

**SAMPLE PAPER**  
**ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE**  
**Class - IX**

**Maximum Marks: 80**

**Time: 3 hours**

**Instructions :**

The question paper is divided into **Three** sections.

<b>Section A</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Reading</b>	<b>20 marks</b>
<b>Section B</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Writing &amp; Grammar</b>	<b>30 marks</b>
<b>Section C</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Literature &amp; Long Reading Text</b>	<b>30 marks</b>

**SECTION A (READING :20 marks)**

1 **Read the passage given below and answer the questions/complete the statements that follow : (1x8)** 8

A headache is usually caused due to spinal misalignment of the head due to poor posture. Sleeping on the stomach with the head turned to one side and bending over position for a long time makes it worse.

It is known that any shift in the level of body hormones and chemicals, certain foods and drinks, and environmental stress can also trigger it. Modern life includes computers, driving, hand-held devices, and watching TV; all create severe stress on our neck and shoulders. While we know we should take constant breaks from these activities, we "forget!"

Holding our arms out in front of us and/or cocking our necks to see the screen properly, we put pressure on our neck and shoulders that our body wasn't built for. This sets us up for muscle and joint strain and pain.

In migraine headaches (one-handed headaches) the pain is usually on one side of the head and may be accompanied by nausea, vomiting, irritability and bright spots and flashes of light. This headache is made worse by activity, especially bending. The throbbing pain in the head gets worse by noise and light. Certain triggers for migraines may be chocolate, caffeine, smoking or MSU in certain food items.

The pain may last from 8 to 24 hours and there may be a hangover for two to three days. Migraines are often preceded by an 'aura-changes in sight and sensations. There is usually a family history of migraine.

Work on your posture and ergonomics. Be sure that when you work at your computer, for instance, you are practicing good ergonomics - customize the keyboard and monitor height to your needs. Our teachers and parents were right. It will hurt at first if you are improving bad posture, but the effort will be well worth it.

- (a) What are the various reasons that cause headaches?
- (b) If one suffers from a headache that is accompanied by nausea or flashes of light, one could be suffering from \_\_\_\_\_.
- (c) The two things that can make migraine even worse are \_\_\_\_\_.
- (d) A migraine can last for \_\_\_\_\_.
- (e) Another word for 'usually' is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (f) Name foods which can act as trigger for migraines.
- (g) What precaution should be taken while working at computers?
- (h) What advice is generally given by parents and teachers with regard to body posture?

2 **Read the passage given below carefully.** 12

(1) From birth through age six, the family unit crafts a child's sense of identity. Parents and siblings affect a child's likes, dislikes, tastes in clothing, food and music and, perhaps

most importantly, values. Once children enter school, they form connections to the larger group of their peers. This group brings new ideas and experience. Peer pressure occurs when a student's actions are influenced by this group. The "pressure" happens when peers suggest or insist on actions that stray from the child's normal behaviour and values. Though the phrase is often used negatively, peer pressure can sometimes cause positive outcomes.

- (2) Peer pressure leads to some disturbing negative behaviour in school children. About 30 percent of students are offered drugs by their friends in middle or high school. Just over 75 percent of high school students have tried alcohol. In a survey conducted by Survelum Public Data Bank, students felt pressured by their peers between 35 and 49 percent of the time. Psychiatrists attribute the power of peer pressure to a child's growing desire to fit into a group-particularly if the group has a social status within the school.
- (3) Thankfully, peer pressure can also be positive. For example, wanting to join an athletic group of friends may compel an otherwise sedentary student to try out for the soccer team. Other examples of positive peer pressure include students encouraging a classmate to run for school president, or friends suggesting that a talented peer try out for a choir solo.
- (4) Researchers differ over whether parents or a student's peers have more influence over that student's behaviour. In a study published in *The Journal of Primary Prevention*, researchers concluded that when parents tolerate drug use, teens are more likely to use illicit drugs. They also noted that when parents closely supervise their teens, the students were less likely to have friends who used drugs. Conversely, in her book *"The Nurture Assumption: Why children Turn Out the Way They Do,"* Judith Rich Harris argues that peers have more influence than parents in shaping children's behaviour.

**(1) Answer the following questions briefly :(2x4)**

- (a) What are the changes brought about in a child by the parents and siblings?  
(b) What are the negative effects of 'peer pressure'?  
(c) How can peer pressure be also positive in the life of a student?  
(d) Who has more influence over a child-parents or student's peers?

