

GREENLAWNS HIGH SCHOOL
TERMINAL EXAMINATION 2020-21

SUBJECT : ENGLISH – LANGUAGE

CLASS: IX

TIME : 2 HRS

MARKS: 60

ENGLISH PAPER – I

Answers to this Paper must be written on the paper provided separately.

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 **five** questions. The intended marks for questions or parts of questions are given in brackets []. You are advised to spend not more than **30 minutes** on answering **Question 1** and **20 minutes** on answering **Question 2**.*

Question 1

[10]

Write a composition (300 - 350 words) on any *one* of the following:

- (a) Write an original short story beginning with the line: ‘He stretched his arm. It was just a few centimetres away, out of reach...’
- (b) During the Covid-19 pandemic you went to the market place to buy a few groceries. Describe your experience. Write about the sights, sounds and smells that you witnessed and your own thoughts and emotions.
- (c) ‘Mother tongue should be the only medium of instruction in schools.’
- Express your views either *for* or *against* this statement.
- (d) Narrate an incident from your own experience which brings out the truth of the following statement: ‘Arise, Awake and Stop not till your goal is reached.’
- (e) Study the picture given below. Write a short story or description or an account of what the picture suggests to you. Your composition may be about the subject of the picture or you may take suggestions from it; however, there must be a clear connection between the picture and your composition.



Question 2

Select *one* of the following:

[10]

- (a) Write a letter to your friend telling him/ her about your personal experience of online learning during the current pandemic. Mention the challenges that you face and the aspects of this experience that you find rewarding.
- (b) A company has been marketing spurious medicines behind claims that its product could be effective in preventing Covid-19. Write a letter of complaint to the Drug Controller General, reporting the claims that the company is making and explaining the harm these kinds of claims could cause.

Question 3

[20]

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Griffin, the scientist, had carried out experiment after experiment to prove that the human body could become invisible. Finally, he swallowed certain rare drugs and his body became as transparent as a sheet of glass – though it also remained as solid as glass.

Though a **brilliant** scientist, Griffin was a rather lawless person. His landlord disliked him and tried to **eject** him. As revenge, Griffin set fire to the house. To get away without being seen, he had to remove his clothes. Thus it was that he became a homeless wanderer, without clothes, without money, and quite invisible – until he happened to step into some mud, and left footprints as he walked!

He escaped easily enough from the boys who followed his footprints to London. But his adventures were by no means over. He had chosen a bad time of the year to wander about London without clothes. It was mid-winter. The air was **bitterly** cold and he could not do without clothes. Instead of walking about in the streets, he decided to slip into a big London store for warmth.

The closing time arrived; and as soon as the doors were shut, Griffin was able to give himself the pleasure of clothing and feeding himself without regard to expense. He broke open boxes and wrappers and fitted himself out with warm clothes. Soon, with shoes, an overcoat and a wide-brimmed hat, he became a fully dressed and visible person. In the kitchen of the restaurant, he found cold meat and coffee; and he followed up the meal with sweets and wine taken from the grocery store. Finally, he settled down to sleep on a pile of quilts.

But he did not wake up until the assistants were already arriving next morning. When he saw a couple of them approaching, he panicked and began to run. They naturally gave him a chase. In the end, he was able to escape only by quickly taking off his newly found clothes. So once again, he found himself invisible but naked in the chill January air.

This time he decided to try the stock of a theatrical company in the hope of finding not only clothes but also something that would hide the space above his shoulders. Shivering with cold he hurried to Drury Lane, the centre of the theatre world.

He soon found a suitable shop. He, being invisible, made his way upstairs and came out a little later wearing a costume of bandages around his forehead, dark glasses, a false nose, big bushy side-whiskers, and a large hat. To escape without being seen he callously attacked the shopkeeper from behind and stole away.

(a) Give the meaning of each of the following words as used in the passage. One word answers or short phrases will be accepted: [3]

(i) brilliant

(ii) eject

(iii) bitterly

(b) Answer the following questions briefly in your own words:

(i) Who was Griffin? Why was he conducting experiments? [2]

(ii) How did Griffin achieve his scientific goal? [2]

(iii) How did Griffin become an invisible wanderer? [2]

(iv) Why did Griffin slip into the big London store? [2]

(v) Pick a sentence from the passage that shows that Griffin was a persistent person. [1]

(c) In not more than 50 words of your own describe the adventures of Griffin in the London store as well as in Drury Lane. [8]

Question 4 [20]

(a) Fill in each of the numbered blanks with the correct form of the word given in the brackets. Do not copy the passage but write in correct serial order the word or phrase appropriate to the blank space. [4]

Example: (0) _____ (find)

Answer: found

“I have (0) _____ (find) you out, wretch,” he (1) _____ (exclaim). Thereupon, six men (2) _____ (throw) me on the ground. They (3) _____ (slip) my feet into a loop of rope and (4) _____ (beat) the soles of my feet with their sticks. I cried with pain. I (5) _____ (appeal) to them for mercy. They laughed at my plight until I (6) _____ (become) unconscious with pain and then left me there (7) _____ (perish). When I (8) _____ (come) to they were gone.

(b) Fill in each blank with an appropriate word: (Do not rewrite the sentence.) [4]

- (i) Rehman remained true _____ his word.
- (ii) Aishwary is proud _____ her beauty.
- (iii) The Director presided _____ the meeting.
- (iv) The phoenix rises _____ the ashes.
- (v) My mother flew _____ a rage.
- (vi) Harish was acquitted _____ the charge of murder.
- (vii) Prince Charles is the heir _____ the throne of England.
- (viii) When I explained my plan of action to him, he did not agree _____ me.

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

- (i) You must study hard. You will miss your grade.
- (ii) Roy is capable of running the organisation. I do not think so.
- (iii) I met Seema. I gave her a gift.
- (iv) He has not submitted his project file. I know the reason.

(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 sentence. [8]

- (i) If you give me your book, I will lend you my stamp collection.
(Begin: Unless...)
 - (ii) Both Ravi and John cannot sing.
(Begin: Neither...)
 - (iii) Shalini was knocked down by a speeding car.
(End with:...Shalini.)
 - (iv) Javed was unwell, but he sat for the examination.
(Begin: Although...)
 - (v) It was so hot that training could not be held.
(Begin: It was too....)
 - (vi) As soon as the clock struck, the baby woke up.
(Use: No sooner...)
 - (vii) Krishna was left a big fortune by his father.
(Begin: Krishna inherited...)
 - (viii) In spite of the heat, people walked miles to pay their respects to the holy man.
(Begin: Despite...)
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