

## ANNUAL EVALUATION 2016-17

## ENGLISH

Standard IX

Time: 2½ hrs

Total Score: 80

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**Instructions**

1. 15 minutes is given as cool-off time.
  2. This time is to be used for reading the question paper.
  3. You are not supposed to write anything during the cool-off time.
  4. Attempt the questions according to the instructions.
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**Questions 1 - 5. Read the excerpt from 'The Making of a Scientist' and answer the questions that follow. (1x5 = 5)**

When I was just a little kid, very small in a highchair, my father brought home a lot of little bathroom tiles of different colours. We played with them, my father setting them up vertically on my highchair like dominoes, and I would push one end so they would all go down. Then after a while, I'd help set them up. Pretty soon, we're setting them up in a more complicated way: two white tiles and a blue tile, two white tiles and a blue tile, and so on. When my mother saw that, she said, "Leave the poor child alone. If he wants to put a blue tile, let him put a blue tile." But my father said, "No, I want to show him what patterns are like and how interesting they are. It's a kind of elementary mathematics." So he started very early to tell me about the world and how interesting it is.

1. What game did the boy play with the bathroom tiles brought by his father?
2. Why did the father object to what the mother said?
3. Which one of the following statements is true according to the passage?
  - a. Father wanted the boy to learn from whatever he saw around him.
  - b. Father wanted the boy to learn the beauty of colours.
  - c. Father wanted the boy to learn how tiles were useful.
4. The father wanted to set the tiles in a complicated way because:
  - a. He wanted his son to learn the complex concepts of mathematics.
  - b. The father wanted to show him different colours.
  - c. The father wanted to show his son what patterns are, and the manner in which they are interesting.
5. Read the following sentence.

I found the questions very simple and easy.

Replace the underlined phrase with a word from the passage.

**Questions 6-9. Read the following lines from 'Newton's Law' and answer the questions that follow.** (1x4 =4)

I was inattentive in Science class one day  
When the teacher at random looked my way  
I didn't look up, I wouldn't dare  
There's no escaping that intense glare.  
Asked me to explain to the class  
Newton's Law of Gravity and mass  
My mind was a blank, heart beats louder  
For an answer I started to flounder.  
I stood before the class trembling with fear  
"Gravity", I said...and then oh dear!!!  
I fell off the stage on to the floor  
How the class with laughter did roar.

6. Why didn't the speaker look up when the teacher looked at her?
7. What did the teacher ask her to do?
8. Which line tells us that she struggled for an answer?
9. Which of the statements is true according to the poem?
  - a. The speaker carefully listened to the teacher.
  - b. She unknowingly demonstrated gravity in the classroom.
  - c. The speaker was very happy to answer the question posed by the teacher.

**10. Read the following lines from 'Song of the Rain' and prepare a note of appreciation.** (1x4=4)

I am dotted silver threads dropped from heaven  
By the Gods. Nature then takes me, to adorn  
Her fields and valleys.  
I am beautiful pearls, plucked from the  
Crown of Ishtar by the daughter of Dawn  
To embellish the gardens.  
When I cry, the hills laugh;  
When I humble myself, the flowers rejoice;  
When I bow, all things are elated.

**Questions 11 to 15. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:** (1x5 = 5)

A mother and a baby camel were lying around, and suddenly the baby camel asked, "Mother, may I ask you some questions?" Mother said, "Sure! Why son, is there something that is bothering you?" The baby asked, "Why do we have humps?" Mother said, "Well son, we are desert animals, we need the humps to store water and we are known to survive without water". The baby asked again, "Okay, then why are our legs

long and our feet rounded?" Mother said, "Son, obviously they are meant for walking in the desert. You know with these legs I can move around the desert better than anyone else!" The baby said, "Okay, then why are our eyelashes so long? Sometimes it bothers my sight". Mother with pride said, "My son, those long thick eyelashes are your protective cover. They help to protect your eyes from the desert sand and wind".

The baby after thinking for some time said, "I see. So the hump is to store water when we are in the desert, the legs are for walking through the desert and these eye lashes protect my eyes from the desert. Then what in God's name are we doing here in the Zoo!?"

11. What did the baby camel first ask his mother when they were lying around?
12. Why do camels have humps?
13. What according to the baby camel is the one disadvantage of eyelashes?
14. "What in God's name are we doing here in the Zoo!?" What does the baby camel mean?
15. Select the moral of the passage from the following options.
  - a. Mother's love is more valuable than anything else in the world.
  - b. Skills, knowledge, abilities and experiences are useful only if you are at the right place.
  - c. Pride goes before a fall.

**Qns. 16-19. Answer any TWO from the following. Each question carries 5 marks.**  
**(2x5=10)**

16. Johnsy's comment "When the last one falls I must go too...." disturbed Sue a lot. Imagine that she writes her thoughts and feelings in her diary. What would be the **diary entry**. Write it.
17. Juliane Koepcke's miraculous escape from the dense Amazon forest has been a source of inspiration to many. Prepare **five questions** that you would like to ask if you meet her.
18. The English Club of your school has decided to organise an exhibition of books of world famous writers. There will be interaction sessions with a few writers. Prepare a **notice** for the function including the details required.
19. Imagine that you want to become a scientist and that you consider Richard Feynman as your role model. You get an opportunity to interact with him and talk especially about his father's influence on him. Write the likely **conversation**.

**Qns. 20-25. Answer any THREE from the following. Each question carries 6 marks.**  
**(3x6=18).**

20. The children of Dharmagiri, led by the headmaster Mr. Narayan decide to stage a protest against the proposed construction in the village. One of the children addresses the villagers to explain the dangers of such ecologically insensitive development. Write the likely **speech**.

