



**DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL SURAT: ENGLISH**

**SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER  
CLASS IX  
SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT II  
ENGLISH: Code No. 101  
(COMMUNICATIVE)**

**Maximum Marks: 80**

**Time: 3 hrs.**

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**The Question paper is divided into four sections:**

<b>Section A:</b>	<b>Reading</b>	<b>20 Marks</b>
<b>Section B:</b>	<b>Writing</b>	<b>20 Marks</b>
<b>Section C:</b>	<b>Grammar</b>	<b>20 Marks</b>
<b>Section D:</b>	<b>Literature</b>	<b>20 Marks</b>

**General Instructions**

- 1. All questions are compulsory.**
- 2. You may attempt any section at a time.**
- 3. All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.**

**SECTION – A: READING - 20 MARKS**

- 1. Read the poem given below and complete the summary. [5]**

**ENCROACHMENT**

One evening after work  
groping in the mailbox  
for messages, letters from nowhere,  
my fingers encountered  
sprigs, twigs and eggs.  
A bird had nested  
right inside my mailbox.  
Annoyed, I cleared it all  
except for the eggs.  
Later in the evening  
a squall had me out  
hastily gathering clothes left drying.  
In the garden, hopping  
in clumsy hurry, was a mainah  
balancing in its yellow beak  
twigs and slender sticks  
heading for my mailbox  
laboriously to rebuild

the cosy nest I had wrecked.  
 My vision blurred in the heady showers,  
 the message I had missed  
 quite clearly I read  
 in the incongruous nest  
 hidden in the wooden box.

A trespass, an encroachment  
 that escaped prosecution,  
 a slow persecution  
 through a decimation of its habitat  
 leaving no room to nest  
 except in wooden post boxes  
 nailed to concrete walls.

**Fill in the gaps in the following box to summarise the chain of events in the poem. [5]**

<p>a) One evening, returning from work the narrator checked _____.</p> <p>b) She found _____ instead of letters.</p> <p>c) Irritated she _____ the eggs.</p> <p>d) Later in the evening there came _____.</p> <p>e) She hurriedly _____ drying in the garden so that they do not get wet.</p>	<p>f) She noticed, balancing in its _____ was a mainah struggling to rebuild her wrecked nest.</p> <p>g) Now, the narrator understood the reason _____.</p> <p>h) She realized that if man continues to _____, then, they have no choice left.</p> <p>i) Birds are forced to _____ in wooden post boxes.</p> <p>j) Thus, encroachment is a _____ act.</p>
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**2. Read the following passage carefully.**

It was already late when we set out for the next town, which according to the map was about fifteen miles away on the other side of the hills. There we felt sure that we would find a bed for the night. Darkness fell soon after we left the village, but luckily we met no one as we drove swiftly along the narrow winding road that led to the hills. As we climbed higher, it became colder and rain began to fall, making it difficult at times to see the road. I asked John, my companion, to drive more slowly. After we had travelled for about twenty miles, there was still no sign of the town which was marked on the map. We were beginning to get worried. Then, without warning, the car stopped. A quick examination showed that we had run out of petrol. Although we had little food with us, only a few biscuits and some chocolate, we decided to spend the night in the car. Our meal was soon over. I tried to go to sleep at once, but John, who was a poor sleeper, got out of the car after a few minutes and went for a walk up the hill. Soon he came back running. From the top of the hill he had seen, in the valley below, the lights of the town we were looking for. We at once unloaded our entire luggage and, with a great effort, managed to push the car to the top of the hill. Then we went back for the luggage, loaded the car again and set off down the hill. In less than a quarter of an hour we were in the town, where we found a hotel quite easily.

**Complete the following sentences on the basis of your reading the above passage. [5]**

- a) The travellers had a map but....
- b) Their car stopped because....
- c) The word 'winding' in the above context means....
- d) What does 'without warning' mean here?
- e) John came back running because...

