

JB Academy
Annual Examination 2025
Class – IX, Sub: English Language & Literature (Code184)

Time : 3 Hrs.

M.M:80

General Instructions

Read the instructions very carefully and strictly follow them.

1. This question paper is divided into three sections.
2. This question paper has 11 questions. All questions are compulsory.
3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

Section - A Reading Skills (20 Marks)

1. Read the following passage carefully.

(10)

(1) A whopping 95% of the fires raging in California are started by humans, according to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. All it takes is just one spark to kick off a wildfire that spreads over entire forests and multiple states. This means that all humans-no matter what age-can examine how they contribute to wildfires to advance their prevention. The following list explains how human activity and equipment can spark wildfires.

(2) **Vehicles and tools scraping hard surfaces** anything that can cause a spark and has the potential to spread outdoors, especially in ideal fire weather, and create a wildfire. In 2018,two massive California wildfires began with sparks caused by a stake hitting the ground in 100-degree weather and a flat tire rim scraping against the road. Some other common causes of wildfires are vehicle collisions, metal mower or weed-whacking blades striking rocks, and chains hanging off trucks that scrape pavement.

(3) **Power lines and other electrical equipment** Power lines often break in strong winds, and sparks spread dangerously fast with faster winds and dry vegetation. Outlets and appliances can also spark or overheat and cause electrical fires that escalate.

(4) **Debris burning** Fires lit for agricultural purposes like clearing land or removing crop residue make up 29% of wildfires nationally. **Campfires**, especially illegal, unattended, or poorly extinguished ones, have the potential to burn thousands of acres. And if the fire warning is high, that really spells trouble.

(5) **Arson** People sometimes intentionally burn property or nature. **Cigarettes and fireworks** People should be mindful to practice safe use and disposal of both cigarette butts and fireworks, as even small heat sources can ignite dry vegetation and lead to huge wildfires.

(6) Fires that rage out of control have many devastating effects on human, animal, and plant life. Smoke from large fires negatively affects air quality and can damage the lungs of people thousands of miles away. Wildfire also threatens water quality destroys animal habitat, and leaves behind stripped land that can easily become eroded and create mudslides.

(7) Wildfires also burn up the carbon stored in trees and soil, releasing large amounts of smoke, methane and carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, which increase overall temperatures. Forests eventually recover from wildfires, but it can take a long time.

(8)The U.S. Forest Service state agencies, private companies, and. individuals who own forestland all help to minimize the likelihood and severity of wildfires with prescribed burning monitoring natural fires,

and removing or trimming unwanted vegetation. Regular smaller prescribed burns clear a lot of underbrush that a wildfire could otherwise use as fuel and potentially result in the wildfire becoming too large to manage.

(9) Forest industry organizations and the forest service managing large tracts of forestland employ firefighters on the ground and aerial firefighting crafts to manage both prescribed fires and wildfires. These brave responders step in to the fight more than 73,000 wildfires that burn an average of seven million acres every year across the US

Answer the following questions based on the above passage.

(i) What is the meaning of the word 'aerial' in paragraph 9? (1)

(ii) Complete the following with the correct option from the two given. (1)

.....managing large tracts of forest land employ firefighters on the ground to manage both prescribed fires and wildfires.

(A) California Department of Forestry

(B) Forest industry organisation and the forest service

(iii) How do vehicles and tools scraping hard surfaces lead to wildfires? (2)

(iv) Given below are five word pairs from the passage. Choose the pairs which are antonyms. (1)

(a) Unintentional and prescribed (b) Ignite and spark

(c) Store and release (d) Stripped and threatened

(e) Aerial and ground

(v) State whether the following statement is True or False. (1)

Wildfires burn off methane stored in the trees and release huge amount of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere.

(vi) What does wildfire destroy? (1)

(a) Animal habitat (b) Ocean ecosystem

(c) Mudslides (d) None of these

(vii) How does the U.S. Government help in preventing wildfires? (2)

(vii) Fill in the blank with the correct option from those given. (1)

.....is an example of electricity leading to wildfires.

