

Greenlawn High School, Mumbai

Final Examination 2025

Time: 2 hours

English Language

Marks: 80

Std. IX A / B / C

English Paper 1

10-02-2025

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 to spend not more than 30 minutes in answering Question 1 and 20 minutes in answering Question 2.

Question 1:

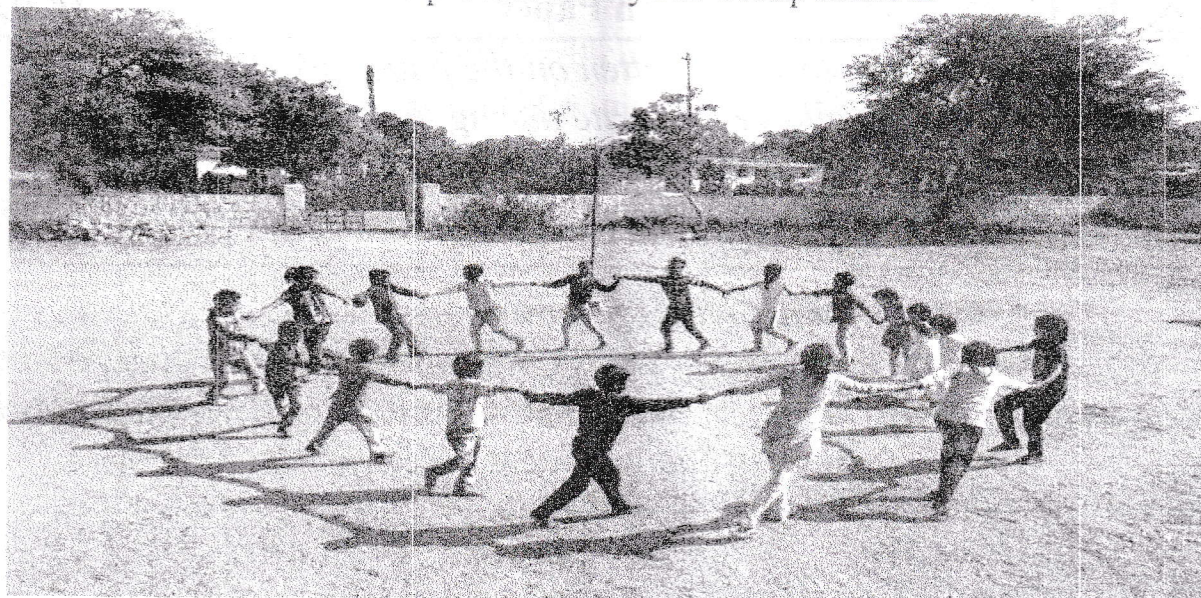
[20]

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

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

- i. "Don't grumble. Make the best use of things you have." Narrate an incident based on this statement.
- ii. Write an original short story beginning with, "It was a cold dark night in November....."
- iii. Traffic jams are a common sight now. You also must have experienced it. Describe the scene, your experience, reaction of people and the constable on duty.
- iv. Write an original short story to illustrate the truth of this statement, 'Optimism is the key to success.'

- 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 your composition.



Question 2:

[10]

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

Select any one of the following:

- i. Write a letter to your cousin, who is disappointed at not being able to make it to the final round of the dance competition on television. What advice and encouragement would you like to give your cousin?
- ii. Write a letter of invitation to a famous alumni of your school asking him/her to be the Chief Guest for Allure 10. Mention other relevant details.

Question 3:

[10]

(a) Your school is organising a Quiz Competition on 'The Festivals of India'. Write a notice for your school informing the students and inviting them to participate in the event. (5)

(b) Write an email to the Head of the English Department of your school requesting him/ her to be the Quiz Master at the 'Quiz Competition' on the Festivals of India to be organised by your school. (5)

Question 4:

[20]

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

The advocate Skvortsoff looked at the *ragged* beggar, who had been singing in a Russian choir and was sent away for drunkenness. He would starve to death or die of cold for lack of a lodging.

'Will you come and chop wood for me?' said the advocate.

'Yes Sir, I will'

Skvortsoff hastened along, and called his cook out of the kitchen, 'Here, Olga,' he said, 'take this gentleman into the wood-shed and let him chop wood.'

It was obvious from his gait that the beggar had not consented to go and chop wood because he was hungry and wanted work, but simply from pride and shame. It was obvious, too, that his strength had been undermined by wine and that he was unhealthy and did not feel the slightest inclination for toil.

He sat on a log and became lost in thought. The woman flung down an axe at his feet, spat angrily and began to scold him. The beggar *irresolutely* pulled a billet of wood to him, set it up between his feet, and tapped it feebly with the axe. The billet wavered and fell down. The beggar again pulled it to him, blew on his freezing hands and tapped it with his axe cautiously, as if afraid of hitting his overshoe or of cutting off his toes. The stick^{of} wood again fell to the ground.

By then Skvortsoff's anger had vanished and he began to feel a little ashamed of himself for having set a spoiled, drunken, sick man to work at menial labour in the cold.