**3. Read the passage carefully.**

It is about nine in the morning and a scraggly bunch of kids is waiting near an abandoned building in Lodhi Colony for their school bus to arrive. School is a bright yellow bus kitted out with cabinets, blackboard, water dispenser, ladder, a canopy, teaching aids and an LCD TV. They call it the Mobile Learning Centre or school-on-wheels. When the bus arrives, it parks parallel to the pavement, the television is turned to face the road and an inspirational song, is played loud enough to draw the attention of children. The project, launched by Delhi Government's Department of Education in February 2008 is run by Butterflies, an NGO. The mission is to bring the underprivileged kids into the mainstream and preparing them for government schools. Children are taught Hindi, English and Mathematics and given tips on health and hygiene twice a week. A sports teacher comes along once a week. Is the yellow bus a magnet then? "Attendance is a little thin now," admits NGO volunteer Asif Ali Chaudhary, even as Mausami Baruah, one of the two teachers, pulls a child out of line for chewing gum. "Some have gone to their villages for a festival and haven't returned so far. And then, it's Thursday, Manu will be helping her parents sell garlands at a temple." Even so, at least 25 children are present. Keeping the students focussed is quite a task. "Many bring along younger siblings as there's no one at home and they are assigned babysitting duties," says Chaudhary. Crawling babies aren't the only distraction. As the senior class, backs leaning against the boundary wall, learns geometrical shapes, a different scene is playing out right behind. A policeman has spotted someone in the abandoned block of flats nearby and with remarkable agility, has jumped over the wall to inspect. As he gives chase, several children run away. The school teachers carry on as if nothing has happened. Essentially, the mobile school is able to do its job, stopping at four contact points, where it can enroll a maximum of 40 students per stop. But even those who haven't enrolled and are merely hanging around the area are welcome.

**Write the correct option in your answer sheets.**

**[5]**

- (a) Mobile Learning Centre is a project launched by Delhi Government's Department of Education with the aim of \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - (i) bringing underprivileged kids into the mainstream and preparing them for government school
  - (ii) providing underprivileged children all the facilities of the school with no fee structure
  - (iii) bringing underprivileged kids under the same roof to avoid all sorts of discrimination
  - (iv) carrying underprivileged children to school

- (b) Besides regular teaching in the school, children are also given \_\_\_\_\_ in order to stay healthy.
- (i) tips to earn their bread
  - (ii) tips on health and hygiene
  - (iii) tips to become rich
  - (iv) tips to act
- (c) The word 'scraggly' means \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (i) fat and clumsy
  - (ii) strong and sturdy
  - (iii) lean and bony
  - (iv) healthy and stable
- (d) Many distractions in the study of children are found responsible for \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (i) high attendance
  - (ii) low attendance
  - (iii) rage attendance
  - (iv) maximum attendance
- (e) The mobile school has been doing its job by not only teaching but also including \_\_\_\_\_ to fulfill the purpose of their mission.
- (i) those who haven't enrolled themselves and merely hang around the area
  - (ii) those who have got themselves enrolled
  - (iii) those who have performed well in the studies
  - (iv) those who play well

**4. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the answer from the given options:**

The history of literature really began long before man learnt to write. Dancing was the earliest of the arts. Man danced for joy around his primitive campfire after the defeat and slaughter of his enemy. He yelled and shouted as he danced and gradually the yells and shouts became coherent and caught the measure of the dance and thus the first war song was sung. As the idea of God developed, prayers were framed. The songs and prayers became traditional and were repeated from one generation to another, each generation adding something of its own. As man slowly grew more civilized, he was compelled to invent some method of writing, by three urgent necessities. There were certain things that were likely to be forgotten by man and therefore, had to be recorded. It was often necessary to communicate with persons who were some distance away and it was necessary to protect one's property and cattle and so on, in some distinctive manner. So man taught himself to write and having learnt to write purely for useful reasons, he used this new method for preserving his war songs and his prayers. Of course, among these ancient people, there were only a few individuals who learnt to write, and only few could read what was written.

Write the correct option in your answer sheets.

