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ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

CLASS: IX

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SET - 1

Max Marks: 80

Duration: 90 min.

## General Instructions:

- The question paper contains three sections:  
**SECTION A – READING (20 MARKS)**  
**SECTION B – GRAMMAR & CREATIVE WRITING (20 MARKS)**  
**SECTION C – LITERATURE (40 MARKS)**
- Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

SECTION A - READING	
<b>I</b>	<b>Read the following passage carefully.</b>
	<p>1. Everybody wants to succeed in life. For some, success means achieving whatever they desire or dream. For many, it is the name, fame and social position. Whatever be the meaning of success, it is success which makes a man popular.</p> <p>2. All great men have been successful. They are remembered for their great achievements. It is certain that success comes to those who are sincere, hardworking, loyal and committed to their goals.</p> <p>3. Success has been man's greatest motivation. It is very important for all. Success has a great effect on life. It brings pressure and pride. It gives a sense of fulfilment. It means all round development. Everybody hopes to be successful in life. But success smiles on those who have proper approach, planning, vision and stamina. Proper and timely application of all these elements is bound to bear fruit. One cannot be successful without cultivating these basic qualities. It is very difficult to set out on a journey without knowing one's goals and purposes. Clarity in objective is a must to succeed in life. A focused approach with proper planning is certain to bring success. Indecision and insincerity are big obstacles on the path of success.</p> <p>4. One should have the capability and resources to turn one's dream into reality. Mere desire cannot bring you success. The desire should be weighed against factors like capability and resources. This is the basic requirement of success. The next important thing is eagerness, seriousness and urge to be successful. It is a driving force which decides the first step on the ladder of success.</p> <p>5. One needs to pursue one's goals with all sincerity and passion. One should always be in high spirits. Lack of such a spirit leads to an inferiority complex which is a big obstruction on the path to success. Time is also a deciding factor. Only the punctual and committed achieve success in life.</p>

	<p>6. Hard labour is one of the basic requirements of success. Every success has a ratio of five percent inspiration and ninety-five percent perspiration. It is patience, persistence and perseverance which play a decisive role in achieving success. Failures are the pillars of success as they are the stepping stones. When we met with failure, we must get up, start again and remain motivated.</p>	
	<p><b>Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.</b></p>	
	<p>1) Study the following statements.  <b>(A) Only the punctual and committed achieve success in life.</b>  <b>(B) Hard labour is one of the basic requirements of success.</b>  (i) A is an assertion and B is the reason.  (ii) B is an assertion and A is the reason.  (iii) Both A and B are assertions.  (iv) Both A and B are reasons.</p>	<b>1</b>
	<p>2) Complete the following sentence.  One should have the _____ and _____ to turn one's dream into reality.</p>	<b>1</b>
	<p>3) Study the following statements.  <b>(A) Every success has a ratio of five percent perspiration and ninety-five percent inspiration.</b>  <b>(B) Indecision and insincerity are big obstacles on the path to success.</b>  (i) A is right and B is wrong.  (ii) A is wrong and B is right.  (iii) Both A and B are correct.  (iv) Both A and B are wrong.</p>	<b>1</b>
	<p>4) Why is success important to all?</p>	<b>1</b>
	<p>5) What is the author's opinion about desire when it comes to achieving success?</p>	<b>1</b>
	<p>6) Fill in the blanks with appropriate words from the given option.  Goals have to be pursued with _____ and _____.  (i) capability and resources  (ii) commitment and hard working  (iii) sincerity and passion  (iv) eagerness and urge</p>	<b>1</b>
	<p>7) "Failures are the pillars of success". Elucidate.</p>	<b>1</b>
	<p>8) Write the synonym of '<b>actuality</b>' as given in paragraph 4.</p>	<b>1</b>

