

Greenlawn High School, Mumbai

Final Examination 2023

English Language

English Paper-1

14.2.2023

Class 9

Maximum Marks: 80

Time allowed: Two 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 the 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 in answering Question 1 and 20 minutes in answering Question 2.

Question 1:

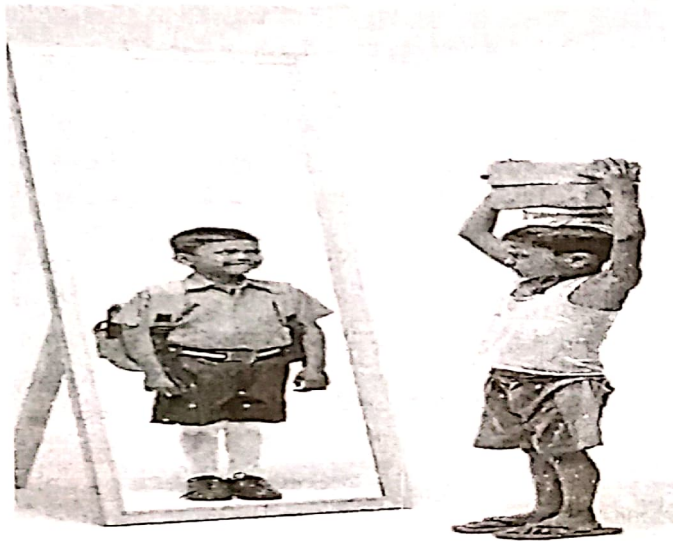
(Do not spend more than 30 minutes on this question.)

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

[20]

- (i) Write a short original story of your own beginning with the following line, "He has been fired for being honest. He did not know....."
- (ii) Write a short story in which an old lady, a bird and a map, play an important role.
- (iii) Express your views either for or against the statement, "Sports stars are paid too much money."
- (iv) Your school organised a cycling expedition in which you participated. Narrate your experience.

- (v) Study the picture given below. Write a story or a description or an account of what it 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 the composition.



Question 2:

[10]

(Do not spend more than 20 minutes on his question.)

Select *any one* of the following:

- (i) Write a letter to your friend regretfully refusing his offer to join him and some other friends on a trekking expedition giving reasons for the same.
- (ii) Write a letter to the Commissioner of Municipal Corporation, complaining about the street lights of your locality that do not function and have not been repaired for long. Mention the problems it has created and give a few solutions to solve this problem.

Question 3:

- (i) Your school is organising a 'Painting Competition' on Children's Day in the school premises. Write a notice to be displayed in the school, asking the students to take part in this competition. [5]
- (ii) Write an email to a renowned artist requesting him/ her to judge the painting competition to be held in your school. Mention other necessary details. [5]

Question 4:

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Dr. James entered the room, and bowed slightly to a young lady standing by the side of a bed. There lay a man as still as the dead. Dr. James examined him and turned to the lady with questioning eyes.

"I am Mrs. Chandler," she responded. "My husband was taken suddenly ill about ten minutes before you came. He has had attacks of heart trouble before-some of them were very bad." Saying this, the lady fell, white and *swooning*, into the arms of an old woman. She was carried to her room, and laid on the bed. She passed from the swoon, into a *profound* slumber.

The physician returned to the man on the bed; his eyes were open. His lips seemed to form words. Dr. James bent his head to listen. "The money! the money! the twenty thousand dollars." And the man closed his eyes again.

There arose in Dr. James's brain and heart the instincts of his other profession. He decided to learn the whereabouts of this money. Going to the door of the inner room, he softly called the old woman, gave her the prescription, and bade her take it to some drug store and fetch the medicine.

"Where-should the money be?" *mused* the physician, looking about the room. Suddenly, he perceived a small iron safe, half-concealed by the trailing end of a window curtain. He stepped there swiftly with his medicine case which actually contained an elegant set of the latest conceived tools used by an ingenious safe burglar. Underneath the tools was a mass of crumpled banknotes amounting to eight hundred and thirty dollars, a sum the physician had obtained after breaking an old-style safe a few hours ago.

Dr. James examined the safe. With his clamps he drew the knob, punched the tumblers and opened the door in two minutes. The interior of the safe was bare-not even a scrap of paper rested within the hollow iron cube.

Dr. James walked back to the bed. There was a mocking, grim smile on the lips of the dying man. He had been watching the physician at work. "Medicine and burglary wedded! I never saw it before," he said, painfully. Suddenly, a deep blush suffused the man's face- the respiration ceased, and, with scarcely a tremor, he expired. Close following upon his last breath came the old woman bringing the medicine. Dr. James told her of the end.

"Dear now! It's in the Lord's hands. The Madam paid out the last bit of money for this bottle of medicine, and it never came to any use."

"Do I understand," asked Dr. James, "that Mrs. Chandler has no money?"

"Money, sir? Why, the Madam had twenty thousand dollars. Mr. Chandler played it at the races and lost every cent of it. There's nothing to eat in this house but some crumbly crackers in three days."