Skvortsoff met the man after a week and said, "I see you are sober and have no objection to work. What is your name?"

"Lushkoff."

"Well, Lushkoff, I can now offer you some other, cleaner employment. Take this letter to a friend of mine tomorrow and you will be given some copying to do. Work hard, don't drink, and remember what I have said to you. Goodbye!"

Two years went by. Then one evening, as Skvortsoff was standing at the ticket window of a theatre paying for his seat, he noticed Lushkoff booking a seat in the gallery.

"How are you. Lushkoff? What are you doing?"

"All right. I am a notary now and get thirty-five roubles a month,"

"When I used to come to your house to chop wood, Olga used to begin: 'Oh, you miserable creature! There's nothing for you but ruin.' And then she would sit down and look into my face and weep. I can't tell you how much misery she suffered. But the chief thing was - she used to chop the wood for me. Do you know, sir, that I did not chop one single stick of wood for you? She did it all. Why this saved me, why I changed, why I stopped drinking at the sight of her I cannot explain, and due to her noble deeds a change took place in my heart. It is time to go now, there goes the bell."

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

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1. ragged (line 1).

a. shabby b. neat c. clean d. decked

2. irresolutely (line 13)

a. certainly b. decisively c. doubtfully d. determinedly

ii) Which word in the passage means the opposite of the word, weakened? [1]

a. undermined b. drunken c. unhealthy d. spoiled

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

i. How did the habit of drinking harm the beggar? [2]

ii. According to the advocate, what seemed obvious about Lushkoff? [2]

iii. Why did the advocate feel ashamed of giving the beggar the task of chopping wood? [2]

iv. How did the advocate help Lushkoff to get a better employment? What was the impact of the employment on Lushkoff's career? [2]

v. What advice did the advocate give Lushkoff? [1]

c) In not more than 50 words, state how Olga transformed the life of Lushkoff.

[8]

Question 5:

[20]

- 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) visited

People ...0... (visit) a wise man ...1... (complain) about the same problems over and again. One day, he2... (decide) to tell them a joke and they all ...3... (roar) with4... (laugh). After a few minutes, he ...5... (tell) them the same joke and only a few of them ...6...(smile). Then he told the same joke for the third time, but no one ...7... (laugh) or smiled anymore. The wise man smiled and said, "You cannot laugh at the same joke over and over. So why are you always ...8... (cry) about the same problem?"

Fill in the blanks with appropriate words:

[4]

- a. The old man is blind an eye..
- b. This road has been widened.....four feet.
- c. The judge acquitted him..... murder.
- d. Mother prohibited me going out.
- e. Rohan should abstain spreading rumours.
- f. They took revenge him.
- g. The country mourns..... its dead.
- h. Nobody is exemptpaying his/her taxes.

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

1. My brother alighted from the train. He fell over a bag on the platform.
 - (a) As my brother was alighting from the train, he fell over a bag on the platform.
 - (b) When my brother alighted from the train he fell down on the platform.
 - (c) When my brother fell over a bag on the platform he alighted from the train.
 - (d) As my brother fell over a bag he alighted on the platform from the train.
2. This is Vikas. We stayed in Vikas's house for our holiday.
 - (a) This is Vikas where we stayed for our holiday.
 - (b) This is Vikas in whose house we stayed for our holiday.
 - (c) This is the house where we stayed with Vikas.
 - (d) This is Vikas house for we stayed on our holiday.
3. You can borrow the money. You can pay it back.
 - (a) You can borrow the money, if you can pay it back.
 - (b) Unless you can borrow the money to pay it back
 - (c) Unless you will pay you can borrow the money.
 - (d) The money you can borrow if you can pay it back.
4. She was very late. She could not catch the train.
 - (a) She was to late 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 as late so as to catch the train.

iii. **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. We placed our order late. We received the food on time.

(Begin: Despite...)

- (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.

2. The music stopped. The audience left the auditorium.

(Begin: Hardly....)

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

3. 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.

5. 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.

6. I will come as soon as I can," mother assured me.
(Begin with: Mother assured me..)
- (a) Mother assured that she will come as soon as she can.
 - (b) Mother assured me that she will come as soon as she could.
 - (c) Mother assured me that she would come as soon as she can.
 - (d) Mother assured me that she would come as soon as she could.
7. I can rely on Ashish. (Begin with: Ashish...)
- (a) Ashish can be relied on by me.
 - (b) Ashish can be relied at by me.
 - (c) Ashish can be relied in by me.
 - (d) Ashish can be relied with by me.
8. Has Deepak been sent to prison? (End with:he?)
- (a) Deepak has not been sent to prison, has he?
 - (b) Deepak has not been sent to prison, is not he?
 - (c) Deepak has been sent to prison, was not he?
 - (d) Deepak has been sent to prison, is he?
9. Does anyone like paying a fine? (Begin with: No one..)
- (a) No one liked paying a fine.
 - (b) No one likes to pay a fine.
 - (c) No one likes for paying a fine.
 - (d) No one like to paying fine.

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