

CBSE Class 9 English SA 1 Sample Paper

QUESTION PAPER SA-1

MM: 80

ENGLISH (COMMUNICATIVE)

Time 3 hrs.

The Question paper is divided into four sections:

Section A:	Reading Comprehension	20 Marks
Section B:	Writing	20 Marks
Section C:	Grammar	20 Marks
Section D:	Literature	20 Marks

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

Q.1 Read the given passage carefully: (5 marks)

My next pet was a pigeon, the most revolting bird to look at, with his feathers pushing through the wrinkled scarlet skin, mixed with the horrible yellow down that covers baby pigeons and makes them look as though they have been peroxidizing their hair. Because of his repulsive and obese appearance, we called him Quasimodo.

Since he had an unorthodox upbringing, without parents to teach him, Quasimodo became convinced that he was not a bird at all, and refused to fly. He walked everywhere. He was always eager to join us in anything we did. He would even try to come for walks with us. So you had to either carry him on your shoulder, which was risking an accident to your clothes, or else you let him walk behind. If you let him walk, then you had to slow down your own pace to suit his, for should you get too far ahead you would hear the most frantic and imploring coos and turn around to find Quasimodo running desperately after you.

Q1. Read the questions given below and write the option you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet.

1. The narrator describes the pigeon as a 'revolting bird' because

- a) he could not fly
- b) he had to be carried everywhere
- c) he had wrinkled skin covered with yellow feathers
- d) he was fat

2. Quasimodo got his name because

- a) he was a fat and ugly
- b) he was attractive
- c) he could not fly
- d) he love behaving like human beings

3. We know that Quasimodo was always eager to go on walks because

- a) he walked everywhere
- b) he did not know how to fly
- c) he complained loudly if he was not taken along
- d) he always copied whatever humans did

4. Quasimodo protested when he was

- a) left at home
- b) lifted on human shoulders
- c) taken for a walk
- d) left behind during walks

5. The phrase 'risking an accident to your clothes' means

- a) the bird pecked at their clothes
- b) there was a chance of the bird soiling their clothes
- c) the bird risked a fall
- d) the bird did not like their clothes

Q.2 Read the poem given below carefully (5 marks)

LAW OF THE JUNGLE

I have heard
There is a law of the jungle
I have heard when the lion has eaten his fill
He never attacks
He goes to lie under dense shady trees
And when the rough gusts
Shake branches of trees
The mynah leaving her own young
Covers the frail crow's eggs
With her protective wings.
I have heard
When any bird-young falls out of the nest
The entire jungle wakes to rescue.
I have heard
When the weaver bird's nest
Reflects on the lake
The silvery fishes adopt it as neighbour.
And if a rough storm breaks the foot-bridge.
Then on a wooden plank
Squirrel, snake, goat and cheetah walk in a file.
I have heard
There is a law of the jungle
O God. All Powerful. All Seeing. All Wise.
In this my city
Proclaim a law,
Even the law of the jungle
Translated from the Urdu by Syeda Hameed

Read the questions given below and write the option you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet

1) The lines '.....when the lion has eaten his fill

He never attacks' mean that the lion

- a) becomes lazy on full stomach
- b) kills only to survive
- c) does not attack an easy prey
- d) likes to sleep under the shady tree

2) In case of a natural calamity, all the animals

- a) run helter-skelter
- b) create confusion
- c) protect/ safeguard each other

d) take cover in other's home

3) *"I have heard when the lion has eaten his fill, he never attacks"*

The emotion conveyed through the above line is

- a) contentment
- b) selflessness
- c) community feeling
- d) co-operation

4) 'Proclaim a law' means

- a) make an announcement
- b) break a law
- c) change the law
- d) amend the city law

5) The poet prays to God for

- a) turning the city into a jungle
- b) making people more empathetic/ understanding
- c) killing all animals
- d) letting animals rule man

Q3. Read the passage given below carefully (5 marks)

1. The Galapagos Islands in the Pacific Ocean are a rocky, lonely spot, but they are also one of the most unusual places in the world. The reason is that they are the home of some of the last giant tortoises left on earth.
2. Weighing hundreds of pounds, these tortoises wander slowly around the rocks and sand of the islands. Each of these islands has its own particular kinds of tortoise. There are seven different kinds of tortoises on the eight islands.
3. Hundreds of years ago, thousands of tortoises wandered around these islands. All that changed when people started landing there. When people first arrived, their ships had no refrigerators. This meant that fresh food was always a problem for the sailors on board. The giant tortoises provided a solution to this problem.
4. Ships would anchor off the islands, and crew would seize as many tortoises as they could. Once the animals were aboard the ship, the crew would roll the tortoises onto their backs and use them for soups and stews.

