

# ANNUAL EXAMINATION 2022- 23

## CLASS - IX (ICSE)

Time : 2 hrs SUBJECT- ENGLISH LANGUAGE (PAPER- 1)

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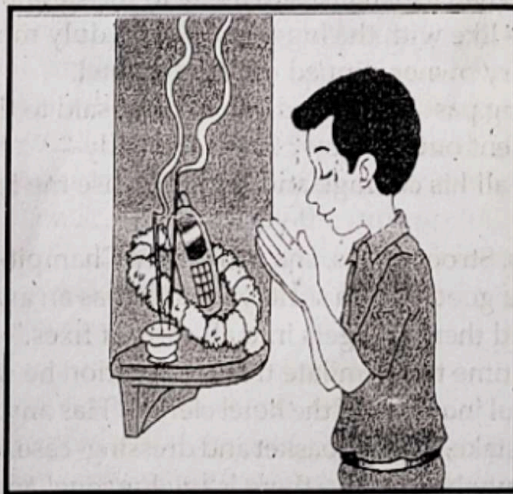
### General Instructions:

- You will not be allowed to write during the first 15 minutes. This time is to be spent in reading the questions paper.
- Attempt all five questions.
- The intended marks for questions or part of questions, are given in brackets. [ ]
- You are advised to spend not more than 30 minutes in answering question 1 and 20 minutes in answering question 2.

Q.1 (Do not spend more than 30 minutes on this question)

Write a composition (300- 350 words) on any one of the following) [20]

- Write a story of your own with the theme, "Cut you coat according to you cloth."
- Describe your recent visit to a place which has left a deep impression on you.
- You are a spectator of an accident in which an old lady is knocked down by a car. The driver of the car jumps out to see what has happened and then drives off. Narrate an account of the accident stating the circumstances in which the accident occurred, the type of the car involved and appearance of the driver.
- Express your views either 'for' or 'against' the statement: "Television programmes do a lot of harm to the students."
- Study the picture given below. Write a short story or a description or an account of what it suggests to you. Your composition may be about the subject of the picture or you may take suggestions from it; however, there a must be a clear connection between the picture and your composition.



Q.2 (Do not spend more than 20 minutes on this questions)

Select any one of the following:

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- You had been rude to your friend. Write a letter to him apologising for your behaviour.
- You went to an ATM to withdraw some money but the cash was not dispensed. However, the amount got debited from your account. Write a letter to the manager of your bank complaining about the deduction and requesting him for the reversal of the amount.

- Q.3 a. Your school is organising an inter-school hockey tournament. Write a notice to be put up in your school informing the students about it. [5]  
b. Write an email to a famous hockey player, requesting him to be the referee at the event, giving all the relevant details. [5]

Q.4 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

In the dining-hall of a hotel, a lady met a stranger called Jerton and became friendly with him. On being asked about herself the lady said, "I was in the train coming down here; my ticket told me that I had come from Victoria and was *bound* for this place. I had no visiting cards or any other means of identification, as to who I am. I can only recollect that I have a title; I am Lady Somebody- beyond that my mind is a blank."

"When the hotel porter asked me if I had any luggage I had to invent a dressing-bag and dress-basket. I gave him the name of Smith, and he emerged from a pile of luggage with a dressing-bag and dress-basket labelled Kestrel-Smith. I had to take them; I don't see what else I could have done."

Jerton said, "If you feel sure that you have a title, why not get hold of a peerage and go right through it?"

"I'm going on another track, I'm trying to find out by various little tests who I am NOT- that will narrow the range of uncertainty down a bit. You may have noticed, for instance, that I'm lurching off the most expensive dish. It's an *extravagance*, but at any rate it proves that I'm not Lady Starping; she never touches shell-fish, and poor Lady Braddleshrub has no digestion at all."

"It'll be rather a lengthy process bringing the list down to one," said Jerton.

The lady requested him to meet her in the evening.

At five o'clock Jerton made his way to the hotel. The lady was there. Jerton asked her, "Have you discovered anything?"

The lady said, "No. But I don't want to be *saddled* with the luggage for the rest of my life. I'll have it brought down to the hall and you can pretend to mount guard over it while I'm writing a letter. Then I shall just slip away to the station, and you can wander off. They can do what they like with the luggage." Jerton duly mounted guard over the luggage while its temporary owner slipped out of the hotel.

Two men were strolling past Jerton, and one of them said to the other. "Did you see that young woman who went out just now? She is the Lady-"

Jerton summoned up all his courage and said, "Excuse me for asking if you could tell me who the lady is"

Certainly. She's a Mrs. Stroope. Yes, she's the Lady Champion at golf. An awful good sort, and goes about a good deal in society, but she has an awkward habit of losing her memory every now and then, and gets into all sorts of fixes."

Before Jerton had the time to assimilate this information he saw an angry looking lady making loud and fretful inquiries of the hotel clerks. "Has any luggage been brought here from the station by mistake, a dress-basket and dressing-case, with the name Kestrel-Smith? It can't be traced anywhere. Why- there is my luggage! and the locks have been tampered with!"

Jerton heard no more and went away.