(a) Fire due to breaking of lines during fast winds

(b) Fire due to overheating of the microwave

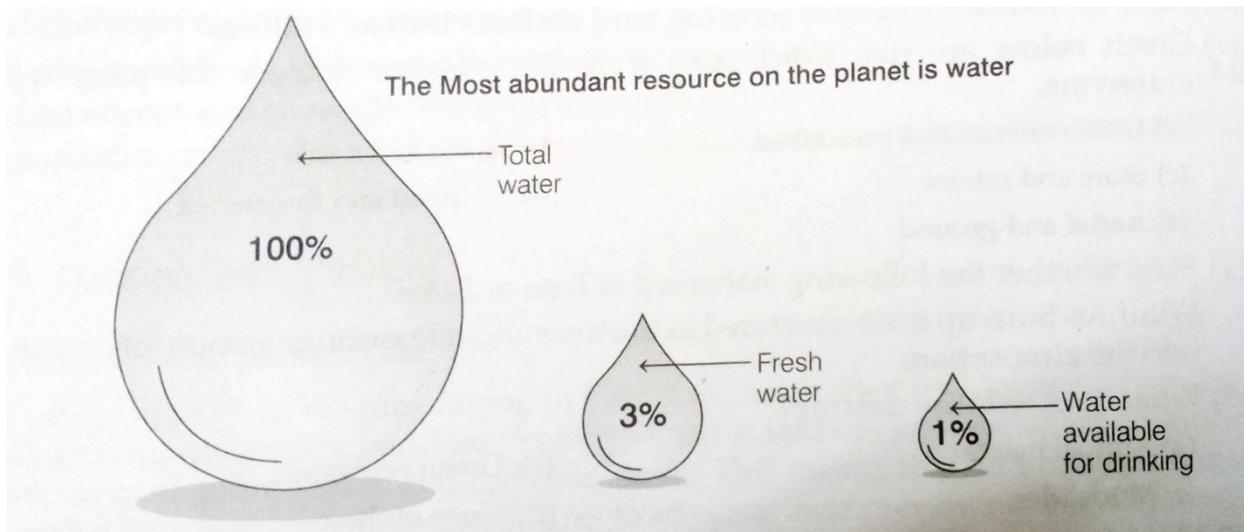
(c) Fire due to spark caused by friction between car and road

(d) Fire due to household cooking

2. Read the following passage carefully.

(10)

(1) Ask a dying man in a hot desert, and he would somehow enable himself to utter, "I wish I could get some water...." Without being poetic or philosophic, we must realise that 'water', which is generally taken for granted, might be the most precious commodity in future if we do not mend our ways in the present. There can't be a safe tomorrow if we are not ready to act today. It becomes one of our prime responsibilities to save our precious water supplies. Out of the total water available on the Earth, only 3 percent is freshwater. Out of this 3% freshwater, only 1% is available for drinking. In our daily chores, we might have observed that we ourselves forget to turn off the tap early in the morning when we go to freshen ourselves up. We at the moment do not realise that our carelessness might be one of the reasons for the water crisis for the future generation. "Many a drop makes an ocean". Our small efforts can contribute to the conservation of water in one or the other way. Each one of us has the ability to make a difference.



(2) The groundwater supply is reducing over time. Due to lack of suitable irrigation water, or the mismanagement of water in India, farmers over-extract water which is thought to be one of the shocking facts that affects the health of the cultivable agricultural lands. It is essential to adopt several water conservation techniques. It is necessary to launch several intensive Awareness campaigns regarding the importance of water and its conservation so that these can make people aware about the wise management of water supply. The unwise use of water is not the only reason for the water crisis; the pollution of water resources is also an important reason for the deterioration of water supplies. So, water should be meticulously harnessed and carefully conserved.

(3) Installation of a water meter can help you save water. Growing grass appropriately outside your house or having a lawn can be helpful. Keeping your water supplying taps and showers tightly closed and repairing water leakage can contribute to the conservation of water. Collect water for reuse anytime you are running the water. Simply run it into bucket, watering can, or pitcher.

(4) Several plans, policies and promises are made by the government, several announcements are made on the electronic media but the problem is still the same because we do not make sincere efforts.

Answer the following questions based on the above passage.

(10)

(i) 'taken for granted' in Paragraph 1 means

(1)

- (a) to always think about something because it will never stay exactly the same.
- (b) to never think about something because you believe it will always be available.
- (c) to consider something as precious.
- (d) to consider something as healthy.

