

GREENLAWNS HIGH SCHOOL
TERMINAL EXAMINATION 2024-25

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.

Write a composition (300 - 350 words) on **any one** of the following. [25]

- a) Write an original short story entitled 'Man is often ruined by his pride.'
- b) 'Children should take care of their ageing parents'. Express your views either for or against this statement.
- c) Narrate an incident from your own experience when you visited an orphanage. Explain what you did and what you learned from that experience.
- d) Summers are becoming hotter with each passing year. Write a description of one such very hot day. What did you see and hear as you walked outside? How were birds and animals affected?
- 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

[10]

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

Select **any one** of the following-

Your best friend who has recently moved to Japan, sent you photos about the Japanese culture and people. Write a letter asking him/her if schools and education in Japan are different from the schools and education in India.

Your school is having Annual Prize Distribution. Write a letter to invite a famous author as a chief guest to give away prizes to the students. Give a brief account of the events held on that day.

Question 3

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

[25]

Ashamanja Babu lived in a small flat in Bhowanipore. A clerk in the registry department of Lajpat Rai Post Office, Ashamanja Babu was fortunate as he could walk to his office in seven minutes flat without having to fight his way into the buses and trains of Calcutta. He lived a rather carefree life as he was not the kind of person to sit and brood about what might have been had fate been kinder to him. On the whole, he was quite content with his lot. Two Hindi films and fish twice a week-these were enough to keep him happy. The only thing that perturbed him at times was his lack of companionship. A bachelor with few friends and relatives, he often wished he had a dog to keep him company. It need not be a huge Alsatian like the one owned by the Talukdars, who lived two houses down the lane; it could be any ordinary little dog

which would follow him around morning and evening, wag its tail when he came home from work and obey his orders faithfully. Ashamanja Babu's secret desires were that he would speak to his dog in English.

'Stand up', 'Sit down', 'Shake hands' - how nice it would be if his dog obeyed such commands! That would make him really happy.

On a cloudy day marked by a steady drizzle, Ashamanja Babu went to the market in Hashimara to buy some oranges. At one end of the market, beside a stunted kul tree, sat a man. As their eyes met, the man smiled. Was he a beggar? His clothes made him look like one. Ashamanja Babu noticed at least five sewn-on patches on his trousers and jacket. But the man didn't have a begging bowl.

Instead, by his side was a shoe-box with a little pup sticking its head out of it.

'Good morning!' said the man in English. Ashamanja Babu was obliged to return the greeting

'Buy dog? Dog buy? Very good dog. The man had taken the pup out of the box and had put it down on the ground. Very cheap.

Very good. Happy dog.'

The pup shook the raindrops off its coat, looked at Ashamanja Babu and wagged its minuscule two-inch tail. Ashamanja Babu moved closer to the pup, crouched ' on the ground and stretched out his hand. The pup gave his ring finger a lick with its pink tongue. Nice, friendly dog.

'How much? What price?'

Ten rupees.'

A little haggling and the price came down to seven rupees. Ashamanja Babu paid the money, put the pup back in the shoe-box, closed the lid to save it from the drizzle, and turned homewards, forgetting all about the oranges.

For each word given below choose the correct meaning (as used as in the passage) from the options provided. (5)

1. perturbed

a. frightened

b. unsettled

c. mocked

d. confused

2. companionship

a. fellowship

b. seclusion

c. alienation

d. separation

- 3. steady
- a. irregular
- b. constant
- c. loose
- d. sporadic

- 4. miniscule
- a. gigantic
- b. fragile
- c. tiny
- d. delicate

- 5. haggling
- a. agreeing
- b. requesting
- c. arguing
- d. bargaining

II.

- 1. Find the word in the passage which means the opposite of the words 'unsatisfied'?(1)
 - a. ordinary
 - b. steady
 - c. fortune
 - d. content
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- 2. Find the word in the passage which means the opposite of the word 'defy'? (1)
 - a. lack
 - b. enough
 - c. obliged
 - d. obey
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- 3. Find the word in the passage which means the opposite of the word 'expensive'? (1)
 - a. carefree
 - b. cheap
 - c. haggling
 - d. ordinary

iii. Answer the following questions briefly in your own words:

1. Why was Ashamanja Babu fortune? (2)
2. a. What was enough to keep Ashamanja Babu happy? (2)
b. What does this tell you about him? (2)
3. What is that one thing he needed to complete his happiness? (2)
4. a. What kind of a dog did Ashamanja Babu want to have? (3)
b. What was his secret desire? (1)
5. Why did Ashamanja Babu think the man was a beggar? (2)
6. Why did Ashamanja Babu forget about his oranges? (2)
7. Would you want a dog as a companion in your house? If yes, Why? (1)

Question 4

[20]

(i) 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:

Suraj (0) _____ (look) out of the door.

