

**SAMPLE PAPER 2**  
**CLASS IX**  
**SUBJECT – ENGLISH**

**General Instructions**

**i) The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, WRITING and LITERATURE.**  
**ii) Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.**

**Time : 3 hrs.**

**Marks : 80**

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**Section A : Reading Skills ( 20 Marks)**

**1. Read the following passage carefully:**

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1. I came to California during spring; that alone was stressful. Then I discovered that academics here were much harder than back home. Add to this that I didn't know anyone and had trouble making friends. I was getting more anxious by the day, and I didn't know what to do. However, as time went by my shyness changed to excitement, and that excitement generated an adventurous spirit in me. I wanted to go out and explore Berkeley, and I was building up the courage to talk to more people.

2. I stayed in the dorms when I first arrived. Although most people on the floor had already formed their cliques, I'm still grateful to have lived there. I met people who introduced me to many clubs, classes, and activities that I might otherwise have missed out on.

3. Still, all the changes and challenges were really getting to me. I used to overeat when I was anxious, which didn't benefit my body at all my stomach would hurt, and then I'd be even more stressed that I didn't feel well! "Talking" to someone wasn't an idea that occurred to me until much later, when I learned that expressing my feelings might be a healthier (and less stomach-ache-inducing) way to relieve stress.

4. One of my first friends happened to be in the Health Worker Programme (HWP). She was so amazing! I felt like I finally found someone to talk to, someone who would listen to me. Eventually, by the end of my first semester at California, things started to look up. I made more friends, I adjusted to the academics at Berkeley, and I learned how to live in a city completely different from my hometown. I don't think I would have managed, though, if it had not been for my friend's empathetic nature and peer counselling training. My experience with her led me to become a health worker as well. When one thinks of health, many images come to mind; the flu, a cough, medicine. With my major being Linguistics (read: a social science!), I was very apprehensive about applying to such a programme. I quickly discovered, however, that being a health worker wasn't about playing doctor-it's about learning life skills (which I continue to use in my daily life, on and off campus) and becoming an advocate of health for your peers.

**(a) Why does the writer say that 'I came to California during spring; that alone was stressful? Pick out the incorrect reason on the list.**

- (i) Academics had not been as tough back at home.
- (ii) He was an introvert by nature.
- (iii) He was hesitant to step out and explore the city.
- (iv) He was already having panic attack.

**(b)** How did the attitude of the writer change when he decided to take matters into his own hands after a long spell of anxiety, nervousness, and being holed in the dorm? Rationalise your response in about 40 words.

**(c)** Complete the sentence appropriately.

The writer expresses his gratitude to his mates in the dormitory despite the fact that they already had their own closed groups because\_\_\_\_\_.

**(d)** The passage includes some words that are similar in meaning to each other. From the sets 1-5 below, identify two sets of synonyms.

**(e)** Complete the sentence appropriately.

The writer realises that instead of overeating during his anxiety-ridden spells, he should have .....

(f) Based on the reading of the passage, examine in about 40 words, how did life come around a full circle for the author when he decided to become a health worker.

(g) The writer talks about the benefits of learning life skills which helped him in his daily life at Berkeley. Which of the following skills that the author 'picked up by chance' ended up benefitting him?

1. Becoming an advocate of health for his peers.
2. Became empathetic.
3. Adjusting to the academics at Berkeley.
4. Learning how to live in a new city so different from his hometown.
5. Training to become a counsellor.
6. Becoming a health worker despite his major being Linguistics.

(i) 1, 2. and 3. (ii) 4 and 5. (iii) 1 and 6. (iv) 3 and 5  
**(h)** According to the passage, which of these should a new student in a foreign country may

## 2.. Read the following passage carefully:

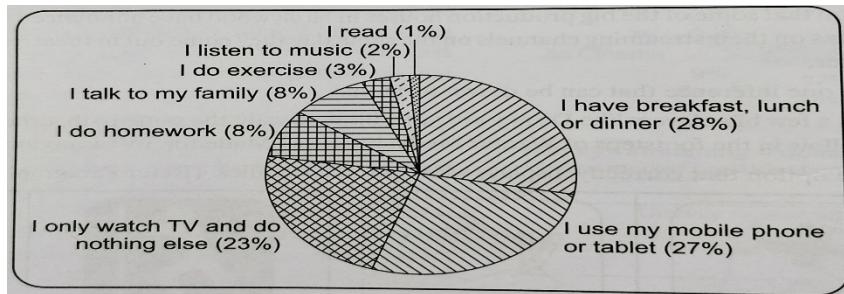
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1. We often think of TV watching as the activity where people are fully engaged and immersed in the TV programmes. However, research has shown that there is a continuum of levels of attention while watching TV.

2. All teenagers are different. But many enjoy spending their free time doing things like shopping, going to parties, being with friends, gaming and using social media, texting, watching movies, reading and going to the beach or park.

3. Teenagers are also spending an increasing amount of their T.V time in structured extracurricular activities like arts and sports. The given chart shows teenagers' answers to a survey for Notthem Ireland Teen Time magazine, which asked them if they do anything else while they watch TV. It can be seen that over three- quarters of those surveyed do other things simultaneously.

