

City International School

ANNUAL EXAMINATION 2015 - 2016

Date : 10/03/2016

Std : IX

Subject : English Language

Marks : 80

Time : 2 hrs

You will **not** be allowed to write during the first **15** minutes.

This time is to be spent in reading the question paper.

The time given at the head of this Paper is the time allowed for writing the answers.

Attempt all four questions.

The intended marks for questions or parts of questions are given in brackets ().

You are advised not to spend more than **35** minutes in answering **Question 1**

And **20** minutes in answering **Question 2**.

Q. 1 Write a composition of 350 – 400 words on any ONE topic. (25)
(Do not spend more than 35 minutes on this question)

- Rivers and lakes are always interesting and commercially important to people who live near them. Describe some of the ways in which people living close to a lake or a river use it to their advantage commercially and also for their relaxation and amusement all through the year.
- Imagine that you are lost in a foreign country. You are unable to communicate your needs and feelings since you do not know the language of that place. Narrate your adventure.
- A pen is mightier than a sword. Give your views for or against the statement.
- Write a story beginning, “If only I had told the truth.....”
- Study the picture given below. Write a story / description or an account of what the picture suggests to you. Your composition must be about the subject of the picture or may take suggestions from it. But there must be some clear connection between the picture and your composition.



Q. 2 Write a letter on any one of the following. (10)
(Do not spend more than 20 minutes on this question)

- Imagine that you are one of the passengers in a plane, which has been hijacked. Write a letter to your cousin giving an account of the incident. State how the passengers were rescued from the clutches of the hijackers.

- b. You are very fond of reading books, magazines and journals, but you are not happy with the facilities offered by the library, of which you are a member. Write a letter to the head librarian of this reputed library stating the problems you are facing as its member. Give suggestions for the improvement of the facilities so as to benefit the members.

Q. 3 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

There came to our town some years ago a showman who owned an institution called the Gaiety Land. Overnight, our Gymkhana Grounds became *resplendent* with banners and streamers and coloured lamps. From all over the district, crowds poured into the show. Within a week of opening in gate money, they collected five hundred rupees a day. Gaiety Land provided us with all sorts of fun and gambling and side shows. For a couple of annas, in each booth, we could watch anything from performing parrots to crack motor cyclists. In addition to this, there were lotteries and shooting galleries, where, for an anna, you always stood a chance of winning a hundred rupees.

There was a particular corner of the show which was in great favour. Here, for a ticket costing eight annas, you could be lucky enough to acquire a variety of articles – pin cushions, sewing machines or even a road engine. One evening they drew a ticket, number 1005, and I happened to own the other half of the ticket. Glancing down the list of articles, they declared that I had become the owner of a road engine!

It looked *stunned*, people gathered around and gazed at me as if I were some sort of a curious animal. Some people muttered and giggled, “Fancy anyone becoming the owner of a road engine!”

It was not the sort of prize one could carry home at short notice. I asked the showman if he could help me to transport it. He merely pointed at a notice which decreed that all the winners should remove their prizes immediately after the draw and by their own effort. However, they had to make an exception in my case. They agreed to keep the engine at the Gymkhana Grounds till the end of the season, and then, I would have to make my own arrangements to take it out.

When I asked the showman if he could find me a driver, he just smiled and said, “The fellow who brought it here had to be paid a hundred rupees for the job and five rupees a day. I sent him away and made up my mind that if no one was going to draw it, I would just leave it to its fate.”

“Can’t I sell it to some municipality?” I asked innocently. He burst into a laugh.

“As a showman I have enough trouble with municipal people. I would rather keep out of the way.”

My friends and relatives poured in to congratulate me on my latest *acquisition*. No one knew precisely how much a road engine would fetch; all the same they felt that there was a lot of money in it. “Even if you sell it as scrap iron, you can make a few thousands,” some of my friends declared. Everyday I made a trip to the Gymkhana Grounds to have a look at my engine. I grew very fond of it. I loved its shining brass parts. I stood near it and patted it affectionately, hovered about it, and returned home everyday only at the close of the show. I thought all my troubles were coming to an end. How ignorant I was! How little did I guess that my troubles had just begun!

- a. **Three words from the passage are given below. Give the meaning of each word as used in the passage. One word answer or short phrases will be accepted.** (3)
- i. resplendent (line 2)
 - ii. stunned (line 16)
 - iii. acquisition (line 32)
- b.
- i. Which two sentences in the first paragraph show that Gaiety Land was popular? (2)
 - ii. Give three reasons for the popularity of Gaiety Land. (3)
 - iii. What is meant by ‘It was not the sort of prize one could carry home at short notice?’ (2)
 - iv. What was the showman’s response to the narrator asking for help to transport the road engine? (3)
 - v. Why was the showman ready to leave the road engine to its fate? (2)
- c. **In not more than 60 words, describe the reactions of the public friends and relatives towards the narrator on his winning the road engine. How did he treat his proud possession?** (8)
- d. **Give a title to your summary in 3 (c). State a reason to justify your choice.** (2)

- Q. 4 a. In the following passage fill each of the numbered blank with the correct form of word given in the bracket. (Do not copy the passage but write in correct serial order the word appropriate to the blank space.)** (4)

Example : (0) – had been hired.

The plane ____ (0) ____ (hire) to transport Appu, the baby elephant, as a gift from India to Nigeria. Just before the ____ (1) ____ (depart), the co-pilot ____ (2) ____ (check) the wooden crate and reported that it looked safe. “ I have just heard from the Ground Control”, the pilot said. “Our flight ____ (3) ____ (be) due in fifteen minutes. We will take off from Runway Number 10. Little did the crew ____ (4) ____ (know) how dramatic their flight ____ (5) ____ (go) to be. Indeed it was. When the plane was over Kenya, Appu broke from his crate and ____ (6) ____ (enter) the flight cabin. He made a meal of ice-cream and bananas ____ (7) ____ (drink) cold drinks and sprayed some on the pilot. The co-pilot finally caught him by the chain, when the pilot made an emergency ____ (8) ____ (land) in Kenya.

b. Fill in the blanks with appropriate words. (4)

- i. While cleaning his gun it went _____ killing his friend.
- ii. No guests are allowed _____ the night.
- iii. If you look _____ the telescope distant stars appear very near.
- iv. The manager promised to look _____ their complaint.
- v. The neighbours complained _____ his unruly behaviour.
- vi. He began to listen _____ sounds indicating the presence of some animals.
- vii. The cottage industry is threatened _____ ruin because of the rapid industrialisation.
- viii. My parents frown _____ the type of music I usually hear.

c. Join the following sentences to make one complete sentence without using and, but or so. (4)

- i. I am very sorry. I cannot adequately express my sorrow.
- ii. We have been deceived. That is the truth.
- iii. I shall not oppose your plan. I cannot approve it.
- iv. You must pass the examination. Your future depend on it.

d. Rewrite the following sentences according to the instructions given after each. Make other changes that may be necessary but do not change the meaning of the sentences:- (8)

- i. "Don't try to be clever, John, but just tell the truth". said Mary.
(Begin : Mary asked John.....)
- ii. This bag is bigger than any other that I have ever seen.
(Begin with : I have)
- iii. Has the grocer sold the tea?
(End:..... by the grocer?)
- iv. A wise enemy is better than a foolish friend.
(Use 'good')
- v. Kusum is too shrewd to be fooled by anyone.
(Use so that)
- vi. As soon as we came in, it started raining.
(Begin: No sooner did)
- vii. The agreement was signed. All were happy.
(Use signing)
- viii. If your car is not serviced regularly, it might break down some day.
(Begin : Unless)