

GREENLAWNS HIGH SCHOOL
TERMINAL EXAMINATION 2023-24

STD IX
SUBJECT: ENGLISH I

MARKS:80
TIME: 2 HOURS

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 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.

Question 1

(Do not spend more than 30 minutes on this question)

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

[25]

- a) Write a short story which illustrates the truth of the statement, 'Self help is the best help.'
- b) 'Science has made man's life quite comfortable'. Express your views either for or against this statement.
- c) A lion escapes from a zoo and is chased through the park and the road before it is recaptured in the school compound. Imagine that you were involved in recapturing the lion; and describe the part played by you in recapturing the animal.
- d) Narrate an account of robbery attempt in your neighbourhood and the varied reactions and responses to it.
- 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 suggestion from it, however there must be a clear connection between the picture and your composition.



Question 2

(Do not spend more than 20 minutes on this question)

Select one of the following:

[10]

- a) Your grandmother is celebrating her 90th birthday. Write a letter congratulating her, expressing gratitude, praise and admiration for the way she has lived her life.
- b) As Secretary of the Literary Society of your school, write a letter to a renowned author requesting him/her to preside over the 'Annual Poetry Recitation' competition giving some idea about the competition and participants.

Question 3

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

[25]

For some time Mother had greatly envied us our swimming, both in the daytime and at night, but as she pointed out when we suggested she join us, she was far too old for that sort of thing. Eventually, however, under constant pressure from us, Mother paid a visit into town and returned to the villa coyly bearing a mysterious parcel. Opening this she astonished us all by holding up an extraordinary shapeless garment of black cloth, covered from top to bottom with hundreds of frills and pleats and tucks.

'Well, what do you think of it?' Mother asked.

We stared at the odd garment and wondered what it was for.

'What is it?' asked Larry at length.

'It's a bathing-costume, of course,' said Mother. 'What on earth did you think it was?'

'It looks to me like a badly-skinned whale,' said Larry, peering at it closely.

You can't possibly wear that, Mother,' said Margo, horrified. 'It looks as though it was made in nineteen-twenty.'

'What are all those frills and things for?' asked Larry with interest.

'Decoration, of course,' said Mother indignantly.

'What a jolly idea! Don't forget to shake the fish out of them when you come out of the water.'

'Well, I like it, anyway,' Mother said firmly, wrapping the monstrosity up again, 'and I'm going to wear it.'

'You'll have to be careful you don't get waterlogged, with all that cloth around you,' said Leslie seriously.

'Mother, it's awful; you can't wear it,' said Margo. 'Why on earth didn't you get something more up to date?'

'When you get to my age, dear, you can't go around in a two-piece bathing suit... you don't have the figure for it.'

'I'd love to know what sort of figure that was designed for,' remarked Larry.

'You really are hopeless, Mother,' said Margo despairingly.

'But I like it... and I'm not asking you to wear it,' Mother pointed out angrily.

'That's right, you do what you want to do,' agreed Larry; 'don't be put off. It'll probably suit you very well if you can grow another three or four legs to go with it.'

Mother snorted indignantly and swept upstairs to try on her costume. Presently she called to us to come and see the effect, and we all trooped up to the bedroom. Roger the dog, was the first to enter, and on being greeted by this strange apparition clad in its voluminous black costume rippling with frills, he retreated hurriedly through the door, backwards, barking ferociously. It was some time before we could persuade him that it really was Mother, and even then he kept giving her vaguely uncertain looks from the corner of his eye. However, in spite of all opposition, Mother stuck to her tent-like bathing-suit, and in the end we gave up.

In order to celebrate her first entry into the sea we decided to have a moonlight picnic down at the bay, and sent an invitation to Theodore, who was the only stranger that Mother would tolerate on such a great occasion. The day for the great immersion arrived, food and wine were prepared, the boat was cleaned out and filled with cushions and everything was ready when Theodore turned up.

(i) For each word given below choose the correct meaning (as used in the passage) from the options provided:

[3]

1. astonished
a. surprised
b. unmoved
c. uninterested

2. ferociously
a. savagely
b. calmly
c. pleasantly

3. vaguely
a. exactly
b. uncertainly
c. definitely

(ii) Answer the following questions briefly in your own words.

1. What reasons did mother give for not joining swimming in the beginning? [1]
2. After constant pressure where did Mother go and what did she return with? [2]
3. Briefly describe her swimming costume. [3]
4. What was everyone's first reaction when mother asked them about what they thought about the costume? [2]
5. What did Larry think it was? [1]
6. Give two sentences that tell you that Margo thought it was old fashioned. [2]
7. What was Leslie's concern? [1]
8. Why did mother think it was suitable? [2]
9. What did Larry suggest just before mother went to change into the costume? [2]
10. Describe Roger's reaction on seeing mother in the new costume. [4]
11. How was mother's first entry into the sea celebrated? Who was invited on this occasion? [2]

Question 4

[20]

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

[4]

Example: (0) walked

A psychology professor0.... (walk) around on a stage with a glass of water in her hand and asked, 'How heavy is this glass of water that I am1.... (hold)?' Students2.... (shout) out answers3.... (range) from twenty-five grams to two hundred grams.