	<p>9) What has the author eventually suggested in the passage?</p> <p>(i) To be punctual.  (ii) To remain motivated.  (iii) To succeed in life.  (iv) To be famous in order to be successful.</p>	<b>1</b>
	<p>10) What is the one basic requirement of success?</p> <p>(i) The basic qualities needed to achieve success include time management and taking care of yourself.  (ii) Mere desire cannot bring you success. The desire should be weighed against factors like capability and resources.  (iii) The basic qualities needed to achieve success include a care and love from family.  (iv) The basic qualities needed to achieve success include a fitness and intelligence.</p>	<b>1</b>
<b>II</b>	<b>Read the following passage carefully.</b>	
	<p><b>1.</b> Do you remember the last time you laughed out loud? For most of us, laughing out loud is an uphill task. More often than not, people think that they have no time to laugh as there are more important things to do. But if you ask Jean Leggett, the Canadian founder of Bootcamp, she will say that you don't have anything more important to do than just laugh. Sudha Chandra says, "Hiring a laughter coach changed my perspective towards life. I learnt to record my emotions and ensured that the four elements of the joy- dancing, laughing, singing and playing- helped to build an emotional reserve."</p> <p><b>2.</b> The cynic in us may still think it is an exaggeration, but the fact is that we can be taught to laugh more. Neuroscientist, Jodi Deluca says, "It doesn't matter why you laugh. Even in small doses, laughter improves the quality of life. You can condition people to feel more positive as laughter opens the mind and frees the creative juices. It makes us more receptive to new ideas." New York based laughter coach, Beth Bongar says that since our everyday lives are full of stress, in her classes on laughter, she uses the 'gibberish' technique, where everyone laughs by using gibberish sounds. Such playful exercises help reduce inhibitions and shyness, and convert simulated laughter into unconditional laughter.</p> <p><b>3.</b> According to the greatest laughter therapist, laughter is a cathartic process which helps rebalance the chemistry of our emotions, and so can be a keynote for healing. Several researchers on the benefits of laughter in Japan have shown that laughter therapy is an efficient, low-cost medical treatment that cuts health costs. According to their findings, laughter is a stimulant that triggers energy inside a person's DNA, potentially helping to cure disease. When we are laughing with other people, we share a sense of connectedness, which in-turn, reduces loneliness. Says comedian Vir Dad, "when 3,000 people laugh at me, during my performance, even if I have a bad day, I feel joyful. Not everyone can be a comedian, but we can all learn to be more joyful."</p>	

	<b>Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.</b>	
	1) Did hiring a laughter coach prove beneficial for Sudha Chandra? How?	<b>1</b>
	2) How can we rebalance the chemistry of our emotions?	<b>1</b>
	3) Beth Bongar uses a poetic technique to make everyone laugh. (True/False)	<b>1</b>
	4) “Such playful exercises help reduce <u>inhibitions</u> and shyness, and convert stimulated laughter into unconditional laughter.” Substitute the underlined word with the most appropriate option from the following. (i) confidence (ii) self-consciousness (iii) strength (iv) inflammation	<b>1</b>
	5) Based on your reading of the passage, choose the <b>INCORRECT</b> statement from the following. (i) People think that they have no time to laugh as there are more important things to do. (ii) Laughter is a cathartic process which helps rebalance the chemistry of our emotions. (iii) The cynic in us still think it is an exaggeration, but the fact is that we can be taught to laugh more. (iv) Jean Legett says, “Hiring a laughter coach changed my perspective towards life.”	<b>1</b>
	6) How is laughter related to healing?	<b>1</b>
	7) Choose the option that correctly states the two meanings of ‘ <b>cathartic</b> ’, as used in the passage. <b>(1) Releasing strong emotions.</b> <b>(2) Psychological relief through open expression.</b> <b>(3) Having a strong mental health.</b> <b>(4) Being vulnerable in every situation.</b> <b>(5) Weeping and whining for no reason.</b> (i) (1) and (2) (ii) (2) and (3) (iii) (3) and (4) (iv) (4) and (5)	<b>1</b>

	8) The word ' <b>perspective</b> ' in the passage means to _____ . (i) look out of the window (ii) have an outlook on matters (iii) stay outdoors (iv) look well on the outside	<b>1</b>															
	9) Write the synonym of ' <b>approachable</b> ' as given in paragraph 2.	<b>1</b>															
	10) A ' <b>stimulant</b> ' is something that _____ . (i) enhances an effect (ii) reduces the effect (iii) keeps something level (iv) increases the effect of the brain	<b>1</b>															
	<b>SECTION B-GRAMMAR</b>	<b>10</b>															
<b>III</b>	<b>Attempt any ten of the following questions.</b>																
	1) Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket. The teacher _____ ( <b>complete</b> ) the preparation for the function before the term ended.	<b>1</b>															
	2) Ritu met Anita and saw her crying. Report Ritu's question. Ritu : "Anita, what is the matter?"	<b>1</b>															
	3) Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction. The stage performance put up by the students were spectacular. Use the given format for your response. <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 50%;">Error</th> <th style="width: 50%;">Correction</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Error	Correction			<b>1</b>											
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	4) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option. You _____ keep your promise. (i) may (ii) can (iii) must (iv) will	<b>1</b>															
	5) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line. The children cheers loudly when their captain scored the winning goal. <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 20%;">Option No</th> <th style="width: 30%;">Error</th> <th style="width: 50%;">Correction</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">cheers</td> <td style="text-align: center;">cheered</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> <td style="text-align: center;">when</td> <td style="text-align: center;">by</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td style="text-align: center;">scored</td> <td style="text-align: center;">scoring</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">4</td> <td style="text-align: center;">winning</td> <td style="text-align: center;">winner</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Option No	Error	Correction	1	cheers	cheered	2	when	by	3	scored	scoring	4	winning	winner	<b>1</b>
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	6) Bella shared some information about her visit to her grandmother with Kamal. Report Kamal's question.	<b>1</b>															

