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Class IX

Subject – English

Time – 3 hrs.

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This questions paper is divided into three sections :

Section A : Reading	20 Marks
Section B : Writing and Grammar	30 Marks
Section C : Literature Textbook and Long Reading Text	30 Marks

Instructions :

1. All the sections 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

1. Technology : Impact On The Day-To- Day Life

8 marks

1. What a change, my dear Sir! All in a matter of decades. How many of you go these days to buy a postcard or an inland letter when there is a phone, mobile, e-mail or even chit-chatting on the internet? Now, take a look at the roads of cities, big and small. Cyclists have graduated to become scooterists or riders of bikes and the owners of two-wheelers have gone in for small cars of different brands. Right from you home, you can book you rail ticket through you mobile or the internet. A paradise on earth you have never dreamt of!
2. But in a moment, you might find that you paradise can degenerate into a hideous nightmare. That is bound to happen when technology reaches evil minds or when technology is misused to stoke the cinders of greed and avarice.
3. Seventy cyber crimes were registered in the country in 2003; these included circulating obscene pictures - marketed in the name of 'honey' - and forgery, money laundering, spamming, disabling a system by sending e-mails in bulk and Stenography, a technology that uses pictures with coded messages concealed behind them. Let us not use technology to promote depravity and self-destruction.
4. With information technology likely to enter local self - governance in a big way, the day is not far when almost all villages in the country would find the vast network of Panchayats people friendly. The Panchayati Raj Ministry has already announced that it is going to spend over Rs. 100 crore in 2006-07 towards the installation of computers in the 2.4 lakh Panchayats to interlink them with each other and also with a national Panchayat portal. The step would bridge both the rural-urban divide and the digital divide to a great extent.
5. Technology has revolutionised the health sector in an unprecedented way. Hospitals, today, have a wide range of modern tools in the diagnostic field - CT Scan, MRI, CT Coronary, MR Coronary, Ultra Sound Scanning, Colour Doppler and so on.
6. Indeed technology has changed our life pattern bestowing boons and occasionally marring our life, too. You cannot blame technology if it harms you. It is left to human nature to use technology in a beneficial way.

1. On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions by choosing the best of the given choices.
- Why do you not go to buy a postcard or an inland letter?
 - because you not like to communicate in writing
 - because you use phones and e-mail
 - because letters do not reach their destination
 - because others do not respond by writing
 - Give an example to show how technology is being used for evil purposes
 - cyber crimes
 - female foeticide
 - promote terrorism
 - Increase depeavity
 - The opposite of harmful in Paragraph 6 is
 - Technology can be put to evil uses if the users become.
 - selfish
 - narrow minded
 - power hungry
 - greedy
 - 'Cinders' in paragraph 2 means _____.
 - residue of coal which is still combust
 - spark of fire
 - buming coals
 - flames
 - What is the "paradise you, had never dreamt of"
 - Find the word which means, the same as "extreme desire for wealth" (para 2)
 - Find a word which means it same as "never before" (Para 5)
 - How are computers going to bridge the urban and rural divide?

2. **Science Hero-Stephen Hawking**

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Heroes are people who can overcome (or help others overcome) fear. They are people who will dash into a burning building to save someone or dive into water which is full of sharks. Other heroes, like Stephen Hawking, live life the way it is. He has faced terrible problems and has become, without meaning to, part of the beginning of a new scientific era. Stephen Hawking was born exactly three hundred years after the death of Galileo. He was born on 8th January 1942, in Oxford, England. As a child he was always a bit too clumsy and a bit too smart—his clumsiness was to become a terrible disease and his smartness a great intellect. He had no idea he would have to overcome great fear and at the same time be celebrated as one of the world's smartest person.

Stephen Hawking graduated from Oxford at the age of twenty, in 1962 and took a trip to Persia with a friend. During the visit, he got sick and, soon after returning, he was diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (also known as ALS, Lou Gehrig's disease or Motor Neuron Disease). The doctor said he would live for only two and a half years. He steadily grew crippled and after a while he was bedridden and could not walk.

Several times he caught serious cases of pneumonia. The second serious case required an operation which, along with saving his life, took his voice. He was in the middle of writing his famous book, A Brief History of Time with no way to write or talk to other people except by blinking. Fortunately, he loved his work so much that he continued on with it despite the fear of dying.

Several years went by while Hawking lived with his illness while keeping up with the world of Quantum Physics. Later, he received a present from a college friend- a new computer that could be attached to his wheelchair and would talk for him. He now had a way to write his paper and lecture to students. It seemed that his life was now getting better.

After years of struggling with fear, he overcame it. Stephen believes that he is not different from anyone else. He also believes that Science is for everybody and not just for a few scientists. If ever there is a complete theory of the universe, he believes that it should be understandable by everyone.

Stephen Hawking has made important contributions to cosmology. He is an expert on BLACK HOLES, whose intention is to unify QUANTUM MECHANICS with Einstein's general Theory of Relativity forming a single theory to explain the origin of the universe. He did remarkable research in the field of THEORETICAL COSMOLOGY, QUANTUM GRAVITY and BLACK HOLES. He was honoured with the Albert Einstein award in 1979, Prince of Asturias award in 1989 and Copley medal of the Royal Society in 2006. He is the world's foremost living theoretical physicist and it is apt to call him "Living Einstein". He has, perhaps more than anyone else alive, increased our understanding of the universe we live in.

