

I TERM EXAMINATION 2021-22

CLASS- IX (ICSE)

Time : 2 hrs.

SUBJECT- ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER- 1

M.M.: 80

You will not be allowed to write during the first 15 minutes.

This time is to be spent in reading the question paper.

The time given at the head of this paper is the time allowed for writing the answers.

Attempt **all five** questions.

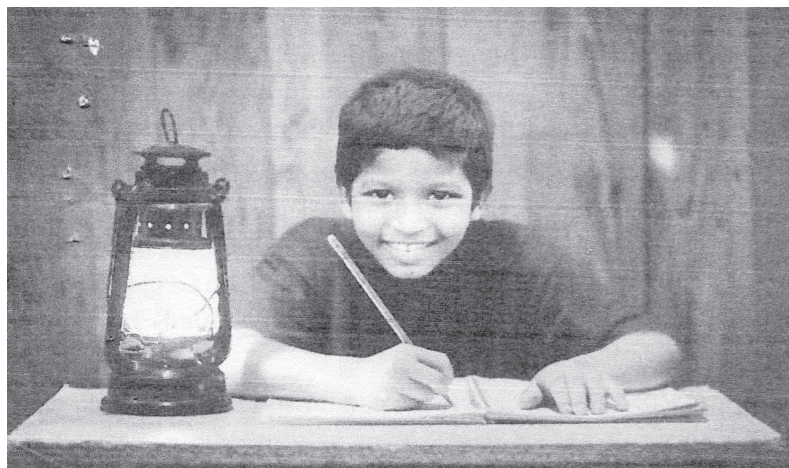
The intended marks for questions or parts of questions are given in brackets [].

You are advised to spend not more than 30 minutes in answering Question 1 and 20 minutes in answering Question 2.

Question 1

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

- Write an original short story entitled 'The Gift'.
- A family without pets is an incomplete family. Express your views for or against the statement.
- You regret something that you did. Narrate the incidents, the reasons for your action and your feelings.
- Describe the atmosphere of your school while examinations are going on.
- Study the picture given below. Write a short story or description or an account of what the picture suggests to you. Your composition may be about the subject of the picture or you may take suggestions from it.



Question 2

Select any ONE of the following: [10]

(Do not spend more than 20 minutes on this question.)

- You have changed your school recently. Write a letter to your friend of your old school telling him/ her what you like about your new school. But also what you miss about your old school.
- Write a letter to the Editor of a popular newspaper, pointing out the need for a playground in your neighbourhood.

Question 3

- a. Your school is conducting an Inter House Dance Competition. Write a notice to be put up in your school informing the students about the event. [5]
- b. Write an e-mail to a famous dancer requesting him/ her to be the judge at the dance competition, giving all the necessary details. [5]
- Q.4 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:
Unlike most sea expeditions undertaken in the tropics, our expedition to Round Island was an unqualified success: that is if you overlook the fact that Wahab was sea sick, Dave suffered from heat stroke, and I attempted to gain an Olympic Gold Medal for longest, most painful elbow slide attempted to date on the island. Getting up at four in the morning in a strange hotel is always sobering, especially when you suspect, from better experiences in other parts of the world, that you are the only member of the expedition who is being stupid enough to be on time, or, may be, to appear at all. I always have a guilt complex when I get up too early in a hotel and feel it incumbent upon me to creep about so as to avoid disturbing my less eccentric fellow guests. However, blundering about in unfamiliar territory is fraught with difficulties. On this occasion, these started with trying to find the light switch and knocking over the bedside table with its decoration of a large water jug, glass, clock and three pamphlets on the fauna of Round Island. Next came the crashing descent of the lavatory seat (like a cannon being fired across the rows of every sleeper in the place) to be followed as the water pipes cleared their throats, merging into a roar of the shower which, at the hour, sounded like the cataclysmic eruption of Karakatoa in 1883. The only pleasure I derived from this whole dreary performance was the thought that I was waking my companions, who should have been up already.
- a. Give the meaning of the following words as used in the passage. One word answers or a short phrase will be accepted: [3]
- Expeditions
 - Territory
 - Fauna
- b. Answer the following questions briefly in your own words:
- Was this expedition to Round Island really an unqualified success? Give reasons. [2]
 - Why does the author consider his fellow guests less eccentric? [2]
 - Mention briefly two of the difficulties the author encountered. [2]
 - What is the 'eruption' referred to? [2]
 - What is compared to a 'cannon being fired'? [1]
- c. In not more than 50 words of your own, describe why the narrator suffered from a guilt complex. [8]

Question 5

- a. In the following passage, fill in each 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]

Example:

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But just when I had almost (0) _____ (given) up hope, I was (i) _____ (strike) with a brilliant idea: my birthday was due fairly soon, and if I (ii) _____ (deal) with the family skillfully, I (iii) _____ (feel) sure, I could not only get a boat but a lot of other equipments as well. I (iv) _____ (suggest) to the family that, instead of (v) _____ (let) them choose my presents, I (vi) _____ (may) tell them the things that I (vii) _____ (want) most. In this way they could be sure of not (viii) _____ (disappoint) me.

- b. Fill in the blanks with appropriate words: [4]
- i. My new dress fell _____ the washing machine.
 - ii. The public was cautioned _____ pickpockets
 - iii. Ali took _____ his cap and wiped his face.
 - iv. I can rely _____ my sister for help.
 - v. Always be true _____ yourself.
 - vi. The young man excels _____ both music and dance.
 - vii. He called _____ help when he was in trouble.
 - viii. The sea abounds _____ fish.
- c. Join the following sentences to make one complete sentence **without using and but or so**: [4]
- i. Rahul is a clever boy. The other boys are not clever.
 - ii. It rained heavily. We could not have the tournament.
 - iii. He did not come. He did not write a letter.
 - iv. Small families are happy. This is certain.
- d. Re- write the following sentences according to the instructions given. Make other changes that may be necessary, but do not change the meaning of each sentence. [8]
- i. Very few countries are as large as India. (Use: larger)
 - ii. John has probably forgotten the date of the examination. (Begin: In all)
 - iii. He is cleverer than his sister. (Use: clever)
 - iv. The sun is so hot that we cannot go out. (Use: 'too')
 - v. She found your keys in the garage. (Begin: Your keys.....)
 - vi. As soon as the function got over, the crowd dispersed. (Begin: No sooner.....)
 - vii. Father said to Sunil, "I can help you with your homework". (Begin: Father told Sunil)
 - viii. The teacher will pardon him if he apologizes. (Use: Unless)