She replied, 'From my perspective, the absolute weight of this glass doesn't matter. It all 4... (depend) on how long I hold it. If I hold it for a minute or two, it's fairly light. If I hold it for an hour straight, its weight ...5... (may) make my arm ache a little. If I hold it for a day straight, my arm will become completely numb ...6... (force) me to drop the glass to the floor. In each case, the weight of the glass doesn't change, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it ...7...(feel) to me.' Our stresses and worries in life are like this glass of water. Think about them for a while and nothing ...8... (happen). But the longer you think the larger they become.

b) Fill in each blank with an appropriate word:

[4]

1. My brother has run _____ debt.
2. A miser does not want to part _____ his money.
3. He refrained _____ giving me advice.
4. This is the man you were talking _____.
5. The teacher complied _____ our request.
6. The police were called _____ to control the situation.
7. You can see _____ his clever plot.
8. The army will hunt _____ the militants.

c) Join the following sentences to make one complete sentence without using and, but or so. Choose the correct option.

[4]

1. Meeta is very clever. No problem is beyond her.
 - a. Meeta is very clever anyway no problem is beyond her.
 - b. Meeta is too clever, no problem is beyond her.
 - c. Meeta is very clever therefore no problem is beyond her.
 - d. Meeta is clever since no problem is beyond her.
2. I am extremely delighted. I heard you won a prize.
 - a. I am extremely delighted that you won a prize.
 - b. I am extremely delighted as I heard you won a prize.
 - c. I am extremely delighted you have won a prize.
 - d. I am extremely delighted as I heard that you have won a prize.
3. He ran away. He had seen the police coming.
 - a. No sooner had he seen the police coming than he ran away.
 - b. He ran away when he saw the police was coming.
 - c. By seeing the police coming, he ran away.
 - d. Seeing the police coming, he ran away.

4. We lost our ticket. We lost our luggage.
- a. We lost not only our ticket but also our luggage.
 - b. We lost both our ticket and our luggage.
 - c. We lost our ticket as well as our luggage.
 - d. We lost our ticket and we lost our luggage.

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 each sentence. Choose the correct options.
[8]

1. The Manager claimed that he had said nothing about the wages. (Begin: The Manager denied.....)
- a. The Manager denied saying anything about the wages.
 - b. The Manger denied having said anything about the wages.
 - c. The Manager denied he had said anything about the wages.
 - d. The Manger denied having saying anything about the wages.
2. A few members went along with the Secretary. (Use: accompanied)
- a. A few members accompanied with the Secretary.
 - b. A few members accompanied along with the Secretary.
 - c. A few members accompanied the Secretary.
 - d. A few members accompanied to the Secretary.
3. He had only just reached the station when there was a terrible explosion. (Begin: Hardly...)
- a. Hardly had he arrived at the station when there was a terrible explosion.
 - b. Hardly did he arrive at the station when there was a terrible explosion.
 - c. Hardly does he arrive at the station when there was a terrible explosion.
 - d. Hardly has he arrived at the station when there was a terrible explosion.
4. That is all I can tell you about him. (Begin: Beyond....)
- a. Beyond that I can't tell you anything about him.
 - b. Beyond this I can't tell you about him.
 - c. Beyond this I can't tell you anything about him.
 - d. Beyond all that I can't tell you anything about him.
5. Raju got asthma because he started smoking. (Begin: If...)
- a. If Raju had not started smoking he wouldn't get asthma.
 - b. If Raju had not started smoking, he would not have got asthma.
 - c. If Raju did not start smoking, he would not get asthma.
 - d. If Raju did not have started smoking, he would not have got asthma.
6. The new regulation made the employees happy. (End: employees.)
- a. The new regulation brought happiness to the employees.
 - b. The new regulation brings happiness to the employees.
 - c. The new regulations have brought happiness to the employees.
 - d. The new regulation will bring happiness to the employees.

7. None of us should tolerate intellectual dishonesty. (End: tolerated.)

- a. Intellectual dishonesty cannot be tolerated.
- b. Intellectual dishonesty will not be tolerated.
- c. Intellectual dishonesty would not be tolerated.
- d. Intellectual dishonesty should not be tolerated.

8. "What will be the outcome of such a disastrous plan?" Mr. Gupta asked himself. (Begin: Mr. Gupta wondered....)

- a. Mr. Gupta wondered what would be the outcome of such a disastrous plan.
- b. Mr. Gupta wonders what would be the outcome of such a disastrous plan.
- c. Mr. Gupta wonders what will be the outcome of such a disastrous plan.
- d. Mr. Gupta wondered what will be the outcome of such a disastrous plan.