

BUDHA DAL PUBLIC SCHOOL PATIALA
FIRST TERM EXAMINATION (10 September 2025)

ENGLISH
Class - IX (Set - A)

Maximum Marks: 80

Time Allowed: 3 hours

General Instructions:

1. This question paper comprises 10 questions. All questions are compulsory.
2. The question paper contains three sections:
Section - A Reading Skills (20 marks)
Section - B Grammar and Creative Writing Skills (34 marks)
Section - C Literature (26 marks)
3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

Section - A (Reading)

(10)

Q1. Read the passage carefully.

The idea that coffee is bad for heart pops up periodically. It was found that regularly drinking very strong coffee could sharply increase cholesterol levels. Researchers even isolated fat-like chemicals, cafestol and kahweol responsible for the rise.

It turned out that in the European brewing method, boiling water sits on the coffee grounds for several minutes before straining, this produces a high concentration of cafestol and kahweol. By contrast, the filter and percolation methods remove all but, a trace of these chemicals. Moreover, the studies involved large amounts of coffee, i.e. five to six cups a day. Moderate coffee drinkers drink only two cups.

Research has also shown that regular, moderate coffee drinking does not dangerously raise blood pressure. And studies have failed to substantiate fears that coffee might trigger abnormal heart rhythms (arrhythmias) in healthy people.

"For heart disease, I think the issue is closed," says Meir Stampfer, an epidemiologist at Harvard who had studied many aspects of coffee and health. "Coffee drinking at reasonable levels is unrelated to heart risk."

Evidence suggests that coffee may help fend off Parkinson's disease. A 30-year study of 8000 Japanese and American men found that coffee drinkers had one-fifth the risk of those who didn't drink the brew.

Scientists at Massachusetts General Hospital, USA, found indirect evidence that Caffeine the habit-forming stimulant in coffee may actually combat Parkinson's disease. The caffeine seemed to protect mice brain cells from depletion of the nerve chemical dopamine the problem underlying Parkinson's in humans. However, these are preliminary findings; human studies have not consistently supported caffeine's protective role.

The studies on coffee and cancer have focussed on three organs and are reassuring. You may remember a brief coffee scare in the early 1980s, when a single study linked coffee with pancreatic cancer. A false alarm: many studies since then have shown that the association is either extremely weak or non-existent.

If there's a connection between coffee and bladder cancer, it possibly applies just to coffee junkies. A re-analysis of ten European studies found an increased risk only among people who drank ten or more cups a day. And studies show that coffee seems to have no adverse influence on the risk of colon cancer.

Caffeine is such a powerful stimulant that the International Olympic Committee and the National Collegiate Athletic Association have set limits on how much content can remain in the blood during competition. In addition to boosting physical endurance, caffeine increases alertness and improves mood. The buzz may come at a price though. People who drink more than they're used to, may become restless and unable to sleep. Moreover, it's possible to become physically dependent on caffeine in days.

The question now arises: how much to drink? Those with heartburn and anxiety may want to see, if cutting back on coffee improves their condition. For most people, however, there's virtually no risk in consuming up to three normal cups a day. Harvard's Stampfer tries to keep his coffee drinking irregular enough to avoid habituation: "That way, I can get a buzz when I feel like it."

A) Choose the correct alternative :

1. Coffee increases _____ of those people who regularly drink very strong coffee. (1)
a) cholesterol b) tension c) amount of blood d) fats
2. A person should not drink coffee _____ (1)
a) less than 10 cups a day
b) more than 10 cups a day
c) more than three cups a day
d) none of the above
3. Name the diseases mentioned in the passage: (1+1)
i) Associated with the heart
ii) Associated with nerves
4. European brewing methods produce a high concentration of _____ and _____. (1/2+1/2)
5. Say True or False (1)
"The studies on coffee and cancer have focussed on six organs and are reassuring."
6. In what respect does coffee harm the human heart. How? (2)
7. Find the word from Para 1 which conveys similar meaning as separated. (1)
8. It has been proven that coffee does not have how any adverse effect on the risk of - (1)
a) colon cancer b) diabetes c) lung cancer d) none of the above

Q2. Read the passage carefully. (10)

