

GREENLAWNS SCHOOL, WORLI
TERMINAL EXAMINATION – 2025
ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Std: IX
Date: 08/09/2025

Marks: 80
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 short story entitled 'Wickets and Innings'.
- (b) You receive a letter in the mail stating that you have won ten thousand rupees after participating in a competition. Write a narrative essay, highlighting how you utilised the reward you received.
- (c) 'Operation Sindoor was an act of war against terrorism. Express your views either FOR or AGAINST this statement.
- (d) 'Music has a way of calming our minds and lifting our hearts'. In keeping with this quote, write a descriptive essay, showcasing how music can change a person's mood. You may also describe the change in music trends that you have noticed.
- (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) You and your friends from your society have been facing a few issues due to an increase in the number of cars parked in your vicinity. Write a letter to the Municipal Commissioner, highlighting the grave issue faced by you. Your letter must also showcase the dangers of the problem and the manner in which this situation can be avoided.

OR

- (b) Your uncle has recently decided to pursue a new educational degree. Write a letter to your uncle expressing your views on his new academic project. Your letter must mention the significance of upgrading one's knowledge and the techniques your uncle can adopt to make learning easier at his age.

Q III] Notice and Email:

- (a) The Science club of your school is organising a 'Salad Making Workshop' for the pupils of classes VII to IX. Write a notice, inviting pupils to enrol for the workshop. (5)
- (b) Write an email to a famous chef, inviting him/her to conduct the workshop and train the pupils for the same. (5)

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

"You have to beat it three thousand times," says Meenakshi. She sets about doing just that. It is an unfired clay pot that looks like many others used in cooking. This pot will be shaped into a musical instrument. Placing it on her lap, she starts slapping the sides of the pot with a big, wooden spatula. When completed, the pot will be a ghatam, a high-quality musical instrument commonly used in Carnatic music concerts. It is the only musical instrument that is created from the five elements of nature – clay from the earth, the sun and the air to dry it, water to shape it and fire to bake it.

An hour's drive from Madurai in Tamil Nadu, Meenakshi's hometown of Manamadurai is famous for brick-making, clay products and its ghatams. Meenakshi is an expert ghatam-maker. Her family has been making the instrument for at least four generations and may very well be the only one continuing to do so. She learnt the craft from her husband and father-in-law. "It takes six years to master," says her son, Ramesh. "It takes longer if you are not a traditional potter."

"The tricky part is tempering the ghatam to improve the tone," Meenakshi explains, slapping the sides of the pot with her right hand. She rotates a round stone inside the pot with her left hand. "That is to see that the wall of the pot does not collapse. It is also done to make the pot smooth," she says, pausing for a brief period of rest. After four decades of moulding mud, her hands hurt all the time. She talks of how the pain shoots down from her exhausted shoulders to her fingertips. After a minute, she picks up the wood and stone and adjusts the pot on her lap. The beating resumes.

In Manamadurai, Meenakshi is fondly called 'the potter who got an award'. A large gilt-framed photograph shows Meenakshi receiving the award from the President of India. It turns out to be from the prestigious Sangeet Natak Akademi. The Akademi booklet praises Meenakshi's skill in making quality ghatams. It adds that 'hundreds of ghatams made by her have travelled with performers all over the world.

The clay for each instrument also travels some distance. It is collected from five or six ponds, dried for a day and then mixed with fine sand from the Vaigai River in Tamil Nadu. Graphite and lead are added to improve the tone. The clay is then stamped on for six hours and kept aside for two days. When it is stronger, it is ready to be cast into a pot.

The casting of the pot is done by Ramesh. He sits in front of the electric wheel, pats a lump of clay and places it on the centre. As it turns, he quickly draws up the clay and shapes it with his hands. When ready, a raw clay pot weighs a whopping sixteen kilograms. It is then handed over to Meenakshi for finishing by beating its sides.

For the next couple of weeks, the ghatam is dried in the shade and then warmed for four hours under a fierce sun. Finally, yellow and red polishes are applied to the pot that is then fired in the kiln for twelve hours. It sheds half its weight when baked. The result is eight kilograms of clay that makes beautiful music.

- (i) For each word given below, choose the correct meaning (as used in the passage) from the options provided: (2)
- 1) tempering (line 16) –
 - a) multiplying
 - b) baking
 - c) weakening
 - d) strengthening
 - 2) praises (line 27) –
 - a) criticism
 - b) lauds
 - c) annoyance
 - d) encourages
- (ii) Which word in the passage means the opposite of the word 'mend'? (1)
- a) sheds
 - b) rotates
 - c) collapse
 - d) beat
- (iii) Answer the following questions briefly in your own words.
- a) Why is a ghatam famous? How does it comprise the five elements of nature? (3)
 - b) What are the problems that Meenakshi faces due to her profession? (2)
 - c) In what way has Meenakshi and her family continued the tradition of making ghatams? (2)
 - d) Mention two ways in which the work of rural artisans in India can be made famous. (2)
- (iv) In not more than 50 words, highlight the procedures of making a ghatam after the dried clay is mixed with sand. (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) At the heart of the Tamil Nadu coastline _____ (stand) the Mahabalipuram lighthouse, a luminous symbol of hope and direction.