Read the questions given below and write the option you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet

1) The author calls, the Galapagos Islands, an unusual place because

- a) they are in the pacific ocean
- b) the endangered giant tortoises are found there
- c) they are rocky and lonely spots
- d) they are located off the western coast of South America

2) Which statement is correct?

- a) There is one kind of tortoise found on the seven islands
- b) There are eight kinds of tortoise found on the eight islands
- c) There are seven kinds of tortoise found on the eight islands
- d) All the tortoises are on one island.

3) Explain: The giant tortoises provided a solution to the problem of not having refrigerators because

- a) the sailors went looking for refrigerators as they were starving

- b) fresh food was available in plenty as the sea was vast
- c) the fresh giant tortoise could be killed and eaten whenever the sailors were hungry
- d) the sailors seized the tortoise to store in refrigerators, incase they did not find food .

4) 'Ships would anchor off the islands' means

- a) Ships would go off
- b) Ships would be near the shore
- c) Ships would be off to another land
- d) Ships would go to another island

5) In paragraph 4 the word 'crew' means

- a) the new settlers
- b) men arriving on Galapagos islands
- c) men working on the ships
- d) men catching the tortoises

Section B

Writing – 20 Marks

Q4. Given below is a profile of Mr. Amar, the school gardener. Write a short bio sketch of Mr. Amar.

You could take the help of the clues given below: (4 marks)

- age- around 50 years
- height/weight- six feet, solid built
- family- large _six children, four boys, two girls
- education- high school
- his likes/dislikes-plant, nursery, manure, organic
- why he is popular/unpopular- believes children are like young saplings....

Q5. You have just seen a girl walking in the rain. Last week you were also caught in a sudden shower of rain like her. Write an e-mail to your friend describing the experience (minimum120 words). You could take help from the following points: (8 marks)

- unexpected rain
- no umbrella/raincoat
- completely drenched
- how you felt
- reactions of other passers-by
- condition of traffic/roads

Q6. Mrs. Ghosh your teacher has recently retired after forty years of service to the school. You have been asked to interview her for the school magazine (minimum 150 words). Write an article based on the interview on the points given below: (8 marks)

- pleasant memories of the school
- reaction to the changes that have come into the schools/students in the last forty years
- plans on how to spend your retirement
- message for the students

Section C

Grammar – 20 Marks

Q7. Choose the best word from the options given below to complete the following passage: (4 marks)

Most UFO sightings occur (a) _____ (at, in, on, during) the night, either late in the evening or in the early hours of the morning. (b) _____ (as, while, when, often) they take place on a dark moonless

night when the person (c) _____ (are, is, were, was) alone on a country road. This eerie atmosphere is perfect (d) _____ (of, for, off, on) playing tricks on a person's imagination. Police and newspaper officers are often swamped (e) _____ (in, for, with, among) calls when something strange is seen in the skies. (f) _____ (how, then, once, before) an explanation is given, most people are happy to accept it. But (g) _____ (all, since, those, some) people are hard to convince. However, with (h) _____ (few, many, each, some) sightings, the interest is increasing.

Q8. : Q5: Choose the best word from the options given below and complete the following : (4*1 = 4)
Even though we have (i)___ the 21st century more than a billion people (ii)___ in extreme poverty. 40 million children do not (iv)___ access to school and 360 million adult cannot read or write Millions of people are unemployed or working in dangerous jobs.

(i)(a) entering (b) entered (c) enter (d) enters

(ii)(a) live (b)lived (c) living (d) lives

(iii)(a) infecting(b)infect(c)infected(d)infects

(iv)(a)have(b)had(c)has(d)having

Q9. Complete the headlines by choosing the correct answer from the options below: (4 marks)

I. Ban on Smoking

Smoking in all public places.

- i) is banned
- ii) has been banned
- iii) was banned
- iv) will be banned

II. 12 injured as buses collide

About _____ at the K.N.P. junction here today.

