

SAMPLE PAPER
SESSION 2019-20
CLASS - VIII
SUBJECT – ENGLISH

TIME: 3 hrs

Maximum Marks: 80

This paper is divided into three sections:

Section A: (Reading) - 20 marks

Section B: (Writing) – 16 marks

(Grammar) - 14marks

Section C: Literature - 30 marks

General Instructions –

Attempt all questions in serial order.

Do not copy the questions.

Do not write anything on the question paper. Write in neat and clear handwriting.

SECTION A - READING COMPREHENSION

1. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow -

In India working women lead a life of dual responsibilities if they are married and have a family. In the West, many women are hard-headed careerists and are committed to their jobs. Here in India women still have traditional roles to fulfil and prefer a career to avoid domestic drudgery. There are four categories of working women in India. Some work while they are waiting for matrimony. A majority work because they are qualified, want a second income and a different kind of life for part of the day.

A small section consists of career-women. A sizeable section of women as breadwinners. It is quite apparent that with a majority of working women the family takes precedence over the job. They prefer to stay in joint families where their children can be taken care of while they are at work. When they come back in the evenings from the relatively modern surroundings of their work-spots, their personalities have to undergo a change to accommodate the demands of their time and attention by different family members whose predominant feelings are of having been neglected. These women often do their shopping on the way from the office. They reserve their weekends for heavy housework which will help them to cope with the rest of the week with relatively less tension.

Weekends are also reserved for spending time with their spouses and children, for entertainment, family duties, visits and other such endless chores. Actually speaking they hardly have time for personal needs. Despite the freedom and confidence in their jobs and pay packets, working women still prefer to leave the financial decision-making and budgeting to their husbands. They are unwilling to compromise on their dual burdens and prefer jobs with flexible timings. They are not unduly fashion-conscious but take pride in graceful clothing. Indian working women are managing their double roles admirably.

1. What is the difference between the Indian working women and the women from the West ?(2)
2. Discuss the different responsibilities Indian working women have to counter along with their jobs. (2)
3. Give a suitable title to the passage. (1)
4. Find the words from the passage which mean as - (2)
 - a. to give a lot of time and attention because of its importance
 - b. following or belonging to customs
 - c. to keep something secured for a special occasion
 - d. able to be changed easily

5. Fill in the blanks with correct words / phrases from the passage as required - (5)

- a. Indian working women face a as compared to the women in the West.
- b. Indian women prefer to work because of their..... and.....
- c. Women leave their financial decisions on their husbands despite of their.....
- d. Despite of the hardships in their lifestyle, working women are.....

2. Read the poem and answer the questions that follow –

The Road not taken

- By Robert Frost

*Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveller, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;
Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,
And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.
I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less travelled by,
And that has made all the difference.*

1. Fill in the blanks with appropriate words given in the box: - (1x5=5)

sorry, direction ,choices, for, both ,trail ,wonder

The poem “The Road Not Taken” by Robert Frost is about the _____ that one makes in life. It tells about a man who comes to a _____ in the road he is travelling upon. He feels _____ that he cannot travel _____ paths as he must choose one. Frost uses this fork in the road to represent a point in the man’s life where he has to choose the _____ he wishes to take in life.

2. Choose the correct answer: - (1x3=3)

- a) In the poem, a traveler comes to a fork in the road and needs to decide which way to go to continue his journey. The choice of the road denotes -
 - i. the tough choices people make on the road of life
 - ii. the time wasted on deciding what to do
 - iii. life is like a forest

b) The poet writes, 'Two roads diverged in a yellow wood.' The 'wood diverged' means

- i. appeared
- ii. curved
- iii. branched off

c) The tone of the speaker in the first stanza is that of

- i. hesitation and thoughtfulness
- ii. anger
- iii. sorrow

SECTION B - (WRITING AND GRAMMAR)

3. A. Write a short composition in which you state why Morocco is one of the best countries in the world. (4)

Reason 1 – Morocco has an excellent health care system. All Moroccans have a to access medical services at a reasonable price.