21. Mikali survives the traumatic experiences of the Armenian refugee camp. The ordeal had almost killed his little brother. Mikali narrates his experience before the officials of the Human Rights Commission. Write the likely **narrative**.  
(Hints: Mikali suffers a lot – wanders about – lack of sleep and weariness – knocks at doors – nobody helps – finally a Chinaman helps)
22. Leonardo DiCaprio, the famous Hollywood actor, delivered a speech on climate change at the UN Climate Summit. He spoke on the measures we must adopt to prevent the collapse of our ecosystems. The actor's speech was widely reported in the newspapers. Write the likely **news report**.
23. 'The Last Leaf' is a touching tale of love and sacrifice. Prepare a **review**.  
(Hints: Theme of commitment – sacrifice – Sue brings Johnsy back to life – leaf is symbolic)
24. Sue, like a true friend took care of Johnsy and nursed her back to health. What qualities do you find in her? Prepare a **character sketch** of Sue.
25. It was his father's motivation and encouragement that helped Feynman to become a world renowned scientist. In the light of the reading of the passage, prepare a **write-up** on the importance of motivation and inquisitiveness for success in life.
26. **Leonardo DiCaprio's speech focuses on the increasing amount of carbon emissions and how they become a threat to the environment. Analyse the table given below that shows the rate of carbon dioxide emission in different countries and answer the questions that follow.** (1x5=5)

Sl. No.	Country	2011 Total Carbon Dioxide(CO <sub>2</sub> ) Emission (Million metric Tons)
1.	Japan	1180.2
2.	Russia	1788.14
3.	United States of America	5490.63
4.	India	1725.76
5.	China	8715.31
6.	Germany	748.49

- Which country's carbon dioxide emission is less than that of India but greater than that of Germany?
- Which country has the second highest carbon dioxide emission?
- CO<sub>2</sub> emission of ..... is less than 1000 Metric tonnes.
- Which according to you, are the two countries that pose the greatest threat to the environment?
- Which country is just below Russia in the rate of carbon dioxide emissions?

27. Read the conversation and complete the sentences that follow. (2)

Richard : I haven't the slightest idea what kind of bird it is.  
His friend : It is a brown-throated thrush.  
Richard said : .....(a).....  
His friend : .....(b).....

28. Complete the conversation between Sue and the doctor. (1x5=5)

Sue : .....(a).....?  
Doctor : Johnsy's condition is getting worse. She needs constant attention.  
Sue : Doctor, but she is not confident about herself. You had better.....(b).....  
Doctor : You are a good friend of hers, .....(c).....? Only you can instil confidence in her.  
Sue : But she has a mistaken belief that her days are numbered.  
Doctor : If she believes in herself, .....(d).....  
Sue : .....(e).....?  
Doctor : Yes, let's hope for the best.

29. Read the conversation and fill in the blanks with suitable words from those given in the brackets. (1x4=4)

Arun : Do you know a restaurant \_\_\_\_\_(a)\_\_\_\_\_ the food is good?  
Anand : Yes I know one \_\_\_\_\_(b)\_\_\_\_\_ is a few kilometers away. But I don't think it is open today.  
Arun : Ok, Do you know the reason \_\_\_\_\_(c)\_\_\_\_\_ they are closed today?  
Anand : Yes, the person \_\_\_\_\_(d)\_\_\_\_\_ owned the restaurant passed away yesterday.  
(why, where, who, which)

30. Fill in the blanks choosing from the expressions given in the brackets. (1x4=4)

The opposite team is very strong and it is a .....(a)..... to defeat them. So we must .....(b)..... a strong fight. If we fail, everyone will .....(c)..... Therefore we should never .....(d).....

(put up, herculean task, give up, feel blue, once in a blue moon)

31. Prepare a short profile of Sarojini Naidu using the hints given below: (5)

Birth : February 13, 1879  
Renowned as : Nightingale of India, Freedom fighter  
Traits : Lyrical quality of lines, romanticism  
Important works : *The Golden Threshold, The Bird of Time, The Broken Wing, The Sceptred Flute, etc.*  
Death : March 2, 1949

32. Read a few sentences about Tarun. Combine the sentences using the connectors given in the brackets. (1x4=4)

e.g. He feels very depressed. He decides to seek help from his teacher. (**and**)

He feels very depressed and decides to seek help from his teacher.

- a) Tarun's father was angry when he failed in the examination. His mother was also angry with him. (**both**)
- b) Tarun does not like to stay in his house on holidays. His brother also does not like to stay in his house on holidays. (**neither...nor**)
- c) Tarun aspires to become an athlete. His brother wants to become an engineer. (**but**)
- d) Tarun practises really hard for the second race. He will win the race. (**so..that**)

33. Read the following passage and study the words given in bold type. (1x5=5)

Julianne had to stay near or in the stream. Its banks were overgrown with **tangled** vines, making every step **arduous**; sometimes she had to **wade** through the water because huge, rotted tree trunks barred her way. It was slow going. Nights in the jungle are attractive only in films. In real life they are frightening. There was always a **rustling** somewhere: snakes? Something was crawling over her legs: a tarantula. Even the air seemed poisoned by decaying trees. She slept **fitfully**.

Now, fill in the blanks with appropriate forms of the words given in bold.

- a) Ravi was ill and had to wake up many times throughout the night. He had a \_\_\_\_\_ sleep.
- b) Working in the construction site requires a lot of effort and energy. So people consider the job \_\_\_\_\_.
- c) The river was almost full and with great difficulty Rahul \_\_\_\_\_ across the river.
- d) As we entered the jungle at night we could hear only the \_\_\_\_\_ of leaves.
- e) Dry wind swept through her hair in an untidy way. It was all \_\_\_\_\_.

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