- i) 12 persons were injured as two buses collided
- ii) 12 persons have been injured when two buses collided
- iii) 12 persons had been injured as two buses collided
- iv) 12 persons can be injured as two buses collided

III. Drive against Liquor Mafia launched.

The police _____ engaged in smuggling of liquor to the state.

- i) has launched a drive against the mafia who are
- ii) have launched a drive against the mafia that is
- iii) had launched a drive against mafia that will be
- iv) had launched a drive against mafia who were

IV. China develops medical robot

A polytechnic university in China _____ that can conduct surgeries.

- i) have developed a medical robot
- ii) has developed a medical robot
- iii) is developing a medical robot
- iv) will be developing a medial robot

Q10. Complete the dialogue choosing the correct option: (3 marks)

Manu: I am really thrilled about our trip to South India. I have heard it has some wonderful beaches. I don't know (a) _____ when I will find myself standing before the vast sea.

Arun: Yes, it is a wonderful experience to see the vast waves rising and striking the beach.

Manu: Tell me, (b) _____ Goa?

Arun: We shall reach within two days as we are going there first. Do you know (c) _____ since it's your first trip outside?

Manu: Oh my God! I forgot that completely. Actually I had (d) _____, but the excitement was so much that it escaped my mind completely.

- (A) 1) what to do
- 2) how I shall feel
- 3) what I will do
- 4) what will I do.

- (B) 1) when we shall reach
- 2) when we will reach
- 3) when shall we reach
- 4) when will we reach

- (C) 1) where you will go
- 2) what you will do
- 3) what to carry
- 4) what you will carry

SECTION D (LITERATURE -20 MARKS)

Q 11 Read the extracts and answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate options: (1X 3 =3 Marks)

***And by my word! the bonny bride
in danger shall not tarry
so, though the waves are raging white
I'll row you over the ferry***

(I) *And by my word* is indicative of the speaker being

- (a) a man who can ferry his boat confidently
- (b) a man who knew the bonny bride
- (c) a man who honoured his word
- (d) a man full of fake promises

(II) The speaker promises to row across

- (a) the chief of Ulva and Lord Ullin's daughter
- (b) the chief of Ulva and his wife
- (c) Lord Ullin and his daughter
- (d) Lord Ullin and chief of Ulva

(III) *Waves are raging white* –the imagery used here is

- (a) simile
- (b) personification
- (c) metaphor
- (d) alliteration

OR

Gaston: *Certainly not.....just as a souvenir*

(I) The line is being addressed to _____.

- a) Gaston
- b) Juliette
- c) Maid
- d) Jeanne

II) The souvenir is important because

- a) Gaston wished to buy the villa
- b) Juliette was emotionally attached to it
- c) It was a witness to the deal Gaston struck with Mrs. AL Smith
- d) Gaston's wife had developed a fancy towards it

III) Jeanne was surprised as

- a) Gaston was ready to buy the villa
- b) Julliette decided to strike a deal with them
- c) Julliette's parents were allowed to stay in the villa
- d) Mr. Al. Smith helped to strike a deal

Q12. Answer any four of the following questions. (30-40 words each) (2×4= 8 Marks)

- (a) Why does Frost choose the road less travelled?
- b) 'Kashi Yatre' was grandmother's favourite novel. Why? Give two reasons.
- c) What are the two ways in which the Brook is similar to life? d) Briefly mention the two things that capture the poet's attention in the poem 'Solitary Reaper'.
- e) Mention any two characteristics of Gaston's personality that make him a better businessman than Juliette.

Q 13. As the author of 'How I Taught My Grandmother to Read' , write a letter to your grandmother appreciating her determination and strength of character.(4Marks) OR
As a reader, make a diary entry discussing your reaction to the relationship shared between Charles and Duke.

Q14. WRITE THE CHARACTER SCATCH OF JORJ OR JULIETTE ? (5 MARKS)

OTBA FOR CLASS IX SA-I

Q1: How does development occur ? When and how does a Country become " developed" ? (5 marks)

OR

What are the aims of [Swaccha Bharat Abhiyan] campaign, launched by the Modi.

Q-2 why did the grand mother never go to school . (5 marks)

OR

What did Juliette expect as she put up the villa sale?

