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POST TERM EXAMINATION 2017-2018

SUBJECT : ENGLISH

CLASS : IX

Time : 3 hours

Max Marks :80

General Instructions:

This question paper consists of three sections:

Section A–Reading (20 Marks)

Section B–Writing and Grammar (30 Marks)

Section C–Literature (30 Marks)

(Text Book + Novel) (20+10 Marks)

1. All the questions are compulsory.
 2. Do not write anything in the question paper.
 3. You may attempt any section at a time.
 4. All answers must be numbered correctly as the question paper and written in the answer sheets provided to you.
 5. Read each question carefully and follow the instructions.
1. Read the following Passage and answer the questions.

Yoga can help control Non-communicable diseases:

Health Minister JP Nadda

With non-communicable diseases (NCDs) claiming nearly five million lives in India every year, the Centre today said yoga can help control these diseases and that the ancient Indian practice is being encouraged as an integral part of their prevention and management.

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Now answer the following questions:

1. Which type of diseases can be controlled by Yoga?
2. How can an M-Diabetes initiative help people?
3. What is yoga? Why is it being encouraged?
4. What was the objective of the second round of Global Adult Tobacco Survey (GATS-2)?
5. What is a crucial pillar in combating non-communicable diseases (NCDs)?
6. What according to the Health Minister, will remain at the forefront of his government?
7. What is needed for the prevention of NCDs?
8. What did the Minister of state for AYUSH say?

2. Read the following passage care fully:

(12Marks)

1. Haridwar, like other places of Hindu pilgrimage, has become terribly commercialized. Apart from common beggars and ash-smeared *sadhus* ever eager to receive *dakshina*, there are innumerable well-dressed men armed with receipt books who accost you for donations for unknown orphanages, *gowshalas* or for *guru-ka-langar*. And *pandas* by the scores reveal your ancestry and perform every kind of ritual on the spot. Prices for participating in the *aarti* are graded according to the size of your purse. I was familiar with all that, yet some elementary force pulls me towards Haridwar to watch the ritual of sunset worship. Perhaps, because it was here that I immersed the ashes of my grandfather exactly 50 years ago.
2. On the stand of *Har ki Paudi*, we await the bewitching hour. Clouds gather over the Mansa Devi hill and a few big drops of rainfall. A strong wind picks up; perhaps we will get a hail storm. I don't care; come what may, I am determined to complete my pilgrimage. The sun goes behind the hills, the shades of twilight gather the ghats in their fold. A temple gong

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Launching a campaign on non-communicable diseases (NCDs) to generate awareness among the people and an M-Diabetes initiative where people can get information on prevention and management through a missed call, Health Minister JP Nadda said prevention of diseases, whether non-communicable or communicable, will remain at the forefront of his government.

"Yoga and knowledge in AYUSH system of medicine can be of great help in not only preventing but also controlling non-communicable disease. Traditional system of medicines can complement modern medicine."

"Yoga is not only physical activity but also a complete science of living. Yoga as an intervention is being encouraged as an integral part of NCD prevention and management," Mr. Nadda said at a national conference on 'Prevention and Control of Major NCD in India.'

Mr. Nadda also launched the second round of Global Adult Tobacco Survey (GATS-2) for systematically monitoring adult tobacco use and tracking key tobacco control indication.

"Prevention of diseases will always remain in the forefront, whether for communicable or NCD and awareness regarding a balanced life style and healthy living is a crucial pillar in combating NCDs," Mr Nadda said.

Mr. Nadda said as most of major NCDs, generally labelled as 'life style disease', are acquired, there is an urgent need for paying attention to their preventive aspects and social behavior change plays a major role in preventing NCDs.

Minister of State for AYUSH Shripad Yesso Naik said there is a need for a holistic approach for maintaining good health and to integrate traditional medicinal practice and healthy life style for leading a healthy life.

According to the World Health Organization, every year, roughly 5-8 million Indians die from heart and lung diseases, structure, cancer and diabetes.

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announces the start of the ritual. Priests come down the steps bearing candelabras of oil-lamps and stand with their feet in the river. They wave their clusters of lamps in a circular motion touching their base to the stream. The chanting begins. Every temple along the ghat resounds with the tinkling of bells and beating of gongs. Conch shells blow and over loudspeakers come the chant *Jai Gangey Mata*.

3. Scores of leaf boats with candles flickering in them bob up and down the fast moving stream. For 10 long minutes I stand entranced watching the spectacle as if hypnotised by the scene. It is pagan but it is beautiful. I remind myself I am not a Hindu; I am an agnostic. But when people raise the cry *Bolo Bolo Ganga Mata Ki*, I join them, shouting *Jai* lustily. My forefathers did it. I do it with renewed gusto. When the bells fell silent and lamps were extinguished, reluctantly we left the ghat.

Source: *Sights and Sounds of the World* by Khushwant Singh

I. Now answer the following questions in brief:

(2×4=8Marks)

1. The author says that Haridwar has become terribly commercialized. What does he see there that makes such a comment?
2. Why has the author come to Haridwar?
3. How is the ritual of sunset worship performed in Haridwar? Describe in brief.
4. How does the author feel at the performance of the ritual?

