- I) *It takes much time to kill a tree,  
Not a simple jab of knife  
Will do it. It has grown  
Slowly consuming the earth.....*
- a) How is it killed?
  - b) What is consumed from the earth?

ii) *She neither hears nor sees  
rolled round in earth's diurnal course  
with rocks and stones and trees.*

- a) Why can she not hear?  
b) What is the figure of speech in the second line?

5. B. Answer the following questions in about 20 words each : (4)

- i) How was the snake disturbed from its sun-bath on the sands?  
ii) What caused St. Peter to get angry?

6. Answer any two of the following in about 50 words each: (6)

- i) What was the real reason behind Lushkof's change?  
ii) How was Behrman instrumental in saving Johnsy's life?  
iii) In what way did Prashant help the village people?  
iv) 'A home is not a house' How did the young person come to this understanding?

### SECTION C

Grammar – 16 marks

Q. 7. A. Rewrite the following paragraph by choosing the suitable word from those given in the brackets. (3)

Mother had (many/some/little) sweets with her, but (it/they/she) were not enough for everyone, so she decided to buy some (from/in/on) the shop next door. She went (carefully/slowly/quickly) before anyone saw her. She found (that/which/where) the shop was closed. She (when/then/than) had to go to the next shop.

Q. 7. B. What would you say if you were the speaker in each of the following situations? Frame a sentence for each situation, using a suitable model. Do not repeat the model: (3)

- i. Advise your friend to try out for the school football team.  
ii. Request your friend to lend you his bicycle to run an around.  
iii. Wish your younger sister against staying out late in night.

Q. 7. C. Do as directed without changing the meaning of the sentences given below: (4)

- i. Ravi had an extra umbrella. He loaned it to me.  
(Combine using a participle)  
ii. The mechanic is working hard. He is repairing the fridge.  
(Combine using an infinitive)  
iii. Unless you practise every day you \_\_\_\_\_  
(Complete the sentence)  
iv. If you \_\_\_\_\_ you may get hurt.  
(Complete the sentence)

Q. 7. D. Read the following conversation carefully and complete the following passage by filling in the blank spaces appropriately. Do not add any new information. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct black number. (3)

Dilip: I've been watching the sea and there hasn't been any trace of a ship.  
Ralf: I told you yesterday that we'll be rescued, so have patience.

Dilip: Why do you ask me to keep quiet whenever I say something?

Ralf: Have you ever said anything sensible?

Dilip said (i) \_\_\_\_\_. Ralf reminded (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ and so asked him to have patience. Dilip angrily asked Ralf (iii) \_\_\_\_\_, to which Ralf asked if he had ever said anything sensible.

Q. 7. E. Choose the most appropriate verb to complete each of the following sentences. (3)

i. I \_\_\_\_\_ to read the newspaper now but I don't have any time.

- a) would like
- b) like
- c) am liking
- d) will like

ii. Everybody \_\_\_\_\_ good food to be healthy.

- a) need
- b) are needing
- c) must need
- d) needs

iii. I wish you \_\_\_\_\_ us the answer without delay.

- a) will tell
- b) are telling
- c) can tell
- d) would tell

iv. The lorry drove off, \_\_\_\_\_ a lot noise.

- a) make
- b) made
- c) was making
- d) making

v. After he \_\_\_\_\_ we saw his bag on the table.

- a) has left
- b) having left
- c) had left
- d) have left

vi. If I \_\_\_\_\_ him, I will give him your message.

- a) see
- b) will see
- c) could see
- d) saw

#### Section D

Writing – 16 marks

Q. 8. A. Look at the given picture and write a description in two paragraphs. You may add details of your own, beyond what you see in picture (about 80 words)

(3)

Q.8. B. You are Arman Shaikh, the Social Secretary of your School. Write a notice for your school notice board informing student of a “trash Festival” to be conducted in your school. Give necessary details. (3)

Q. 9. You are Sania Khan residing in Margao, Pajifond, 10, Bemvinda Apts. Your school has undertaken a waste segregation programme. Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper describing the program and urging other schools to start such programs (5)

Q. 10. Write an article of about 100 – 150 for your school magazine on any one of the following topics: (5)

‘Honesty is the Best Policy’

- Meaning of the adage.
- Examples to prove or disprove it
- Relevance in today’s world

OR

My Dream Destination

- Different places to visit
- Favourite Place.
- Reasons for your choice.

### ANSWER KEY

Q. 4.A.

1. Nepal
2. leave the place
3. Flute Music

Q.4.B.

1. Wore shorts instead of traditional Indian clothes – At 16 went in for further studies instead of marriage
2. grown too big to stay in the limited space of a home –worried he might instinctively attack the children
3. Similar in build – sudden disappearance and reappearance suited him-could move about freely as Vincent Charles Gerrard

Q.4.C.

1. i) trick the intruder

ii) presence of mind

2 i) patriotic fervour

ii) gratitude

Q.5.A. The cycle of life

Q.5.B.

1. entire root is pulled out from the earth – dried in the sun – then can no longer draw nourishment from the soil and so it dies
2. wants it to escape without injury - to find a safe hiding place in the reeds

Q.6.

1. Positive. Initially, lies to get sympathy and charity from Sergei – claims to be a victim of circumstances – is drunk –no wish to work – Later turns over a new leaf, becomes a notary, earns a decent salary – drags himself out of lying , laziness and drunkenness and leads a respectable life
2. Fire scared the cat, - separated from owner – kindness shown by the lady helped Zan get back what he lost – in his new school, he felt lonely, lost and friendless – genuine outpouring of kindness helped him make new friends and overcome the feeling of loss– renewed hope and interest in life