[5]

- (a) Before man invented writing \_\_\_\_\_ .  
(i) literature was passed on by word of mouth  
(ii) literature was just singing and dancing  
(iii) there was no literature  
(iv) there were no prayers
- (b) As for the war songs and prayers each generation  
(i) added something of its own to the stock  
(ii) blindly repeated the songs and prayers  
(iii) composed its own songs and prayers  
(iv) recited them aloud
- (c) The first war-song \_\_\_\_\_ .  
(i) was sung by God  
(ii) developed spontaneously  
(iii) was a song traditionally handed down  
(iv) was composed after long group discussions
- (d) Man invented writing because he wanted to \_\_\_\_\_  
(i) be artistic  
(ii) write literature  
(iii) record and communicate  
(iv) be different
- (e) The word 'measure' in the above passage refers to \_\_\_\_\_ .  
(i) weight  
(ii) rhythm  
(iii) size  
(iv) length

### SECTION B: WRITING: 20 MARKS

5. You are Mitva Sen, an NRI student in Grade 9 of Bluemountain Valley School, Ontario, Canada. You are on an academic visit to Surat for a month. You happen to visit DPS Surat. Describe your observations of a day in the school and its education system in 80 words. [4]
6. As the Secretary of the of River View Apartments, you are disturbed by the complete disregard the other residents seem to have towards the cleanliness of the building. Some of the problems you have noticed are garbage bins kept outside the flats, paan stains on the stairs and water coolers overflowing with water. Write a **speech** to be delivered in the annual meeting, requesting the residents to be more careful and to have a regard for general cleanliness and hygiene. [150 words] [8]
7. You did a noble and a courageous act of saving small child fallen in a well for which the Surat Municipal Corporation honoured you with a bravery award on the Republic Day. Describe your act of bravery and the pride you experienced on being applauded publicly in an email to your friend. [150 -175 words] [8]

**SECTION C : GRAMMAR:20 MARKS**

- 8. Choose the most appropriate option from the ones given below to complete the following passage. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. Do not copy the whole passage. [4]**

Since the beginning of human existence, people (a) \_\_\_\_\_ over the world have expressed their emotions and ideas (b) \_\_\_\_\_ the medium of dance. The word 'folk' means people. Folk dances express the moods and feelings of (c) \_\_\_\_\_ common people. Different regions (d) \_\_\_\_\_ India have their own dances. (e) \_\_\_\_\_ dance is accompanied by music and songs of the region to (f) \_\_\_\_\_ it belongs. (g) \_\_\_\_\_ recent times folk dances have gained (h) \_\_\_\_\_ popularity, partly because of films and television shows.

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| (a) (i) all<br>(ii) whole<br>(iii) much<br>(iv) more | (b) (i) in<br>(ii) into<br>(iii) through<br>(iv) of   |
| (c) (i) the<br>(ii) a<br>(iii) an<br>(iv) some       | (d) (i) at<br>(ii) of<br>(iii) for<br>(iv) from       |
| (e) (i) each<br>(ii) all<br>(iii) whole<br>(iv) many | (f) (i) what<br>(ii) which<br>(iii) who<br>(iv) whose |
| (g) (i) of<br>(ii) for<br>(iii) in<br>(iv) until     | (h) (i) great<br>(ii) for<br>(iii) much<br>(iv) many  |

- 9. Read the instructions given below for making delicious potato rolls. [4]**

- Boil ½ kg potatoes.
- Mash the boiled potatoes.
- Add salt, spices, bread crumbs.
- Make a smooth batter.
- Take small portions of batter and shape into small balls.
- Deep fry potato balls on high flame till golden brown.
- Rolls ready to serve with tomato sauce.

**Choose the correct option to fill in the blanks on the basis of the notes given above.**

The boiled potatoes (a) \_\_\_\_\_ into a smooth consistency. Salt, spices and bread crumbs (b) \_\_\_\_\_ to it. A small portion of the mashed potatoes (c) \_\_\_\_\_ and shaped into round balls. These small potato balls are deep fried till golden brown.