2. Answer the following questions briefly:

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| (i) How is Stephen Hawking different from other heroes? | 2 |
| (ii) When and from where did he graduate? | 2 |
| (iii) Give the other names for ALS. | 2 |
| (iv) What happens to a person who is affected by ALS? | 2 |
| (v) How did he lose his voice? | 1 |
| (vi) Write the line which tells you that he risked his life in order to complete "A Brief History of Time". | 1 |
| (vii) The computer his friend gave him changed his life thoroughly. How? | 2 |

Section — B (Writing and Grammar) 30 marks

3. While going to school, you notice a few street urchins troubling a little puppy. You try to sensitize them towards these mute helpless animals but they ignore you. Write a diary entry along with the ideas given in MCB unit 'Environment' in about 100-120 words how you felt and what else you could have told the urchins.

1 × 8 = 8

Hints : going to school noticed street urchins troubling a puppy you interfere make them understand helpless animals they ignore..... you feel you can change their behaviour.

Or

It disturbs you every time you see small children at the red light asking for alms. You have discussed this with your teacher also who is now encouraging you to write an article for the school magazine on the plight of these children. Write the article in about 100-120 words on the topic "Life of Street Urchins: along with the ideas from MCB unit 'People'. You are Suhana.

4. Write a story in about 200-250 words with the help of the given hints. 1 × 12 = 12
 Outline: Rajan, the master Chhotu, domestic help took all responsibility
 family wedding lady's chain missing doubt servant
 police beat him chain found at home guilty master gets him
 released Chhotu refuses to go back.

Or

Write a story in about 200-250 words ending with Life sometimes, offers you disguised opportunities. You have to make the most of it!

5. There is an error in each line. Identify the error and write the incorrect and the correct words in the blanks given against each line. ½ x 8 = 4

	Incorrect	Correct
A young boy steals some money from his	(a) <u> </u>	<u> </u>
owner's shop. The master was furious	(b) <u> </u>	<u> </u>
and called a police. They started	(c) <u> </u>	<u> </u>
searching the hole staff. The young	(d) <u> </u>	<u> </u>
boy get nervous and tried to give	(e) <u> </u>	<u> </u>
explanation of the money he has.	(f) <u> </u>	<u> </u>
But which can escape the clever	(g) <u> </u>	<u> </u>
eyes from the police.	(h) <u> </u>	<u> </u>

6. Arrange the following jumbled up words and phrases into meaningful sentences. 1 × 3 = 3
 (a) blood/ school/ a/ was/ our/ last/ camp/ organized/ in/ donation/ week/ by
 (b) all/ a/ few/ their/ blood/ Principal/ the/ almost/ teachers/ donated/ except including/ the
 (c) was/ accomplished/ it/ a/ mission except

7. Complete the following blanks with meaningful words. ½ x 6 = 3
 It's important that (a) parents spend some time (b) their children in a day. Children
 (c) under constant pressure (d) require guidance and counselling (e)
 a regular basis. (f) psychologists feel this.

Section — C (Literature and Long Reading Text : 30 marks)

8. Read the given lines and answer the questions. 1 × 4 = 4

I chatter, chatter, as I flow
 To join the brimming river,
 For men may come and men may go,
 But I go on forever.

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| (a) Who does 'I' refer to in the given lines? | 1 |
| (b) How does it 'chatter'? | 1 |
| (c) Why has the poet used the word 'brimming'? What kind of a picture does it create? | 1 |
| (d) Explain the last two lines of the stanza. | 1 |

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Or

Read the given extract and answer the following questions:

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Alone she cuts, and binds the grain :
And sings a melancholy strain :
O listen! for the vale profound :
Is overflowing with the sound.

- (a) Who is she and what is she doing? 2
(b) What type of song is she singing? 1
(c) Explain the word 'overflowing' in the last line. 1

9. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words: $2 \times 4 = 8$

- (i) Describe the relationship between Avva and the narrator in the 'lesson' How I taught my grandmother to Read? 2
(ii) 'It was like lighting a fuse. Duke shimmied himself U-shaped in anticipation'. Explain. 2

Or

Why does the poet compares the reaper's song with the song of the nightingale.

- (iii) Explain the statement "And that has made all the difference" with reference to the poem 'The Road Not Taken'. 2
(iv) Do you agree that Mrs. Al Smith is the representative of American outlook. How? 2

10. People who are opportunistic and manipulative look for personal gains, regardless of what others may suffer. With reference to the play 'Villa for Sale' discuss the values one should possess to be ethical and fair person. 8

Or

11. It is written in our scriptures that a teacher should be respected, irrespective of the gender and age? These words were spoken by grandmother to Sudha Murthy. Based on these words write a short speech on the topic: 'Respect your teachers'. 8

12. Give a brief description of the country Brobdingnag and its inhabitants as narrated in the novel 'Gulliver's Travels'. (100-120 words). 10

Or

Elaborate on the character of the Emperor of Lilliput in 150-200 words.

Or

Write the character scetch of the Dwarf in the country of Brobdingnag.