(ii) Select the option that is true for the Assertion and Reason given below. (1)

Assertion Groundwater levels are decreasing.

Reason Farmers over-extract the water for irrigation.

- (a) Both the Assertion and the Reason are true and the Reason is the correct explanation of the Assertion.
- (b) Both the Assertion and the Reason are true, but the Reason is not the correct explanation of the Assertion.
- (c) The Assertion is true, but the Reason is false.
- (d) The Assertion is false, but the Reason is true.

(iii) How do farmers affect the health of agricultural land? (2)

(iv) What percentage of water do we use? (1)

(v) Read the prompt and select the correct option from the bracket to fill in the blank (1)

The second reason for water crisis is the.....of water supplies.(pollution/demolition

(vi) In the lines,“.....harnessed and carefully observed”, what does harnessed refer to. (1)

(vii) Complete the sentence suitably. (1)

According to the passage, our prime responsibility should be.....

(viii) According to Paragraph 3,list the ways we can conserve water on an individual level. (2)

Section - B Grammar and Creative Writing Skills (20 Marks)

Grammar

3. Complete any ten of the following twelve tasks, as directed. (10×1=10)

(a) Report the following sentence. (1)

The officer told the clerk, 'Bring me that file.'

(b) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete an online update:

The conclave scheduled by the 'Daily Herald'too much time.

- (i) Took out
- (ii) took up
- (iii) took after.
- (iv) took down

(c) Read the conversation between a policeman and a driver.

Complete the sentence by reporting the reply correctly.

Policeman : Do you need any help to reach your destination?

Driver : Yes, I am not sure which direction to take.

The policeman asked the driver whether he needed any help to reach his destination to which the driver replied

(d) Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line from a travel magazine.

Tourists are warned that they be fined if they tease animals.

(i) should (ii) may (iii) will (iv) might

(e) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction.

At the end of the street, stand the tallest building in the City.

S. No	ERROR	CORRECTION
(a)	end	ending
(b)	stand	stands
(c)	tallest	taller
(d)	in	on

Use the given format for your response.

Error Correction

(f) Complete the given narrative by filling in the blank with the correct option:

I was delighted when I.....my junior school teacher.

(i) Ran away (ii) ran into (iii)ran down (iv) ran in

(g) Fill in the blank by using that correct form of the word given in the bracket.

The film with its exciting soundtrack and classical music(appeal) to the general audiences.

(h) Report the dialogue between the gatekeeper and the visitor by completing the sentence.

Gatekeeper : Whom do you want to meet?

Visitor : I want to see the art and craft exhibition.

In response to the question about whom the visitor wanted to meet, the visitor replied

(i) Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction:

The teacher had run after the boy to catch him before he fell into the ditch.

S. No	ERROR	CORRECTION

Use the given format for your response

Error Correction

(j) Radhika shared some information with Sant about her school trip

Report Sant's question.

What did you learn from the museum visit?

(k) Identify the error and supply the correction

(1)

Summer vacation is a quality time of the year for children. So, they should try to utilize that time not only in play games but also doing some activities that will make them more active.

(l) Identify the error and supply the correction

(l) Kalpana Chawla was on the top in the newspapers ever.

WRITING

4. Attempt any one from (A) and (B) given below.

(5)

(A) Gopal saw young children engaged in the following activities. He is moved to see the exploitation of children and decides to write a paragraph on the plight of children. Write Gopal's paragraph in not more than 150 words.



OR

You celebrated your birthday last Sunday. Your grandfather from Jabalpur sent you a series of JK Rowling's Harry Potter books as a present. Write a diary entry about this gift in about 120 words. You are Naman/Nidhi.

5. Attempt any one from (A) and (B) given below.

(5)

(A) Write a story in 100-120 words with the help of the following outline.

· Veeru and Karim — young Keralites
School organizing camp near a forest in Ponmudi
Went out to explore forest — lost the way
Loud noise — heard the sound of an animal
• a large elephant — came towards them
● a balloon — started blowing — big balloon
Hit hard with hand — bang-bang'
Trumpeted angrily — elephant turned away saved

OR

(B) Write a story in 100-120 words with the help of the following outline.