**(2) Answer the following :(1x4)**

- (a) Find a word in Para 1 which means the same as 'brothers/sisters'.  
(b) Find the opposite of the word 'lawful' in Para 4.  
(c) Which word in Para 4 means the same as 'vary'?  
(d) Find a word which means 'force' in Para-3

**SECTION B (WRITING & GRAMMAR: 25 Marks)**

3 You are a member of the environmental club of your school. Write an article on "Need for Afforestation" in **about 100 - 120 words**. You can use the hints given below: 8

Modern Age Development

Reckless cutting of trees

Mother Earth for granted

Global Warming

Awareness

**OR**

Imagine you are blessed with the power of becoming invisible. Express in a diary entry (100-

	120 words) what would you do on being invisible.	
4	<b>Develop a story in about 200 - 250 words using the following hints. Also give a suitable title.</b> Hints : Karuna and Aman - vacations - Mussoorie - grandparents - a tiring journey - no help - far off - a mysterious looking person - frightened - ran fast - grandparents laughed.	12
5	<b>Complete the following passage by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones given below. Write your answer in the answer sheets against the correct blank number. Do not copy the entire passage.</b> Working in a team (a)_____ really a healer and a stress buster. Success (b)_____ failure is not an individual's responsibility. It is a collective responsibility. Good team work demands perfect communication between all (c)_____ members. (a) (i) is (ii) were (iii) are (iv) was (b) (i) and (ii) or (iii) of (iv) by (c) (i) a (ii) the (iii) their (iv) of	3
6	<b>The following passage has not been edited. One word is missing from each line. Identify the missing word and write it in your answer sheet along with the word that comes before and after it. Remember to underline the missing word. The first one has been done as an example for you.</b> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Word Before</u> <u>Missing Word</u> <u>Word After</u></p> My Grandmother I were good friends. My parents eg. grandmother <u>and</u> I left me her when they moved (a)_____ _____ _____ to city. She used to (b)_____ _____ _____ wake me up the morning (c)_____ _____ _____ and get ready for school. (d)_____ _____ _____	4
7	<b>Rearrange the given words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. Write the correct sentences in your answer sheet.</b> e.g. : 15 - 20 per cent / of the body weight / is constituted / nearly / by lipids / in humans Nearly 15- 20 per cent of the body weight in humans is constituted by lipids. (a) the / abundant / most / lipids / triglycerides / are (b) stored / they / are / in / adipose tissue / the (c) serve as / they / the most / energy reserve / predominant / of the body	3
<b>SECTION C (LITERATURE &amp; LONG READING TEXT: 25 Marks)</b>		
<b>Read one of the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow.</b>		
8	<i>"I have decided to learn the Kannada alphabets from tomorrow onwards. I will work very hard."</i> (i) Why does the speaker want to learn the Kannada alphabets? (ii) The above statement reveals that the speaker is _____. (iii) At the time of speaking these lines she was _____ years old. (iv) Whom is she addressing?	4
<b>OR</b>		
	<i>And both that morning equally lay In leaves no step had trodden black Oh, I kept the first for another day !</i> (a) What does the poet mean by 'both' ? (b) How were both 'equally lay' ? (c) What does the word 'trodden' mean ? (d) Name the poem and the poet.	

	<b>Answer the following questions in about 30 - 40 words:</b>	
9a	How did Duke meet his end ?	2
9b	Comment on the location of the villa and the behaviour of the people in the neighbourhood.	2
9c	Why was Lord Ullin left lamenting at the seashore ?	2
9d	Describe the beauty of the song of the Solitary Reaper.	2
	<b>Answer one of the following questions in about 100-120 words</b>	
10	'An opportunist and manipulative person gives much importance to his personal gains, regardless of what others feel.' Comment with reference to 'A Villa for Sale'	8
	<b>OR</b>	
	The Brook can be compared to one who is completely selfless and thinks that giving is part of one's journey of life. Refer to the poem, 'The Brook' and express your viewpoint regarding this aspect of life.	
	<b>Answer one of the following questions in about 200-250 words.</b>	
11	How do the Lilliputians gain favour at court? What is Swift targeting at through this episode?	10
	<b>OR</b>	
	Write a brief character sketch of William Prichard in about 200-250 words.	
	<b>OR</b>	
	Why had the crowd gathered when the friends were ready to go on their holiday trip? Describe the scene.	10
	<b>OR</b>	
	Write a brief character sketch of Jerome K. Jerome in about 200-250 words.	
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