	<p>“Is your grandmother feeling better now?”</p>					
	<p>7) Complete the given sentence by filling in the blank with the correct option.          No one even noticed when I got home. They _____ the big game on TV.          (i) had all been watching          (ii) have all watched          (iii) had all watched          (iv) were all watching</p>	<b>1</b>				
	<p>8) Identify the error in the advertisement of real estate posted on a street hoarding and supply the correction.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px auto; width: fit-content;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Callipolis</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Gurugram, Haryana</b></span>  <b>If location matter, here is the address!</b></p> </div> <p>Use the given format for your response.</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 50%;">Error</th> <th style="width: 50%;">Correction</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="height: 20px;"></td> <td style="height: 20px;"></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Error	Correction			<b>1</b>
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	<p>9) Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given sentence.          A litter of kittens _____ born in the shelter.          (i) been          (ii) was          (iii) were          (iv) being</p>	<b>1</b>				
	<p>10) Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction.          Neil Alden Armstrong was an American astronaut and aeronautical engineer, and the first person to walking on the moon.          Use the given format for your response.</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 50%;">Error</th> <th style="width: 50%;">Correction</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="height: 20px;"></td> <td style="height: 20px;"></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Error	Correction			<b>1</b>
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	<p>11) Select the correct option to complete the narration of a dialogue between Raj and his wife.</p> <p><b>Raj : I have invited my friends for dinner.</b>  <b>Wife : I will invite my friends too.</b>          Raj told his wife that he had invited his friends for dinner. His wife added that _____.</p> <p>(i) she will invite her friends too.          (ii) she can invite her friends too          (iii) she would invite her friends too.          (iv) she could invite her friends too</p>	<b>1</b>				

	12) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence. We _____ eat lots of vegetables and fruits every day. (i) ought to (ii) may (iii) can (iv) could	1
<b>IV</b>	<b>SECTION B: CREATIVE WRITING</b>	<b>10</b>
	1) You recently participated in a ' <b>Robot Making</b> ' event in your school. Participants from as many as 30 schools in the city took part in the event. Write about the event in 100-120 words describing how many robots were made and who was awarded the best prize etc... <b>OR</b> 2) Write a descriptive paragraph, in about 100-120 words on ' <b>My Grandmother</b> '. Use the information given below. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;">most amazing person- she always puts a smile on our faces-had the funniest laugh-would help anyone no matter what the situation was-always had a welcoming home- could talk to her about anything-made the best dishes-raised me to a better person-everyone who met her admired her</div>	5
<b>V</b>	1) Hema wanted to write a story but couldn't complete it. Help her complete the story with the cues given below. Write it in about 100-120 words and give a suitable title to the story. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;">It was a bright and perfect day to read a book and relax. The work in the office had been so challenging that....</div> <b>OR</b> 2) Write a short story based on the following hints, in about 100-120 words. Give a suitable title to it. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;">When Mohit reached his house from the market, he saw a crowd gathered in front of his house. Shocked and disturbed, he started running towards the house. Many thoughts were flashing in his mind...</div>	5
	<b>SECTION C- LITERATURE</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>VI</b>	<b>Attempt any one of the two extracts.</b>	<b>5</b>
	<b>(1)</b> The Americans developed the atomic bomb in a secret project of their own and dropped it on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August 1945. Einstein was deeply shaken by the extent of the destruction. This time, he wrote a public missive to the United Nations. In it, he proposed the formation of a world government.	

