

Sample Paper – 2010

Class – IX

Subject – English

1. Fill in the blank with the correct word chosen from the pair given in brackets:-

A) I have three winter coats but _____ of them are new (neither, none)

B) There are two umbrellas here, but _____ of them is mine. (neither, none)

C) He owns twelve cows. _____ of them are Jerseys. (All, both)

D) She has painted dozens of pictures. Have you seen _____
of them? (Any, either)

E) Amy and Beth are twins. They _____ play the guitar. (all, both)

F) Two people said “Hello” to me, but I did not recognize _____ them.
(any, either)

G) My wife and I _____ enjoy the classical music. (all, both)

H) I found all of the questions difficult. Did you answer _____ of them correctly? (any, either)

I) I asked six different people, but _____ of them knew where Walnut Street was. (any, either)

J) I have read five books on the subject, but _____ of them was very helpful. (neither, none)

K) Two wrist watches was left here. Is _____ of them yours? (any, either)

2. Read the following idiomatic expressions and underline the determiners.

A) A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.

B) There is no smoke without fire.

C) Don't put all your eggs in one basket.

- D) Many hands make light work.
- E) Any time means no time.
- F) Every cloud has a silver lining.
- G) More haste, less speed.
- H) Too many cooks spoil the broth.
- I) All roads lead to Rome.
- J) One man's meat is another man's poison.

3. Complete the following passage with "all", "each", "every", "several", "a lot of" but in some blanks, more than one word will fit.

Once there was a very rich man. He was neither handsome nor clever but and saved _____ money. Living two doors away from him was a beautiful lady. She was a widow with _____ children. _____ morning, the rich man would steal a _____ glances at the widow when she came out to do her chores in the garden. One evening, the rich man decided to pay her a visit. He brought with him _____ presents, one for _____ child. _____ the children liked him and so _____ time he visited her. He brought presents for the children. This went on for _____ months. Just when the man thought that he could propose to the widow, something happened. A handsome stranger came to the town. He was not a rich man. But somehow, _____ eligible lady in the town fell in love with him, including the widow.

4. Complete the sentences with the right form of verb given in the brackets.

- A) When Carol (call) _____ last night, I (watch) _____ my favorite show on television.
- B) I (work) _____ for his company for more than thirty years, I intend to stay here until I retire.
- C) Sharon (love) _____ to travel. She (go) _____ abroad almost every summer.
- D) Thomas is an author. He (write) _____ mystery novels and travel memoirs. He (write) _____ since he was twenty-eight. Altogether, he (write) _____ seven novels, three collections of short stories and a book of poetry.
- E) We were late because we had some car problems. By the time we (get) _____ to the train station, Susan (wait) _____ for us more than two hours.
- F) Sam (try) _____ to change a light bulb when he (slip) _____ and (fell) _____.
- G) Every day I (wake) _____ up at 6o'clock, (eat) _____ breakfast at 7o'clock and (leave) _____ for work at 8o'clock. However, this morning I

(get) _____ up at 6:30, (skip) _____ breakfast and
(leave) _____ for work late because I (forget) _____ to set my
alarm.

5. Underline the correct verb in the sentences.

- A) Almost everybody (has/have) some difficulty with writing.
- B) Neither the chipmunk nor the squirrels (is/are) bothering us.
- C) Both of us (is/are) voting in the next election.
- D) Milo, Phoebe, and I (was/were) offering our help.
- E) Neither of you (jump/jumps) to conclusions.
- F) Some say Indians (has/have) been treated unfairly.
- G) Neither the boys(has/have) to shave.
- H) "Safe" and "out" (is/are) two calls in baseball.