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GREENLAWNS HIGH SCHOOL
FINAL EXAMINATION 2023-24
ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Class IX

*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 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 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: **[20]**

- i) Write a short story based on the statement “Difficult roads often lead to beautiful destinations.”
- ii) Express your views either for or against this statement. “War should be avoided at all costs.”
- iii) You went for a famous musical. Write a description of your experience of watching a live show. What were your feelings once you came out of the venue?
- iv) It is said that childhood is the best period of one’s life. Narrate an incident from your childhood days to justify this statement.

v) 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) Recently you had gone with your school on a trip to a National Park in Maharashtra. Write a letter to your cousin describing your experience of seeing the wildlife from such close quarters.

b) You went to an ATM machine to withdraw some money but the machine did not dispense cash. However, the amount got debited from your account. Write a letter to the Manager of your bank, complaining about the deduction of money and requesting him to credit the amount to your account.

Question 3

a) Your school is organizing an inter house cricket tournament. Write a notice to be put up in your school, informing students about the tournament. [5]

b) Write an email to a famous cricketer; requesting him to be the chief guest at the inauguration of the inter house cricket tournament. [5]

Question 4

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: [20]

"I want to marry your daughter," said Mark with faltering eagerness. "I am only an artist with an income of two-hundred-a-year, and she is the daughter of an enormously wealthy man, so I suppose you will think my offer a piece of presumption." Duncan Dullamy, the great company director, showed no outward sign of displeasure. As a matter of fact, he was secretly relieved at the prospect of finding even a two-hundred-a-year husband for his daughter, Leonore. A crisis was rapidly rushing upon him, from which he knew he would emerge with neither money nor credit; all his recent ventures had fallen flat, and flattest of all had gone the wonderful new breakfast food, Pipenta, on the advertisement of which he had sunk such huge sums.

"Would you marry Leonore if she were a poor man's daughter?" asked the man of 10 phantom wealth.

"Yes," said Mark. To his astonishment Leonore's father not only gave his consent, but suggested a fairly early date for the wedding.

"I wish I could show my gratitude in some way," said Mark with genuine emotion.

"Get people to buy that beastly muck," said Dullamy, nodding savagely at a poster of the despised Pipenta."

"It wants a better name," said Mark reflectively, "and something distinctive in the poster line. Anyway, I'll have a shot at it."

Three weeks later the world was advised of the coming of a new breakfast food, under the resounding name of "Filboid Studge." One huge sombre poster depicted the Damned in Hell suffering a new torment from their inability to get at the Filboid Studge which elegant young fiends held in transparent bowls just beyond their reach. The poster had a single grim statement which ran in bold letters along its base: "They cannot buy it now."

And so Filboid Studge became the new breakfast food. No one would have eaten it as a pleasure food, but the grim austerity of its advertisement drove housewives in shoals to the grocers' shops to clamour for an immediate supply. In small kitchens modern daughters helped depressed mothers to perform the primitive ritual of its preparation. On the breakfast-tables of cheerless parlours it was partaken of in silence. Once the womenfolk discovered that it was thoroughly unpalatable, their zeal in forcing it on their households knew no bounds.

Filboid Studge had become a household word, but Dullamy wisely realised that it was not necessarily the last word in breakfast dietary; its supremacy would be challenged as soon as some yet more unpalatable food should be put on the market. At an opportune moment, therefore, he sold out his invention which had brought him colossal wealth at a critical juncture. As for Leonore, who was now an heiress on a far greater scale than ever before, he naturally found her something a vast deal higher in the husband market than a two-hundred-a-year poster designer. Mark was left to curse the day he produced the wonder-working poster.

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

(i) displeasure (line 5)

- a. relaxation
- b. annoyance
- c. satisfaction

(ii) savagely (line 15)

- a. graciously
- b. viciously
- c. cordially

(iii) despised (line 16)

- a. hated
- b. respected
- c. liked

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

(i) Why did Mark think that his marriage proposal might not come through? [2]

(ii) Why was Duncan Dullamy willing to give his daughter in marriage to Mark? [2]

(iii) How did Mark show that he was grateful to Dullamy? [2]

(iv) State what the poster for Filboid Studge showed. [1]

(v) Why did Dullamy sell out his business in Filboid Studge? [2]

(vi) In not more than 50 words, state in what way Mark helped Dullamy promote his business? How was Mark a loser at the end? [8]