Answer: stands

The lighthouse _____ (1) (be) illuminating the Bay of Bengal since 1904. This magnificent monument, _____ (2) (construct) with brick and stone and soaring to a height of eighty-five feet, _____ (3) (embody) a spirit of dependability. It steers ships safely. This modern lighthouse is not the lone historical gem in Mahabalipuram. This antique monument, standing as a proud reminder of the region's rich heritage, _____ (4) (serve) as a testimonial to the engineering and architectural brilliance of ancient India. Beyond the lighthouse, the town of Mahabalipuram _____ (5) (teem) with cultural experiences from antique temples that _____ (6) (endure) the test of time to local markets, traditional Tamil cuisine and tranquil beaches. The town _____ (7) (dot) with rock-cut temples and for those seeking _____ (8) (immerse) themselves in the rich cultural heritage of Tamil Nadu, Mahabalipuram is a mandatory destination.

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

- 1) _____ writing short stories and poems, Shane paints portraits.
- 2) The farmers built a roof _____ the field to protect it from extreme heat.
- 3) George Harbo was one of the first men to row _____ the Atlantic Ocean.
- 4) The accused was sent _____ exile by the angry king.
- 5) Asha lives in a quaint village nestled _____ the rolling hills of Ratnagiri.
- 6) The truck broke _____ on the way to the warehouse.
- 7) Sally called _____ her trip to London on account of the snowstorm.
- 8) The employees will chip _____ with their ideas regarding the presentation.

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

- 1) Anish was ill for two weeks. He performed very well in his exams.
 - a) Despite being ill for two weeks, Anish performed very well in his exams.
 - b) Anish was ill for two weeks, but he performed very well in his exams.
 - c) As Anish was ill for several weeks, he did not perform well in his exams.
 - d) Despite of being ill for two weeks, Anish performed very well in his exams.
- 2) The vegetable stew prepared by Kevin is aromatic. It is flavourful.
 - a) The vegetable stew prepared by Kevin is aromatic and flavourful.
 - b) The vegetable stew prepared by Kevin is aromatic as well as flavourful.
 - c) Besides the vegetable stew prepared by Kevin is aromatic, it is flavourful.
 - d) The vegetable stew can be prepared by Kevin so that it is aromatic and flavourful.
- 3) Passengers must check in their luggage. They will not be permitted to board the flight.
 - a) Unless passengers do not check in their luggage, they will not be permitted to board the flight.
 - b) Unless passengers check in their luggage, they will not be permitted to board the flight.
 - c) If passengers check in their luggage, they will not be permitted to board the flight.
 - d) Unless passengers check in their luggage, they will be permitted to board the flight.
- 4) Mithali took the subway. She wanted to avoid the heavy traffic.
 - a) Mithali took the subway because she wanted to avoid the heavy traffic.
 - b) Though Mithali took the subway, he wanted to avoid the heavy traffic.
 - c) Mithali took the subway, so she wanted to avoid the heavy traffic.
 - d) Mithali took the subway as she wants to avoid the heavy traffic.

(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) Some of the cargo from the ship had been damaged by the sea water.
(Begin: The sea ...)
 - a) The sea near the ship had been damaged by the cargo from the ship.
 - b) The sea water is damaging some of the cargo from the ship.
 - c) The sea water can damaged the cargo brought from the ship.
 - d) The sea water had damaged some of the cargo from the ship.
- 2) The monstera tree has the largest leaves in the garden. (Begin: No other...)
 - a) No other tree has leaves large as the monstera.
 - b) No other tree in the garden has leaves as large as the monstera.
 - c) No other tree in the garden can have leaves large than the monstera.
 - d) No other tree in the garden will have leaves as large as the monstera.

- 3) Lily and her sisters should turn off the lights before leaving home. (Add a question tag.)
- Lily and her sisters should turn off the lights before leaving home, shouldn't they?
 - Lily and her sisters should turn off the lights before leaving home, can they?
 - Lily and her sisters should not turn off the lights before leaving home, mustn't they?
 - Lily and her sisters should turn off the lights before leaving home, should they?
- 4) As soon as the signal turned green, the Tejas Express left the station.
(Begin: Hardly...)
- Hardly did the signal turned green then the Tejas Express left the station.
 - Hardly has the signal turned green, the Tejas Express left the station.
 - Hardly had the signal turned green when the Tejas Express left the station.
 - Hardly the signal turned green, than the Tejas Express left the station.
- 5) The bedroom is so small that the king-sized bed cannot be placed in it.
(Use 'too')
- The too bedroom is small for the king-sized bed to be arranged in it.
 - The bedroom is very small for the king-sized bed too be placed in it.
 - The bedroom is small too for the king-sized bed to be placed.
 - The bedroom is too small for the king-sized bed to be placed in it.
- 6) After you have lived amidst the peaceful mountains, it is difficult to adjust to the city. (Begin: Living...)
- Living amidst the peaceful mountains makes it difficult to adjust to the city.
 - Living amidst the peaceful mountains is difficult than adjusting to the city.
 - Living amidst the city makes it difficult to adjust to the peaceful mountains.
 - Living amidst the peaceful city is difficult than the mountains.
- 7) Dhruv's father said to him, "Open the Google Maps application if you need help with navigation today." (Begin: Dhruv's father advised...)
- Dhruv's father advised me to open the Google Maps application if I needed help with navigation every day.
 - Dhruv's father advised him to open the Google Maps application for he needed help with navigation today.
 - Dhruv's father advised him to open the Google Maps application if he needed help with navigation that day.
 - Dhruv's father advised him to open the Google Maps application if he needs help with navigation tomorrow.
- 8) Jane is impressed that the new school offers Russian as a second language.
(Begin: What...)
- What impressed Jane is that the new school offered Russian as a second language?
 - What impresses Jane is that the new school offers Russian as a second language.
 - What impression Jane had of the new school is that it offered Russian as a second language.
 - What impresses Jane is that she has a new school.

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