Some ten minutes later, Mrs. Chandler entered. Dr. James pointed to the safe with its still wide-open door and spoke kindly and briefly, "Your husband, Mrs. Chandler, toward the end, felt that he could not live; and directed me to open that safe, giving me the number upon which the combination is set. In that safe he said he had placed a sum of money-not large. The money is there on the table-as he described it—eight hundred and thirty dollars."

- (i) For each word given below choose the correct meaning (as used in the passage) from the options provided: [3]

1. swooning (*line 6*)

- (a) falling
- (b) fainting
- (c) dropping
- (d) tumbling

2. profound (*line 7*)

- (a) deep
- (b) light
- (c) mild
- (d) slight

3. mused (*line 14*)

- (a) neglected
- (b) disregarded
- (c) pondered
- (d) thinking

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

(a) What made Mrs Chandler swoon? [2]

(b) What was Dr James' other profession? Give evidence to show how Dr James had come prepared for his other profession. [2]

(c) What precaution did James take to ensure that nobody saw what he was going to do? [1]

(d) Give the evidence to show that Dr James had done some of his other business recently. [2]

(e) What kindness did Dr James show to Mrs Chandler? What explanation did he give for his kindness? [2]

(iii) In not more than 50 words, show that Dr James was a medical doctor as well as a cautious burglar. [8]

Question 5

- (i) 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) spoke.

As she (0) (speak) I (1) (rise) and (2) (go) to the centre blackboard, I (3) (find) the chalk, (4) (write) in block letters the title of the book. Then I (5) (put) the chalk down and went to (6) (sit), beside her, to (7) (hold) her hand. The day had barely (8) (begin).

- (ii) Fill in the blanks with appropriate words: [4]

- (a) Please wash _____ the curry stain from your dress.
(b) She turned _____ the offer to work at the factory.
(c) The burglars broke _____ the house when the family was away.
(d) The opposition criticised the government _____ doing nothing.
(e) I can eat anything _____ fish.
(f) He is very ill but he will pull _____.
(g) Mrs. Kapoor was bent _____ attending the meeting.

- (iii) Join the following sentences to make one complete sentence without using and, but or so. Choose the correct options: [4]

1. You should read this poem. You should learn this poem.
(a) You should read this poem to learn this poem.
(b) You should not only read this poem but also learn it.
(c) You should read this poem for learning it.
(d) You should read this poem therefore learn it.
2. Nehru was a thinker. He was a statesman.
(a) Nehru was a thinker as well as a statesman.
(b) Nehru was not a thinker but a statesman.
(c) Nehru was thinker, therefore a statesman.
(d) Nehru was a thinker, but also a statesman.

3. Her only son has died. She is crying bitterly.
- (a) She is crying bitterly that her only son has died.
 - (b) She is crying bitterly for her only son has died.
 - (c) Her only son has died while she is crying bitterly.
 - (d) She is crying bitterly therefore her only son has died.
4. He is dishonest. People love him.
- (a) He is dishonest for people love him.
 - (b) He is dishonest yet people love him.
 - (c) He being dishonest yet people love him.
 - (d) People love him for him being dishonest.

(iv) Re-write 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. As soon as he finishes his work, he starts playing.
(Begin: Hardly.....)
- (a) Hardly his work is finished, he starts playing.
 - (b) Hardly he finishes his work and he starts playing.
 - (c) Hardly he has finished his work and he starts playing.
 - (d) Hardly had his work finished, when he started playing.
2. Unless the train arrives on time, we shall miss the concert.
(Begin: If.....)
- (a) If the train arrives on time, we shall miss the concert.
 - (b) If the train does not arrive on time, we shall miss the concert.
 - (c) If the train arrived on time, we shall miss the concert.
 - (d) If the train does not arrive on time, we shall not miss the concert.
3. Very few managers are as honest as James.
(End: managers)
- (a) James is more honest than other managers.
 - (b) James is more honest than most other managers.
 - (c) James is honest than many other managers.
 - (d) James is most honest among other managers.

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4. I am surprised by her behaviour.

(End Me)

- (a) Her behaviour surprises at me.
- (b) Her behaviour is surprised by me.
- (c) Her behaviour surprises me.
- (d) Her behaviour surprised me.

5. She said to him, "Do not forget me."

(Change to Indirect speech)

- (a) She request him to not forget her.
- (b) She requested him do not forget her.
- (c) She requested him not to forget her.
- (d) She requested him not to forget me.

6. The sun was too hot for us to sit outside.

(Rewrite using so.....)

- (a) The sun was so hot that we cannot sit outside.
- (b) The sun was so hot that we could not sit outside.
- (c) The sun was so hot for us that we cannot sit outside.
- (d) The sun was so hot for us that to sit outside.

7. Only the brave deserve the fair.

(Begin: None.....)

- (a) None deserve the fair.
- (b) None for the brave deserve the fair.
- (c) None but the brave deserve the fair.
- (d) None that the fair deserve the brave.

8. If the thief apologizes he will be pardoned.

(Use 'unless')

- (a) Unless the thief apologizes he will be pardoned.
- (b) The thief will not be pardoned unless he apologizes.
- (c) Unless the thief apologizes he is pardoned.
- (d) Unless apologizes the thief will be pardoned.

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