Answer: looked.

He (1) _____ (catch) sight of the board (2) _____ (bear) the station's name. He was so (3) _____ (astonish) that he almost (4) _____ (fall) out of the compartment. He was back in his home town! After (5) _____ (travel) for forty or fifty kilometers, here he (6) _____ (is) home again. He (7) _____ (can) not understand it. He (8) _____ (climb) out of the compartment slowly.

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

- (a) Bobby waited in front _____ the school.
- (b) The children were told to return home _____ it became dark.
- (c) He wore an old muffler wrapped _____ his neck.
- (d) We saw the bird fly high _____ the tower and disappear.
- (e) He cannot part _____ his pen.
- (f) The thief ran _____ the staircase and out into the yard.
- (g) Mr. Roy jumped into his car and drove _____ as fast as he could.
- (h) Please do not get carried _____ by these rumours.

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

Choose the correct option.

(4)

1. The teacher arrived. The class started.
- (a) The class started with the teacher's arrival.
 - (b) As soon as the teacher arrived the class started.
 - (c) When the teacher arrives the class started.
 - (d) The teacher having arrived the class started.

2. Stop talking. Leave the classroom.

- (a) Stop talking or leave the classroom.
- (b) Leave the classroom to stop talking.
- (c) Stop talking to leave the classroom.
- (d) If you don't want to stop talking you can leave the classroom.

3. He was found in possession of the stolen goods. He was punished.

- (a) He was punished for keeping the stolen goods.
- (b) He was punished as he kept the stolen goods in his possession.
- (c) He was punished because the stolen goods were found in his possession.
- (d) He was punished for having the stolen goods.

4. The drive was so tedious. I fell asleep on the backseat.

- (a) I fell asleep on the backseat, the drive was too tedious.
- (b) I fell asleep on the backseat when the drive became so tedious.
- (c) The drive being tedious I slept on the backseat.
- (d) The drive has been quite tedious for I fell asleep on the backseat.

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 options. (8)

1. "I saw a panther this morning", he said modestly. (Rewrite using Indirect speech,)

- (a) He said modestly that he had seen a panther that morning.
- (b) He said modestly that he saw a panther this morning.
- (c) He said that he has seen a panther this morning.
- (d) He said that he has seen a panther that morning.

2. If Anu practises, she will win the competition. (Begin: Unless...)

- (a) Unless Anu practises for the competition she will win it.
- (b) Unless Anu wins the competition she has to practise.
- (c) Unless Anu practises, she will not win the competition.
- (d) Unless Anu practises, she will win the competition.

- (20)
3. Karan is the fastest runner in our school. (Begin: No other...)
- (a) No other runner in our school is fastest as Karan.
 - (b) No other runner can run as fast as Karan in our school.
 - (c) No other runner in our school is as fast as Karan.
 - (d) No other runner in our school is faster to Karan.
4. Anil was too embarrassed to speak clearly. (Begin: Anil was so...)
- (a) Anil was so embarrassed to speak clearly.
 - (b) Anil was so embarrassed for him to speak clearly.
 - (c) Anil was so embarrassed with himself to speak clearly.
 - (d) Anil was so embarrassed that he could not speak clearly.
5. It rained so heavily that they could not go for the picnic. (Rewrite: Using 'too...to')
- (a) It rained too heavily for them to go for the picnic.
 - (b) It rained too badly to go for their picnic.
 - (c) Too much heavy rain stopped the picnic.
 - (d) It was raining too heavily so that they were not going for the picnic.
6. Susan hid her grandmother's spectacles. (Begin: Her grandmother's...)
- (a) Her grandmother's spectacles hid by Susan.
 - (b) Her grandmother's spectacles were hidden by Susan.
 - (c) Her grandmother's spectacles got hid by Susan.
 - (d) Her grandmother's spectacles was hidden by Susan.
7. Ranji prefers reading a book to watching a movie. (Begin: Ranji would rather...)
- (a) Ranji would rather read a book than watch a movie.
 - (b) Ranji would rather prefer to read a book to watch a movie.
 - (c) Ranji would rather not read to a book but watch a movie.
 - (d) Ranji would rather read a book than watching a movie.
8. Aarti does not study enough, but she still stands first. (Begin: Despite...)
- (a) Despite studying enough, Aarti did not stand first.
 - (b) Despite studying much, Aarti stood first.
 - (c) Despite not studying enough, Aarti stood first.
 - (d) Despite not being able to study, Aarti stood first.