- (a) Choose the meaning of the following words (as used in the passage) from the options provided. [3]
- bound  
a. intending to go    b. going    c. leap    d. closed
  - extravagance  
a. overspending    b. wastefulness    c. frugality    d. too much
  - saddled  
a. burdened    b. alleviate    c. unload    d. covered

- b. Answer the questions briefly in your own words: [2]
- What did the lady tell Jerton about herself? [2]
  - What method did the lady adopt to find out her identity? [1]
  - How did the lady prove that she was neither Lady Starping nor Lady Braddleshrub? [2]
  - What did the two men tell Jerton about the identity of the lady? [2]
  - Why was the lady, who entered the hotel after Mrs. Stroope had left, angry with the hotel staff? [2]

(c) In not more than 50 words, state how the identity of the lady was finally revealed. [8]

(a) Fill in each of the numbered blanks with the correct form of the word given in the brackets. Do not copy the passage, but write in correct serial order the word or phrase appropriate to the blank space: [4]

A seeker, in search of a Master who would lead him to the path of holiness, came to an ashram presided over by a guru who, in addition to (1) (have) \_\_\_\_\_ great reputation for holiness, was also a fraud. But the seeker did not know this.

"Before I accept you as my disciple," said the Guru, "I must test your obedience. There is a river (2) (flow) \_\_\_\_\_ by the ashram that (3) (infest) \_\_\_\_\_ with crocodiles. I want you (4) (wade) \_\_\_\_\_ across the river."

So great was the faith of the young disciple that he just did that. He walked across the river (5) (cry) \_\_\_\_\_ "All praise to the power of my guru!" To the guru's astonishment the man walked to the other bank and back unharmed.

This convinced the guru that he was more of a Saint than he himself (6) (imagine) \_\_\_\_\_, so he decided to give all his disciples a demonstration of his power and thereby (7) (enhance) \_\_\_\_\_ his reputation for holiness. He stepped into the river crying, "All praise to me! All praise to me!"

The Crocodiles promptly (8) (seize) \_\_\_\_\_ him and devoured him.

(b) Fill in each blank with an appropriate word: [4]

- Mother Teresa was known \_\_\_\_\_ her social work.
- She takes \_\_\_\_\_ her mother in many ways.
- The two families are living \_\_\_\_\_ the same roof.
- There was a dispute \_\_\_\_\_ the father and the son.
- Ajay bore \_\_\_\_\_ the first prize in the competition.
- My aunt has to bring \_\_\_\_\_ her five children single-handed.
- I was taken \_\_\_\_\_ by the rude attitude of my friend.
- He is beset \_\_\_\_\_ grave financial problems.

(c) Choose the correct option to join the following sentences without using 'and', 'but' or 'so': [4]

- You make a promise. You must keep it.
  - You make a promise you keep it
  - You make a promise and you must keep it.
  - You must keep the promise you make.
  - None of the above.
- He was sleeping. His father arrived then.
  - He was sleeping the moment his father arrived.
  - He was sleeping when his father arrived.
  - He was sleeping and his father arrived.
  - He was sleeping therefore his father arrived.
- She had won the prize. She was very pleased.
  - She was very pleased to have won the prize.
  - She was very pleased when she won the prize.
  - She was pleased that she won the prize.
  - None of the above.

- iv. You did not run fast. Your brother ran faster.
- You did not run faster than your brother.
  - You did not run fast enough as your brother.
  - Your brother ran faster than you did.
  - You did not run so fast as your brother.
- (d) Rewrite the following sentences according to the instructions given after each. Choose the correct option. [8]
- i. Manu said, "Oh! I hurt my toe badly." (Begin : Manu exclaimed \_\_\_\_\_)
- Manu exclaimed that he has hurt his toe badly.
  - Manu exclaimed if he had hurt his toe badly.
  - Manu exclaimed that he had hurt his toe badly.
  - Manu exclaimed that I had hurt my toe badly.
- ii. I don't think that she is tired or hungry. (Use: neither \_\_\_\_\_ nor)
- I don't think that she is neither tired nor hungry.
  - Neither I think that she is tired nor hungry.
  - I think that she is neither tired nor hungry.
  - She is neither tired nor hungry I don't think so.
- iii. Nidhi said, "Where are you going, Rita?" (Begin: Nidhi asked \_\_\_\_\_)
- Nidhi asked where Rita was going.
  - Nidhi asked Rita where was she going.
  - Nidhi asked Rita where she was going.
  - Nidhi asked where Rita had been going.
- iv. Deepa is the most talented participant in the talent contest. (Begin : No other \_\_\_\_\_)
- No other participant in the talent contest is talented than Deepa.
  - No other participant in the talent contest is as talented as Deepa.
  - No other participant can be talented compared to Deepa.
  - No other participant is the most talented in the contest as Deepa.
- v. She gave the beggar not only food but also some woollen clothes. (Begin : Besides \_\_\_\_\_)
- Besides food, she also gave some woollen clothes to the beggar.
  - Besides the beggar she also gave food and some woollen clothes to him.
  - Besides she also gave food and some woollen clothes to the beggar.
  - Besides the beggar some woollen clothes and food was given by her.
- vi. She is successful but she is not happy. (Use: although)
- She is although not happy but is successful.
  - Although she is successful, she is not happy.
  - She is not happy, she is successful although.
  - She is happy although she is not successful.
- vii. Raman said. "Do you need any help, Shruti?" (Begin : Raman asked \_\_\_\_\_)
- Raman asked Shruti had needed any help.
  - Raman asked if Shruti had needed any help.
  - Raman asked Shruti if she needed any help.
  - Raman asked Shruti whether she needs any help.
- viii. No one could answer the last question in the Science Quiz. (Begin : the last \_\_\_\_\_)
- The last question in the Science Quiz is not answered.
  - The last question in the Science Quiz cannot be answered.
  - The last question in the Science Quiz could not be answered by any one.
  - The last question in the Science Quiz leaved to be answered.

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