MARKING SCHEME
Section A – Reading – 20 Marks

Q1. (1×5=5)

1. it had wrinkled skin covered with yellow feathers
2. he was a fat and ugly
3. he complained loudly if he was not taken along
4. the walked too fast
5. there was a chance of the bird soiling their clothes

Q2 (1×5=5)

1. he kills only to survive
2. protect/ safeguard others
3. Contentment
4. make an announcement
5. making people more empathetic/ understanding

Q3 (1×5=5)

- 1.the endangered giant tortoises are found there
- 2.There are seven kinds of tortoise found on the eight islands
- 3.the fresh giant tortoise could be killed and eaten whenever the sailors were hungry
- 4.Ships would be near the shore
- 5.men working on the ships

Section-B – Writing – 20 Words

Q4 (4 Marks)

Expression, fluency & accuracy must be taken into account

All given hints must be taken into account

Special emphasis on:

- His likes/dislikes
- why he is popular/unpopular

Q5 (8 Marks)

Expression, fluency & accuracy must be taken into account

All given hints must be taken into account

Special emphasis on:

- how you felt
- other passers-by
- condition of traffic/roads

Q6 (8 Marks)

Expression, fluency & accuracy must be taken into account

All given hints must be taken into account

Section -C – Grammar – 20 Marks

Q7 (1/2 x 8 = 4)

1. during
2. often
3. is
4. for
5. with
6. once
7. all
8. each

Q8 (1 x 4 = 4)

1. b
2. a
3. c
4. a

Q9 (1x4=4)

1. has been banned
2. 12 persons were injured as two buses collided.
3. has launched a drive against the mafia who are
4. has developed a medical robot

Q10 (1x3=3)

- A .what I will do
B.when will we reach
c. what to carry

**Section – D –
Literature – 20 Marks**

Q12.

- A)** the poet wants to take up the less travelled road as a challenge because it is covered and not known to any body. .
- B)** kashi yatre' was grandmother's favourite novel because kashi is a sacred place of lord visheshweraiya after going where one can get salvation from this mortal world.
- C)** the first way is that the brook has struggle while making its way through stones ,rocks and pabbles as varities of problems and struggles faced by human beings.the second way is that the brook never complains of the hard ships felt by it as most patient and promising human being , processing towards destination.
- D)** the first thingh that attracted the poet that "solitary reaper" was all alone and secondly she was singing a most pathetic and heart rendering song.
- E)** jaston was money minded and very expert in bargaining.

he was very cunning in purchasing villa from Mr. I. Smith at a low price of two hundred thousand francs while its owner purchased it for 3000 thousand FRANCS.

ans 13: The following points to use highlighted about the grandmother

1. she was very bold, determined and hard working woman.
2. at the age of 62, she decided to learn Canada alphabets because she wanted to be independent.
3. she was a self-respecting woman.
4. due to her self-confidence, determination, strong will power and hard work, she could learn to read and write within a short period of time.
5. she gives a message of hope for "adult education".
6. she proves that when it comes to learning one can learn at any age.

ANS-14.

CHARACTER OF JULIETTE

Juliette, the owner of the villa in "villa for sale" is a clever, persuasive and highly presentable. She knows how to sell her property. She thinks the house is small but it has a charm of its own. Probably, she has overassessed the work of her villa, hence she is finding no buyers for it. When Gaston and Jeanne come to buy a villa, she uses all her business tactics to sell it off, starting right from flattering the buyers to give a rosy picture of her property, to overquoting the price – she does it all with a straight face and doesn't let it become the real index of her round. However, despite all her cleverness, she is "outwitted" by Gaston who pays the price quoted by her for the house and yet makes a profit of one hundred thousand francs on the same property without her getting a whiff of it. Still, Juliette is able to get the price quoted by her for the villa.

OTBA (10marks)

ans 1: Development has multiple components: proper food, clothing and shelter for the people; adequate education and culture; good health, good environment, equal opportunity for all ability and to defend from enemies, economic stability and growth and above all, good governance, all leading to a feeling of justifiable national pride.

ans 2: It aims to clean all places of human habitation in India of filth. In his words, 'we have to give Mahatma Gandhi something on his 150th birth anniversary in 2019, just like the whole nation united to fight for freedom back then. We have to work together to clean India now.'