	<p>a) How did Americans destroy two Japanese cities?  b) Why did Einstein propose the formation of a world government?  c) What was Einstein’s reaction to the extent of destruction?  (i) He was saddened.  (ii) He was in rage.  (iii) He wanted vengeance.  (iv) He was deeply shaken.  d) Select the option that correctly captures the application of the word ‘<b>public</b>’ as used in the passage.  (i) She has completed 20 hours of public service.  (ii) Public spending is growing every year.  (iii) He made several public appearance.  (iv) He wrote yet another public message through the columns of the newspaper.  e) Which word in the passage is a synonym of ‘<b>memorandum</b>’?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <p><b>(2)</b> Mahendra shivered at the description and interrupted rather sharply. “You are crazy, Iswaran. There are no such things as ghosts or spirits. It is all a figment of your imagination. Get your digestive system examined- and maybe your head as well. You are talking nonsense.” He left the room and retired for the night, expecting Iswaran to sulk for a couple of days. But the next morning he was surprised to find the cook as cheerful and talkative as ever.</p> <p>a) Why did Mahendra react sharply?  b) Mahendra’s disapproval to Iswaran’s storytelling shows that:  (i) He didn’t approve of his skill.  (ii) He was actually scared.  (iii) He boasts about himself and his skill of storytelling.  (iv) Mahendra always wanted to improvise Iswaran’s stories.  c) With what intention did Mahendra leave the room?  d) Mahendra’s advice to Iswaran to get his digestive system examined reflects his:  (i) anger  (ii) appreciation  (iii) High opinion  (iv) Contentment  e) How did Mahendra ignore Iswaran for his ghost stories?</p>	
<b>VII</b>	<b>Attempt any one of the two extracts.</b>	<b>5</b>
	<p><b>(1)</b> And I shall have some peace there, for peace comes dropping slow,  Dropping from the veils of the morning to where the cricket sing;  There midnight’s all a glimmer, and noon a purple glow,  And evening full of linnet’s wings.</p> <p>a) What does the poet expect to find in Innisfree?</p>	



	<p>b) The poet beautifully builds up the imagery and creates a wish-list in the given stanza. Pick the one that the wish-list doesn't include.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Nine bean rows</li> <li>(ii) A hive for the honey-bee</li> <li>(iii) Wilderness of river</li> <li>(iv) Cricket's songs</li> </ul> <p>c) How does the poet describe the midnight and noon of this place?</p> <p>d) Write the rhyme scheme and the rhyming words of the given stanza.</p> <p>e) Choose the 'Metaphor' for the 'veil' as described in the poem.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Cricket</li> <li>(ii) Linnet</li> <li>(iii) Morning</li> <li>(iv) Cloud</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <p><b>(2)</b> Do this, and the wind will be friends with us.  The wind blows out weak fires.  He makes strong fires roar and flourish.  His friendship is good.  We praise him every day.</p> <p>a) Which of the following does not describe the 'wind' according to the given stanza?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Loving</li> <li>(ii) Harsh</li> <li>(iii) Ruthless</li> <li>(iv) Cruel</li> </ul> <p>b) What message do we get from the poem?</p> <p>c) What does the poet suggest to be friends with the wind?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) build strong homes</li> <li>(ii) close the doors firmly</li> <li>(iii) have strong bodies and mind</li> <li>(iv) all</li> </ul> <p>d) Identify the poetic device used in the line '<b>Do this, and the wind will be friends with us.</b>'</p> <p>e) Write a word from the extract that means as '<b>prosper</b>'.</p>	
<b>VIII</b>	<b>Answer any three of the following in about 30 to 40 words.</b>	<b>9</b>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) How and why did Kezia's father comfort her to sleep?</li> <li>2) When do the 'thousand dreamy fancies' begin to weave in the poet's mind? What are these fancies?</li> <li>3) What two 'important' and 'earth-shaking' decisions did the doctor take while he was looking into the mirror?</li> <li>4) Which road did the poet take to travel and why?</li> <li>5) Why was Margie doing badly in Geography? What did the County Inspector do to help her?</li> </ol>	

IX	<b>Answer any three of the following in about 30 to 40 words.</b>	<b>9</b>
	1) What difference do you notice in the child's behaviour before and after he gets lost? 2) Why was Iswaran called Mahendra's asset? 3) How did grandfather take Toto to Saharanpur? 4) What did Iswaran do after Mahendra had left for office? 5) What are guru's words of wisdom? When does the disciple remember them?	
X	<b>Answer any one of the following in about 100 to 200 words.</b>	<b>6</b>
	1) "I was but a poor, foolish and stupid doctor." Justify the statement in the light of the story 'The Snake and the Mirror'. <b>OR</b> 2) Make a comparative study of the experiences of Evelyn and Bismilla Khan in their musical journey.	
XI	<b>Answer any one of the following in about 100 to 200 words.</b>	<b>6</b>
	1) Name all the people who were tried in the King's court and give reason for each of their trials. <b>OR</b> 2) What were the things the child wanted to have in the fair when he was with his parents?	