· returning home
Suddenly car stopped
Looked for help – saw a female figure
Her dog pounced – I ran for life
Female's sudden disappearance
Very frightened
Car started on its own – drove back

Q.6. Read the following extracts and answer the questions for any one of the given two (A) or (B)

(5)

(A) At the age of two-and-a-half, Einstein still wasn't talking, When he finally did learn to speak, he uttered everything twice. Einstein did not know what to do with other children and his playmates called him 'Brother Boring'. So the youngest played by himself much of the time. He especially loved mechanical toys.

(i) Which word does 'uttered' not correspond to?

(a) Expressed (b) Pronounced (c) Suppressed (d) Voiced

(ii) Why was Einstein called 'Brother Boring by his playmates?

(iii) Fill in the blank with the correct word from the bracket.

Particularly:.....(Finally/Especially)::Eminent: Important

(iv) State whether the following statement is True or False.

Einstein showed a deep interest in science from a very early-age.

(v)Why does the writer point out that Einstein wasn't talking till the age of two-and-a-half?

(B) "Thank you for your kind words and deeds. I am very grateful to you and your cook. God bless that good and noble woman! You spoke finely then, and I shall be indebted to you to my dying day; but strictly speaking, it was your cook, Olga, who saved me".

(i) What does the phrase 'You spoke finely' indicate?

(a) Sergei's good vocabulary (b) Sergei's wisdom
(c) Sergei's concern (d) Sergei's compassion

- (ii) Why is 'he' grateful in the above lines? (1)
- (iii) What was the speaker saved from? (1)
- (iv) How did Olga save him? (2)
- Q.7 Read the following extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the given two. (5)

(A) No motion has she now, no force;

She neither hears nor sees;

Rolled round in earth's diurnal course,

With rocks, and stones, and trees.

(i) What realisation dawns on the poet?

(ii) Complete the following suitably.

The words from the poem that describe 'death' are.....

(iii) Why does the poet compare his loved one to 'rocks, stones and trees'?

(iv) Identify the rhyme scheme of the poem.

(a) aabb (b) abca (c) abab (d) abcd

(v) Which word from the poem means 'daily'?

OR

(B) Where they harness the swift reindeer

To the sledges, when it snows;

And the children look like bear's cubs

In their funny, furry clothes:

They tell them a curious story

I don't believe it's true

And yet you may learn a lesson

If I tell the tale to you.

(i) What is the overall theme of the poem?

(ii) Complete the following suitably.

The poet calls the tale curious because

(iii) Which poetic device is used in the given lines 3 and 4 ?

(iv) The tale referred to in the extract is of

(a) How a woodpecker came into being (b) how Saint Peter got angry once

(c) How greed results in doom(d) how a bird is often seen by people

(v) Find words from the poem that rhyme with words given below.

Clue

Sunny

8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions in 40-50 words each. (4x3=12)

(i) How does 'she' become an inseparable part of nature in the poem 'A Slumber did my Spirit Seal'?

(ii) Kezia made a birthday present for her father but it proved to be a disaster for her. How ?

(iii) What did the doctor realise when the snake was coiled around his hand ?

(iv) How was Bismillah a perfect example of India's cultural heritage?

(v) How did Abdul Kalam earn his first wages?

Q.9. Answer ANY TWO of the following five questions in 40-50 words each. (3x2=6)

(i) In what sense can the Happy Prince and the Swallow be considered similar ?

(ii) What did Sue do to make Jhonsy feel cheerful ?

(iii) The cat and the author are very fond of each other .How has this been shown in the story 'A House Is Not A Home'?

Q.10. Answer ANY ONE of the following questions in 120-150 words. (6)

(A)The best way to deal with the crisis is not to lose your calm. Discuss with reference to the play 'If I were you' what trait of Gerrard helped him to come out of that difficult situation?

OR

(B) 'Health is the greatest gift contentment is a greatest wealth' Elaborate this thought of Gautam Buddha by taking ideas from the poem 'Lake Isle of Innisfree'.

Q.11. Answer any one of the following questions in 120-150 words. (6)

Behrman's visit to Sue's flat was a blessing in disguise for Jhonsy. Justify the statement.

OR

Sometimes wisdom lies in being tactful that was the Guru's wisdom and knowledge that lead him to become the king of the kingdom. Elaborate with the reference to 'In the Kingdom of Fools'.