II. Vocabulary:

(1×4=4Marks)

1. Find a word in the passage that means 'to go up to somebody and speak to them'. (Para1)
2. Give the verb form of 'receipt'.

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3. Find a word in the passage which is the antonym for 'hide' (Para1).
4. Form noun from 'reluctantly'.

SECTION-B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR) (30 MARKS)

3. Avinash, a student of class IX stood first in the declamation contest and was awarded the prize in the Annual prize distribution function. Since it was his first ever achievement he felt greatly pleased, satisfied and excited. He decided to write a diary page about this. Write this diary entry for him in about 100-120 words.

OR

The importance of sports and games is being increasingly recognized in India, from both the educational and social point of view. As Shikha/Shekhar, write an article in 100-120 words based on the MCB unit "sports and games" on the "Importance of Sports and Games" in student's life. **(8 Marks)**

4. While returning from school, you watched a policeman chasing two criminals on a bike.....

Make up an interesting short story about how the policeman finally showed exemplary courage and presence of mind and managed to nab the criminals. (200-250 Words) **(12 Marks)**

OR

Write a short story beginning with the following in about 200-250 words:

While strolling in the park near my house, I spotted a cobra I panicked but stood there like a statue. Frightening thoughts came to my mind and then.....

5. Complete the following passage by filling in the blanks with appropriate words. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. **($\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$)**

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Rivers are considered holy (A) _____ India but they are hardly treated (b) _____ respect. All kind of dust and filth find (c) _____ ways into the rivers. If we have to treat and purify the water (d) _____ drinking it, how can fish survive (e) _____ these waters. Every year the Gomti becomes the death bed (f) _____ thousands of fish because the water released in the reservoir upstream carries effluents from the neighboring industries.

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| (a) | (i) into | (ii) in | (iii) by | (iv) of |
| (b) | (i) with | (ii) by | (iii) from | (iv) on |
| (c) | (i) them | (ii) his | (iii) their | (iv) there |
| (d) | (i) of | (ii) for | (iii) from | (iv) by |
| (e) | (i) into | (ii) above | (iii) on | (iv) in |
| (f) | (i) of | (ii) off | (iii) from | (iv) for |

6. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each of the lines. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. Ensure that the word that forms your answer is underlined.
- The first one has been done for you. (1x4= 4 Marks)

	<u>Incorrect</u>	<u>Correct</u>
10 years old Karishma refuse to go to school.	eg.: refuse	refuses
Karishma who has five brothers, say that	(a) _____	_____
she simply haven't got the time. She says	(b) _____	_____
one year in our lives consist of 365	(c) _____	_____
days. Sleep takes eight hour a day, so that	(d) _____	_____
comes for 122 days.		

7. Look at the words and phrases below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences. Write the sentence in your answer sheet. (1x3=3Marks)

(a) many Indians/ Sandal Wood / to be / is considered / sacred by

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- (b) medicinal properties / it is / fragrance and / for its / highly valued.
- (c) the sandalwood trees / the purest / comes from / renowned sandal oil / and the / of Mysore.

SECTION-C (LITERATURE AND LONG READING TEXT)
(30 MARKS)

8. Read the following Passage and answer the questions.

(1X4=4 Marks)

Creeping like snail
unwilling to school. And then the lover,
Sighing like furnace, with a woeful ballad
Made to his mistress; eyebrow.

- (a) Who creeps like a snail and why ?
- (b) Which word in the stanza means the same as 'a chamber for heating material'?
- (c) Which stage of life is described by the poet here?
- (d) Which poetic device is used in the passage?

OR

Yes to starve they feed you in hell, but when you escape from it you starve. They were hunting me everywhere and I had no passport, no name.

- (a) Who is the speaker?
- (b) What is the mental state of the speaker in the above extract?
- (c) What is meant by the word starve?
- (d) Who are they?

9. Answer any four of the following question. (2X4=8 Marks)

- (a) Why do you think professor was nominated for permanent cook house duties?

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- (b) With which two birds the solitary reaper's voice has been compared to and why?
- (c) How did Harold come to know that his father is a boxer?
- (d) Why is Gaston not interested in buying the villa in the beginning?

10. Answer any one of the following questions in around 100 to 120 words. (8 Marks)

The Bishop tells Persome that there is so much suffering in the world and he can do so little to lessen it. What suffering did the Bishop talk about and what did he do for that? Discuss the values reflected through the Bishop's actions?

OR

How did the 'poet pave the way' for cavities caps and decay? Why and when was her conscience got pricked? What message or lesson does the poem give to its readers?

11. Answer any one of the following questions in around 150 to 200 words (10 Marks)

- (a) Describe Gulliver's visit to Glubbdubdrib, the Island of the magicians. Whom does he interact with?

OR

Write a character sketch of Munodi.

- (b) Give a character sketch of William Samuel Harris?

OR

What story did Harris make out to show off his chivalry?