Reason 2 – Morocco has a high standard of education. Students are taught by well – trained teachers and are encouraged to continue studying at University.

Reason 3 – Moroccan's cities are clean and efficiently managed. Moroccan's cities have many parks and lots of space for people to entertain.

There are three reasons why Morocco (a)..... The first is that Morocco has (b).....All Moroccans (c).....Second (d).....Well – trained teachers (e)and they (f).....Finally, The cities (g)..... They have (h).....As a result, Morocco is a desirable place to live in.

4. A. Some trees on your streets might be felled as a part of road- widening project. Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper about this and show your concern for environment as a responsible citizen. (6)

OR

B. Mobile phones are a boon from technology to humans. But with their growing usage, a few demerits have also been encountered. Write an article discussing the same in not more than 120-150 words. You are Sumit / Saniya. (6)

5. A. 'Swatch Bharat Abhiyan' has been an innovative and successful initiative started by our honourable Prime Minister Narendra Das Modi. Write a speech addressing the principal, teachers and the junior students of your school about how the initiative has benefitted the Indians in not more than 120-150 words. (6)

6. Do as directed – (4)

- a. She writes short stories and poems. This is her hobby. (join using an infinitive)
- b. Raghu will continue to practice cricket. (rewrite using a gerund)
- c. He switched the light off. He went to sleep. (join using a participle)
- d. We meet the manager immediately. (fill in the blank using a bare infinitive)

7. Rewrite the sentences using the correct modal verb by replacing the wrong ones – (2)

- a. Would I use your pen, please?
- b. The children can obey their parents.
- c. Get inside or you shall catch cold.
- d. He knew that I will borrow his cap.

8. Do as directed – (3)

- a. She gave them the job. (rewrite in passive)
- b. The gate may be kindly closed. (rewrite in active)
- c. Do not hit the poor boy. (rewrite in passive)

9. Identify whether the sentence has a phrase or a clause – (2)

- a. He enjoys long walks.
- b. You should not talk when I am teaching in the class.
- c. It appeared as if he was sick.
- d. He worked in a diligent manner.

10. Read the following text and rewrite them in reported speech – (3)

- a. Neha : I will be late from school today .
Mother : Do you have an extra class ?
Neha : No , our sports teacher has organised games for us .
Mother : Try to be back as early as possible.
Neha : Yes mother .
- b. Daughter : Papa , please buy a mobile phone for me .
Father : What is the need of a mobile phone when you can use the landline ?
Daughter : My all friends have mobiles. I also want one for myself.
Father : I will buy it for you after your final exams.

SECTION C – LITERATURE

11. Read the reference to context and answer the questions that follow –

**A. “ If music be the food of love , play on ;
Give me excess of it, that, surfeiting,
That appetite may sicken, and so die.” (3)**

- a. From where these lines have been taken and who says these lines?
- b. In what context the speaker says these lines?
- c. What do the speaker mean by saying ‘If music be the food of love, play on’?

**B. “ The mariners heard the warning bell ;
And then they knew the perilous Rock
And blest the Abbot of Abebrothok.” (3)**

- a. Name the poem and the poet.
- b. Elucidate the central idea of the poem.
- c. Mention the poetic devices used in the above lines.

12. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each :-

(2x7= 14)

- a. What kind of misbehaviour have the children shown to their teacher?
 - b. How did the 'Long nosed one' become a millionaire in few years?
 - c. Discuss the relation of Jimmy with his mechanical dog.
 - d. Discuss the character of Olivia as portrayed in the play 'Twelfth Night'.
 - e. Why does the poet wants to go back to the west lands in the poem 'The West Wind'?
 - f. What do you mean by phrases 'silver blade' and 'like pearls' in the poem 'Going for Water'?
 - g. Why did Viola decide to work with Olivia?
13. With reference to the story 'A Helpless Situation', do you feel ability, and not influence plays an important role in any achievement in life? Express your opinion for the same. **(5)**
14. 'It is all about participation and not winning'. Comment on the quote given with reference to the poetry 'If'. **(5)**