

GREENLAWNS SCHOOL, WORLI
TERMINAL EXAMINATION – 2024
ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Std: IX

Marks: 80

Date: 23/09/2024

Time: 2 hrs

Attempt all five questions in the same sequence as given in the question paper.

Do not spend more than 30 minutes in answering Q.I and 20 minutes in answering Q.II

Q I] Write a composition (350-400 words) on any ONE of the following topics: (20)

- (a) Write an original story related to the following statement: 'Good things come to those who wait'.
- (b) You received the opportunity to travel on an expedition to the Arctic Circle. Write a narrative essay, highlighting your experience of being in this winter wonderland.
- (c) 'Participation in interschool competitions must be made compulsory in all schools.' Express your views either FOR or AGAINST this statement.
- (d) You have decided to participate in a Science exhibition organised by your school. You have created a working model for the exhibition. Write an essay, describing how this working model will bring about changes in your surroundings.
- (e) Study the picture given below. Write a story or description or an account of what the picture suggests to you. Your composition may be directly about the subject of the picture or may take suggestions from it, however, there must be some clear connection between the picture and the composition.



Q II] Select any ONE of the following: (10)

- (a) Your cousin, who is studying in class seven, has been hesitant about a career choice he/she should follow after taking the board examination. Write a letter to your cousin, providing guidance about an appropriate career that he/she could follow. Your letter must also mention the ways in which your cousin can prepare himself/herself for the career he/she may choose.

OR

- (b) One of the buildings in your society has been under renovation for a few weeks. The renovation work has prevented you from studying and affected your health. Write a letter to the Secretary of your housing society, complaining about your situation. Your letter must also mention the difficulties you are facing and the a few solutions that the society can undertake during the renovation

Q III] Notice and Email:

- (a) Your class is organising a 'Rangoli Competition for the pupils of classes V-VII. Write a notice, requesting pupils to submit their entries for the competition. (5)
- (b) Write an email to the Principal of an ICSE school near you, requesting him/her to send a team of three participants from classes V-VII for the competition. (5)

Q IV] Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (20)

It was midday, the sun blazed overhead and we had been walking for hours. I wanted to believe that the wisp of blue in the distance was the River Padma – our destination. However, I was worried that it may be an illusion. The river is the official boundary between India and Bangladesh and has changed its course so many times I feared it might have vanished altogether.

Finally, a ribbon of cobalt blue swam into view. We reached the high bank, when in the water below us, we saw a crocodile with a long snout. The reptile's body glistened in the sun. She seemed unafraid of us and we guessed she was guarding eggs buried in the sandbank. We dug energetically until we found the nest while being watched carefully by its owner. We were hoping to rear her young safely in captivity and then release them, but she did not know that.

That was in the mid-1980s. We did not know it then, but this may have been the last time gharials nested in Bangladesh. The problem was that no one knew enough about this unusual crocodile to be able to help it. This is what made me work as much as I could in India, Bangladesh and Nepal so that I could save the gharial. What sets the gharial apart from all other crocodiles is its unusually long snout. The slim jaws, lined with sharp teeth, are ideal for catching fish.

We saw a big, male gharial and heard his underwater territorial jaw-clap. The gharial is the only crocodile to advertise its presence in this way under water. Though it was winter – a time when crocodiles bask on the sandbanks to warm up – this male spent most of his time in the water, alert to any male who might try to take his position.

The beautiful Satkosia Gorge in Orissa appears to have everything a gharial could want – fish, sandbanks and protection. Threats such as bamboo-rafting and net-fishing have been eliminated. When I visited the gorge during the monsoon in mid-July, I saw how small streams had become torrents. The river had eroded the banks and uprooted trees.

Fishing is a massive issue. In supposedly protected areas, we saw several gharials whose snouts had got tangled in nylon fishing nets. It was clear that, despite the rules, nets were being set at night, entangling gharials that tried to swim through them or attempted to eat the netted fish. The crocodiles did not drown, but they were left unable to open their jaws. Thus, they were in danger of starving to death.

Though the gharial is not in as much danger as before, our strategy of captive-breeding has not been enough. The species faces an uncertain future and its survival is closely linked with the needs of the humans dependent on the rivers. Our campaign is a part of a much larger effort to ensure the survival of these rivers. The threats – from development, pollution and climate change – increase day by day, but we are hopeful that people are at last ready to do what it takes to save the gharial, the finest example of a healthy river.

(i) For each word given below, choose the correct meaning (as used in the passage) from the options provided: (2)

- 1) illusion (line 4) –
a) speech
b) understanding
c) thought
d) misconception

- 2) protection (line 26) –
a) dangerous
b) safety
c) behaviour
d) reality

(ii) Which word in the passage means the opposite of the word 'inferior'. (1)

- a) finest
b) glistened
c) unusual
d) cobalt

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

- a) Comment on the strange activity of the male gharial as seen by the narrator in winter. (3)
b) What is unique about River Padma? (2)
c) Highlight the efforts made by the narrator to save the gharial. (2)
d) How is the gharial different from the other species of crocodiles? In what way is this reptile equipped to catch its prey? (2)

(iv) In not more than 50 words highlight the conditions that put the gharial at risk of being endangered. (8)

Q. V]

- (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) Social skills _____ (be) crucial in every aspect of life.