1. Today's kids can identify with none of the traditional toys. If it's a girl, she's busy adding to her Barbie collection, if it's a boy there's Tarzan or Superman or even Play-station and Xbox for him. Toy carts have made way for black and gold Ferraris and Lamborghinis. As for the cartwheels and windmills, few kids would know what you are talking of.
2. Many parents feel that children cannot even differentiate between toys that are Indian and foreign. All that matters is that they should be familiar figures or trendy playthings seen on television. In a market-driven economy, toy manufacturers are cashing on this trend.
3. The fallout from this is two-fold: one, the death of India's toy-making tradition, and two, the influences of an alien culture on a child's mind. That is why some social activists have begun campaigning for a ban on what they describe as "western toys".
4. "Indian toys are not only part of tradition but also contribute to the well-rounded growth of an individual's personality," explains Vaidehi Thakkar, a child specialist. "Besides, they are environment-friendly since we have a custom of making toys from bio-degradable material."
5. Clay modellers who used to make dolls, masks, an even in village fairs. Many have turned to farming the few left behind, are trying their hand at pottery and making idols during festival season.
6. Makers of toys from wood, paper and cloth are also complaining about diminishing clientele and they find themselves completed powerless in countering the popularity of machine-made toys.
7. "They are backed by big companies with big money, whereas we are artists struggling to make ends meet," says Udharm Singh, who sells trinkets and balloons on Mumbai's pavements. "What can we do if people are determined to corrupt their children's tastes?"
8. But then, it is not as though all is hunky-dory with dealers of foreign toys. For one, they are very expensive and second, their shelf life is limited. With every passing week, newer and more sophisticated toys are entering the Indian market.

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time, Family time, Maintaining balance

Q7. Fill in the blanks with the most grammatically appropriate words. (2)
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 the presence of (d) minerals in sea water.
 a) (i) like (ii) dislike (iii) unlike (iv) likely
 b) (i) to (ii) in (iii) for (iv) to
 c) (i) is (ii) was (iii) has been (iv) had been
 d) (i) much (ii) more (iii) most (iv) many

Q8. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each of the line. Write the incorrect word and the correct word. (3)

e.g. The more important advantage of a nuclear family are that people get his privacy. In a joint family, their are restrictions which today generation do not like. They disregard the disadvantages of a joint family.

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Q9. Rearrange the following jumbled words/phrases to make meaningful sentences. (2)
 (i) that/ life began/ centuries/ ago/scientists/ think/ twenty million/ on/ earth/ about
 (ii) like/ zoos/ animal in cages/ many/ do not/ zoo/ concept of/ people/ this/ keep/ as

Q10. Read the short dialogue below and then complete the conversation in the indirect speech by filling in the blanks appropriately : (3)

Sue : Dilbert, can you please review the software we have on our computers?

Dilbert : Sure. But why do you need the review?

Sue : I just want to know what we have got on our computers.

Today morning, Sue came to Dilbert's cabin and requested him (a) ____ computers. Dilbert readily agreed to do so but not before asking her (b) _____. Sue replied (c) _____ on their computers.

Section - C (Literature)

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Q11. Read the given extract carefully. Attempt any one out of two extracts:

A) "I move the sweet forget-me-nots

That grow for happy lovers

I slip, I slide, I gloom, I glance

Among my skimming swallows

I make the netted sunbeam dance

Against my sandy shallows"

1. Explain the phrase, "I make the netted sunbeam dance."

2. Name the poetic device used in the above lines.

3. Name the poet and the poem.

4. How does the use of contrasting movements like "I slip, I slide, I gloom, I glance" reflect about the brook's personality?

OR

B) "Will no one tell me what she sings?

Perhaps the plaintive numbers flow

For old, unhappy far - off things,

And battles long ago;"

1. Whose song is referred to here?

2. What do you mean by 'plaintive numbers'?

3. Why does the poet say, 'Will no one tell me what she sings'?

4. What does the word 'perhaps' in the second line suggest?

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(4)

Q12. Read the given extract carefully. Attempt any one out of two extracts:

A) The muzzle velocity or speed at which the bullet leaves the rifle, "he told us, is well over two thousand feet per second." A voice interrupted, "Two thousand, four hundred and forty feet per second."

1. Who interrupted whom?
2. What do you know about Private Quelch's personality and behaviour?
3. Who is 'he' in the above lines?
4. What does the interruption during Sergeant's explanation reveal about Private Quelch's attitude towards the authority?

OR

B) To start off with, why isn't the price marked on the signboard? You French people have a cute way of doing business. You go and tell your boss that if he doesn't come right away, I'm going. Any hold up makes me sick."

1. Who is the speaker?
2. Which signboard is referred to here?
3. Why is the speaker in a hurry?
4. What does the speaker mean by the phrase 'makes me sick'?

Q13. Answer any six of the following questions in about 30-40 words each :

(6x2=12)

- a) What does the grandmother rubbing her hands over the magazine pages symbolise?
- b) Why did Duke never jump on Chuck again after their first reunion?
- c) What lesson does Corporal Turnbull aim to teach Private Quelch by assigning him kitchen duties?
- d) Why is the nightingale's song called a welcome song?
- e) Why does the speaker feel sorry that he cannot travel both the roads?
- f) What does "The music in my heart I bore" symbolise?
- g) The journey of a brook is eternal and forever. Explain.

(6)

Q14. Answer any one of the following in about 150 words.

a) Imagine you are Gaston. You are extremely happy as you made a profit of one hundred thousand francs by selling the house that didn't even belong to you due to your presence of mind. Express your feelings in the form of a diary entry.

OR

b) In what ways does the story "How I Taught My Grandmother To Read" show the importance of setting personal goals and how does the grandmother's determination to meet her deadline inspire others?