

SUBJECT: ENGLISH

MM: 40

CLASS: IX  
MIN

TIME: 90

The question paper is divided into three sections

1. Section 'A' Reading : 10 Marks
2. Section 'B' Writing and Grammar : 14 Marks
3. Section 'C' Literature : 16 Marks

**SECTION 'A' READING**

**Q1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follows:**

A 92 year -old lady, who is fully dressed each morning by eight o'clock with perfect make-up, even though she is blind, moved to an old age home. Her husband recently passed away. She didn't even have children too. After many hours of waiting patiently in the lobby she smiled sweetly when she was ready. She was provided a visual description of her tiny room. "I love it," stated with the enthusiasm of an eight-year-old having just been presented with a new puppy. "But.....but Mrs. Jones, you haven't seen the room," said the attendant. "That doesn't have anything to do with it," she replied. "Happiness is something you decide, I have already decided to love it. It s a decision I make every morning I wake up. I can spend the day in bed, recounting the difficulty I have with the parts of my body that don't work. , or get out of bed and be thankful for the ones that do. Each day is a gift, and as long as I am alive I'll focus on the new day and all the happy memories I've stored away, just for this time in my life. 'The attendant was touched by the elderly woman's sense of cheer and boundless enthusiasm.

On the basis of the reading of the passage, answer the questions: (2 X 4 = 8)

- Q 1) Why did the old woman move to an old age home?
- Q 2) How did she react when the attendant gave a description of the room she had to live in?
- Q 3) What resolution did she make when she woke up every morning?
- Q 4) What does the story tell about the old woman?
- Q 5) Find the antonym of the following words from the passage: (2 Marks)

- 1) Whole.
- 2) dead

**SECTION B (Writing and Grammar)**

**Q2. Complete the sentences with FOR or SINCE !**

(1×3=3)

- 1)It has rained here \_\_\_\_\_ more than a month.
- 2)As far as I remember, I have not driven the car \_\_\_\_\_ two years.
- 3)Has she been teaching in college \_\_\_\_\_ her arrival here?

Q3. Fill in the blanks with an appropriate determiner. (.1×3=3)

1. I would like to ask ..... questions.

- i)few
- ii)a few
- iii)the few

2. I didn't find ..... there.

- i)no one
- ii)anyone
- iii)someone

3. Very ..... politicians are really honest.

- i) few                      ii) few                      iii) the few

Q4. Complete the following sentences with will or going to. (1×2=2)

a. I don't think that she ..... recognize me.

- i) will                      ii) is going to

b. Careful! You ..... fall.

- i) will                      ii) are going to

Q5 . Write a letter to your friend telling her how to use mobile phones for positive' use . ( 6marks)

### SECTION C (LITERATURE)

**Q6. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words**

- a) What problems did Chuck present when he returned to the company's headquarters? (3)  
b) What did the Professor mean by intelligent reading? (3)  
c) Do you like or dislike Gaston? Give reasons. (3)  
d) Who is the poet of The Road Not Taken and The Brook? (2)

Q7. On the basis of your understanding of the poem, answer the following questions by ticking the correct choice. (1×5=5)

(a) The message of the poem is that the life of a brook is .....

- (i) temporary                      (ii) short-lived                      (iii) eternal                      (iv) momentary

(b) The poet draws a parallelism between the journey of the brook with

- (i) the life of a man                      (ii) the death of man                      (iii) the difficulties in a man's life  
(iv) the endless talking of human beings

(c) The poem is narrated in the first person by the brook. This figure of speech is

- (i) Personification                      (ii) Metaphor.                      (iii) Simile                      (iv) Tran

(d) In the poem, below-mentioned lines:

“And here and there a lusty trout,  
And here and there a grayling ”  
suggest that .....

- (i) the brook is a source of life.                      (ii) people enjoy the brook  
(iii) fishes survive because of water.                      (iv) the brook witnesses all kinds of scenes.

(e) The final destination of the brook is \_\_\_\_\_

- (i) Philip's farm                      (ii) the brimming river                      (iii) a sea                      (iv) Brambly wilderness