The potato rolls (d) \_\_\_\_\_ to be served with sauce.

- (a) (i) should be mashed  
(ii)are mashed  
(iii)were mashed  
(iv)had been mashed
- (b) (i) are added  
(ii)were Added  
(iii)are add  
(iv)is added
- (c) (i) are taken  
(ii)is taken  
(iii)will be taken  
(iv)is took
- (d) (i) will be ready  
(ii)are ready  
(iii)were ready  
(iv)have been ready

**10. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct question number. Remember to underline the word you have supplied. [4 ]**

If you has a credit card	(a)_____
you can bought train tickets	(b)_____
by just punch a few numbers	(c)_____
from a landline to the mobile phone.	(d)_____
Online ticketing have been	(e)_____
very successful amongst a young	(f)_____
people who is using computers in	(g)_____
theirs offices.	(h)_____

**11. Look at the words and phrases below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences. Write the correct sentences in your answer sheet. [4]**

- (a) the / farmer / know / to / didn't / do / cried / animal/the / and / what
- (b) invited / he / neighbors / all / help / his / to / him
- (c) what / donkey / the / didn't / at first / realize / was / happening
- (d) he / everybody's / to / then / amazement / down/ quietened

**12. Read the following conversation and complete the passage given below.**

[4]

Madhu: (a).....eggless mayonnaise? There's a party tonight.

Shopkeeper: Sorry, I (b).....

Madhu: When will it be available?

Shopkeeper: I (c).....

Madhu: Thank you, then I will come again tomorrow. Remember, (d)..... by Smith and Jones or Fun Foods.

Shopkeeper: Well then, please come at 1 pm tomorrow.

**SECTION – D LITERATURE: 20 MARKS**

**13. A Read the extract and answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate option.**

[3]

*I touch gently at the windows with my  
Soft fingers, and my announcement is a  
Welcome song. All can hear, but only  
The sensitive can understand.*

(a) When the speaker taps at the windows it\_\_\_\_\_.

- (i) bangs against the windows
- (ii) pitter-patters
- (iii) falls as a soft shower
- (iv) soils the windows

(b) Only the sensitive can understand\_\_\_\_\_.

- (i) the song of the rain
- (ii) the joy of the rain
- (iii) the aesthetic beauty of nature
- (iv) the sound of the rain

(b) The above lines generate a mood of \_\_\_\_\_.

- (i) beauty
- (ii) sensuousness
- (iii) satire
- (iv) nostalgia

**OR**

*“Oh you scoundrel, you pitiful scoundrel. Oh you blackguard.”*

(a) The speaker .....

- (i) is Marie.
- (ii) are the Gendarmes.
- (iii) is Persome.
- (iv) is the bailiff.



- (b) The speaker's tone is \_\_\_\_\_  
(i) gentle  
(ii) furious  
(iii) hateful  
(iv) comical
- (c) Here a scoundrel is \_\_\_\_\_  
(i) the hero of a comedy  
(ii) a murderer.  
(iii) a mischief monger  
(iv) a villain.

**13 B. Read the lines given below and answer the questions that follow.**

[3]

"Good-luck to you, Trevelyan," I said. "And may you get the petunias for your princess!"

- (a) Why does the narrator call the listener 'Trevelyan'?  
(b) Why does the narrator wish him good luck?  
(c) Who is the princess?

**14. Answer any four of the following questions. (30-40 words)**

[8]

- (a) Private Quelch though unpopular among his friends had some admirable qualities too. Comment.  
(b) How did Pescud woo Jessie's father?  
(c) Why did Persome hate the parishioners?  
(d) Why are men and women **merely** players on the stage of life?  
(e) What is the theme of the poem 'Oh, I wish I'd looked after me teeth' ?

**15. As John Pescud , write a diary entry about your feelings after your first meeting with Jessie. [125 – 150 words]**

[6]

**OR**

Should criminals ever be given a second chance? What would you do if you were in the Bishop's place? [125 – 150 words]

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