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)

By the time she was three, Matilda had (0) _____ (teach) herself to read by (1) _____ (study) newspapers and magazines that (2) _____ (lie) around the house. At the age of four, she could (3) _____ (read) fast and well and she naturally began (4) _____ (hanker) after books. The only book in the whole of this enlightened household was something called Easy Cooking (5) _____ (belong) to her mother, and when she had read this from cover to cover and had (6) _____ (learn) all the recipes by heart, she (7) _____ (decide) she (8) _____ (want) something more interesting.

b) Fill in each blank with an appropriate word: [4]

1. The High Court set _____ the decree of the Lower Court.
2. He broke _____ in the middle of his speech.
3. She did not comply _____ the wishes of her mother.
4. We shall look _____ your problem next week.
5. The question came _____ during the last session of the Parliament.
6. He promised to come but he never turned _____.
7. We were amazed _____ what the police said.
8. The man has not changed much _____ the years.

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

1. The music stopped. The audience left the auditorium.
(a) Hardly had the music stopped then the audience left the auditorium.
(b) Hardly had the music stopped since the audience left the auditorium.
(c) Hardly had the music stopped when the audience left the auditorium.
(d) Hardly had the music stopped so the audience left the auditorium.

2. We placed our order late. We received the food on time.
(a) Despite placed our order late, the food was received on time.
(b) Despite placing our order late, we received the food on time.
(c) Despite we placed our order late, the food was received on time.
(d) Despite of us placing our order late, we receiving the food on time.

3. You cannot enter the club. You do not have a membership.
(a) You cannot enter the club unless you have a membership.
(b) You cannot enter the club whereas you have a membership.
(c) You cannot enter the club since you have a membership.
(d) You cannot enter the club if you have a membership.

4. She was very late. She could not catch the train.
(a) She was as late so as to catch the train
(b) She was so late to catch the train.
(c) She was too late to catch the train.
(d) She was to late to catch the train.

(iv) Choose the correct option to rewrite the following according to the instructions given after each sentence. [8]

1. The parents have trained their children well.
(Begin with: The children ...)
(a) The children were trained well by their parents.
(b) The children is being trained well by their parents.

- (c) The children had been trained well by their parents.
- (d) The children have been trained well by their parents.

2. Nithin is more talented than most of the professional musicians I know.

(Use: few)

- (a) Professional musicians I know have few talents as Nithin.
- (b) Few professional musicians I know are as talented as Nithin.
- (c) Few professional musicians I know are not as talented as Nithin.
- (d) Professional musicians I know do not have as few talents as Nithin.

3. The house needs a thorough cleaning again.

(Use: thoroughly)

- (a) The house needs a thoroughly cleaning again.
- (b) The house needed a cleaning thoroughly again.
- (c) The house needs to be cleaned thoroughly again.
- (d) The house needed to be thoroughly clean yet again.

4. My cousins returned home one month ago.

(Begin with: 'It has'...)

- (a) It has been one month for my cousins' return home.
- (b) It has been one month since my cousins returned home.
- (c) It has been one month when my cousins returned home.
- (d) It has been one month ago that my cousins returned home.

5. The burglar ran away the moment he saw the guard.

(Begin with: No sooner...)

- (a) No sooner has the burglar seen the guard, he ran away.
- (b) No sooner than the burglar saw the guard, he ran away.
- (c) No sooner did the burglar see the guard when he ran away.
- (d) No sooner had the burglar seen the guard than he ran away.

6. He has applied many times. He has never been selected.

(Begin with: In spite...)

- (a) In spite of applying many times, he has never been selected.
- (b) In spite of applying many times, he had never been selected.
- (c) In spite of never being selected, he has applied many times.
- (d) In spite applying many times, he has never been selected.

7. I have never seen Mr. Joe lose his temper.

(Begin: Never...)

- (a) Never ever did I see Mr. Joe lose his temper.
- (b) Never did I see Mr. Joe lose his temper.

- (c) Never have I seen Mr. Joe lose his temper.
- (d) Never I have seen Mr. Joe lose his temper.

8. Your form will be accepted if it is submitted on time.

(Use: 'unless')

- (a) Your form will be accepted unless it is submitted on time.
- (b) Unless your form is submitted on time, it will not be accepted.
- (c) Unless the form is accepted, it should be submitted on time.
- (d) Your form will be accepted unless it is not submitted on time.