Answer: are

They _____ (1) (been) important, but in today's interconnected world, they _____ (2) (become) essential. When a person _____ (3) (master) these skills, they find it easier to _____ (4) (build) meaningful relationships with their family and peers. While academic knowledge _____ (5) (remain) important, the ability to communicate and understand others sets individuals apart. People who develop strong social skills _____ (6) (find) themselves better _____ (7) (equip) to work in teams, resolve issues and lead others. As society has evolved, the demands placed on individuals have increased, _____ (8) (make) social skills not just an asset, but a necessity.

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

- 1) The Phoenix is a legendary bird that rises _____ its ashes.
- 2) Sujata stood _____ her father and watched the ship sail out of the harbour.
- 3) Alex persists _____ teasing his friends when they make mistakes.
- 4) My brother often makes _____ stories to escape from doing chores.
- 5) Coach Henderson called _____ football practice due to the heavy rain.
- 6) Clare looked _____ her siblings while her parents were at work.
- 7) The party organizers took _____ the decoration once the party was over.
- 8) Neha poured the glitter _____ the paper while doing the Craft assignment.

(iii) Join the following sentences to make one complete sentence **without using and, but or so**. Choose the correct option. (4)

- 1) The forest fire broke out. The animals were forced to leave their habitat.
- a) When the forest fire broke out, the animals were forced to leave their habitat.
 - b) The animals were forced to leave their habitat
 - c) The forest fire broke out, so the animals were forced to leave their habitat.
 - d) The animals, injured in the forest fire, were forced to leave their habitat.

- 2) The actress accepted the award. She gave a moving speech.
- a) The actress accepted the award and gave a moving speech.
 - b) The actress accepted the award, for giving a moving speech.
 - c) After giving a moving speech, the actress accepted the award.
 - d) On accepting the award, the actress gave a moving speech.

- 3) The squirrels heard the children. They scampered away.
- a) If the squirrels heard the children, they scampered away.
 - b) When the squirrels heard the children, they scampered away.
 - c) The squirrels heard the children, so they scampered away.
 - d) The children scampered away on hearing the squirrels.

- 4) My father purchased a new mirror. He replaced the shattered one.
- a) My father purchased a new mirror to replace the shattered one.
 - b) To purchase a new mirror, my father replaced the shattered one.
 - c) My father purchased a new mirror, for replacing the shattered one.
 - d) My father purchased a new mirror and replaced the shattered one.

(iv) 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 option. (8)

- 1) Javed said to Arun, "Where has your brother been working for the past two years?" (Begin: Javed asked...)
- a) Javed asked Arun where his brother had been working for the past two years.
 - b) Javed asked Arun where his brother has been working for the past two years.
 - c) Javed asked Arun whether his brother worked for the past two years.
 - d) Javed asked me where his brother works for two years.
- 2) The best way to keep yourself safe is to avoid crowded places. (End: ...yourself safe.)
- a) Avoiding crowded places is not the best way to keep yourself safe.
 - b) Avoiding crowded places must be avoided to keep yourself safe.
 - c) Avoiding crowded places is the best way to keep yourself safe.
 - d) I must avoid crowded places as the best way to keep yourself safe.

- 3) Anita will not accompany us on the school trip if she does not recover from her illness. (Rewrite using 'unless')
- a) Anita will not accompany us on the school trip unless she recovers from her illness.
 - b) Unless Anita recovers from her illness, she will not accompany us on the school trip.
 - c) Anita will not accompany us on the school trip unless she does not recover from her illness.
 - d) Anita will accompany us on the school trip unless she does not recover from her illness.
- 4) As soon as the quiz master asked the question, the teams hit their buzzers. (Begin: No sooner...)
- a) No sooner the quiz master ask the question than the teams hit their buzzers.
 - b) No sooner did the quiz master asked the question then the teams hit their buzzers.
 - c) No sooner had the quiz master ask the question when the teams hit their buzzers.
 - d) No sooner did the quiz master ask the question than the teams hit their buzzers.
- 5) As a child, I was taught how to play chess by my grandfather. (End:...as a child.)
- a) My grandfather had taught me how to play chess as a child.
 - b) My grandfather taught me how to play chess as a child.
 - c) My grandfather will teach me how to play chess as a child.
 - d) My grandfather has been teaching me chess as a child.
- 6) Book your tickets tonight or they will become more expensive over the weekend. (Rewrite using 'lest')
- a) Book your tickets tonight lest they become cheaper over the weekend.
 - b) Book your tickets tonight lest you forget over the weekend.
 - c) Book your tickets lest tonight they will get sold out over the weekend.
 - d) Book your tickets tonight lest they should become more expensive over the weekend.
- 7) Everyone in the auditorium cheered for the actors in the play. (Begin: There...)
- a) There was no one in the auditorium who cheered for the actors in the play.
 - b) There was no one in the auditorium who did not cheer for the actors in the play.
 - c) There were people in the auditorium who did not cheer for the actors in the play.
 - d) There was one in the auditorium who did not cheer for the actors in the play.
- 8) As soon as Ryan entered the library, he closed his eyes and took a deep breath. (Begin: Hardly...)
- a) Hardly did Ryan entered the library when he closed his eyes and took a deep breath.
 - b) Hardly did Ryan enter the library then he closed his eyes and took a deep breath.
 - c) Hardly had Ryan entered the library when he closed his eyes and took a deep breath.
 - d) Hardly had Ryan entered the library than he closed his eyes and took a deep breath.

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