

Sample Paper : English Communicative Class-IX (LITERATURE)

Q1. Read the following extract and answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate alternative from those given below. (3 marks)

I am beautiful pearls plucked from the Crown of Ishtar by the daughter of Dawn To embellish the gardens.

(a) Who is the speaker of the poem?

- (i) clouds (ii) pearls
- (iii) raindrops (iv) flowers

(b) Who is Ishtar?

- (i) the goddess of fertility, love, war and sex
- (ii) the goddess of the Planet Venus
- (iii) the goddess of rain, pearls and sea
- (iv) the goddess of Spring and flowers

(c) The poetic device used in Line 2 above is _____,

- (i) Simile (ii) Metaphor
- (iii) Personification (iv) Allusion

Q2. Read the extract and answer the following questions by writing the option you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet. (3marks) On the faces of three of them consternation was written. In the eyes of the fourth, Mr Fisher, there glittered that nasty, steely expression of the man who sees his way to getting a bit of his own back.

(a) Who are the three?

- (i) Mr Bramble, Mrs Bramble, Percy.
- (ii) Percy, Mr Fisher, Harold.
- (iii) Harold, Mr Bramble, Mrs Bramble.
- (iv) Mr Fisher, Mr Bramble, Harold.

(b) What was the reason for Fisher's anger?

- (i) He was going to tell Harold the truth about Mr Bramble
- (ii) He wanted Mr Bramble to fight Murphy.
- (iii) He wanted to ensure Mr Bramble took the challenge.
- (iv) He wanted to hurt Harold.

(c) What was the expression on the faces of the three adults?

- (i) Dismay (ii) Pleasure
- (iii) Satisfaction (iv) Amusement

Q 3. Read the extract and answer the following questions by writing the option you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet. (3 marks)

All the toffees I chewed,

And the sweet sticky food Oh,
I wish I'd looked after me teeth.

(a) Why did the poet need to go to the dentist?

- (i) he would give her sweet, sticky food.
- (ii) he would give her false teeth.
- (iii) he would brush her teeth
- (iv) she needed her teeth taken care of.

(b) How could she have avoided it ?

- (i) by brushing her teeth with a proper tooth brush.
- (ii) by eating toffees and sweet sticky food
- (iii) by not eating sweet sticky food
- (iv) by going to the dentist regularly.

(c) The narrator's tone in the above lines is one of.....

- (i) regret
- (ii) fear
- (iii) nostalgia
- (iv) acceptance

Q.4 Read the extract and answer the following questions by writing the option you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet. (3 marks)

I emerge from the heart of the sea and Soar with breeze.
When I see a field in
Need, I decent and

(a) The 'I' in the above lines refers to the

- (i) field
- (ii) flowers
- (iii) river
- (iv) rain

(b) Where does 'I' come from?

- (i) from the field
- (ii) from the sea
- (iii) from the flowers
- (iv) from the breeze

(c) Who is 'I's mother?

- (i) Ishtar
- (ii) Dawn
- (iii) Venus
- (iv) Nature

Q5. Answer any four of the following questions in 3-4 sentences each. (2x4=8marks)

a. 'Triveni was a very popular writer in the Kannada.' language. What had made her

popular?

- b. One incident changed Hooper's life. What was the change?
- c. Harold was a model child but for one thing that marred his 'perfection.' What was it?
- d. What do the roads in the poem 'The Road Not Taken' symbolize?
- e. What are the two sounds that the poet compares to the Solitary Reaper?

Q6. Answer any four of the following questions in 3-4 sentences each (2X4=8marks)

- (a) I'll meet the raging of the skies; But not an angry father. The speaker is very afraid of meeting her father. Give reasons for her fear.
- (b) How did Harold react when he came to know that his father was a professional boxer? Why?
- (c) In the story Best Seller, John has double standards. Elucidate this by giving instances from the story.
- (d) The grandmother in the lesson, How I Taught My Grandmother to Read, waited eagerly for each episode of Kashi Yatre. Why was she so interested in the story?
- (e) In what sense are men and women merely players on the stage of life?

Q7. Answer any one of the following (6 marks)

What are the reasons given by Gaston for not buying the Villa? Why does he change his mind?

OR

Sudha Murty's grandmother was a woman with a very enlightened attitude. Comment.

Q8. Answer any one of the following (6 marks)

Duke was an extraordinary dog. What special qualities did he exhibit to justify this?

OR

Write a short paragraph on the transformation of the convict in the play 'The Bishop's candle sticks.

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