**Other Activities while Watching TV**



4. Over half said they either ate or checked their mobile phone or tablet while they were watching TV while, perhaps unsurprisingly, only a few teenagers said they read, did exercise or listened to music while watching TV. Eight per cent talked to their families and another 8% said they often did homework and watched TV at the same time. It is not clear from the pie chart if they did more than one additional activity at once. A large proportion of families watch TV while they are eating, while almost a third of young people divide their attention between several screens at the same time.

5. It was found that multitasking occurred almost 40% of the time when people were seated in front of the television. Most multitasking occurred during TV programmes not during the interval between TV programmes. Of the time people spent multitasking, 27% was spent on a device, mostly a smartphone. However, only 10% of device-related multitasking was related to the content being played on the TV. With our study, we contribute to the greater body of foundational knowledge around common multitasking behaviours that are conducted in front of the television.

6. These figures may reflect a general trend towards less formal family mealtimes and greater levels of multitasking. However, a significant number of teenagers still focus fully on the television when they are watching.

(a) Complete the following analogy appropriately, based on your understanding of paragraphs 1 and 2.

We can say that the situation of people being fully engaged and immersed while watching TV programmes is comparable with people fully engrossed while eating because.....

**(b)** Fill in the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets, based on your understanding of paragraph 2.

The statement that the survey conducted by Notthem Ireland Teen Time magazine shows that more than 50% of teenagers divided their attention between their cell phones or tablets while watching TV is..... fact/opinion because it is a..... subjective judgement/objective detail.

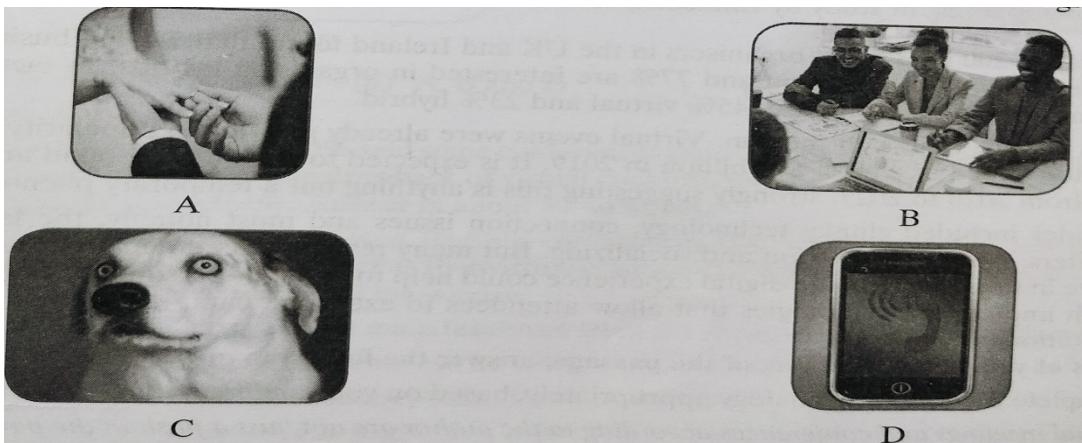
**(c)** Justify the following, in about 40 words.

In a survey for Notthem Ireland Teen Time magazine, which asked teenagers if they do anything else while they watch TV, it was found that multitasking commonly occurred when people were seated in front of the television.

**(d)** Based on the survey results, which two behaviour traits associated with TV viewing could explain the reduced attention span among youngsters?

**(e)** The survey figures may reflect only a general trend towards less formal family mealtimes and greater levels of multitasking, says the author. State any one inference that can be drawn from this.

**(f)** Select the option that correctly displays what 'engaged' signifies. (Reference-Paragraph 1)



**(g)** Infer one positive and one negative outcome of the survey conducted by the Notthem Ireland Teen Time magazine regarding teen habits in general especially, in relation to the statement: All teenagers are different.' Answer in about 30-40 words.

**(h)** Select the option that sequences the topics touched upon in the passage appropriately with reference to the information given below.

(i) Teens and extracurricular activities - Teen activities - Multitasking

(ii) Teens and leisure time - The Notthem survey's findings - Common multitasking behaviour in teens

(iii) Teens and TV time - Pie chart and its findings - Multitasking in adults

(iv) Teens and extracurricular activities - Notthem Ireland Teen Time magazine - Multitasking in teens.

**SECTION B: WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR****(20 marks)****3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed. 10****(i)** Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete.

The Sun has immense gravity as well as magnetic fields that the solar winds under control.

(i) are keeping. (ii) had kept. (iii) keep. (iv) may keep

**(ii)** Read the conversation between a doctor and his patient. Complete the sentence by reporting the dialogue.

Doctor: You might need a surgical procedure.

Patient: I am scared of surgeries.

On being informed by his doctor that he might need a surgical procedure, the patient remarked that he \_\_\_\_\_ of surgeries.

**(iii)** Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line, from an article on astronomy.

Webb's solar shield \_\_\_\_\_ the light from the Sun, Earth, and Moon, which will help it stay cool.

(i) will block. (ii) is blocking

(iii) has blocked (iv) blocked

**(iv)** Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line, from a news report: Last year, the farmers adopted hydroponics farming (where plants are grown in nutrient-rich water instead of soil] that has involved floating bamboo rafts for cultivation.

Option no.	Error	Correction
(i)	adopted	have adopted
(ii)	hydroponics	hydroponic
(iii)	are grown	grow
(iv)	has involved	involved

**(v)** Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blank with the correct option:

The sound made by a flock of geese..... the baying of hounds.

(1) can resemble. (ii) resembles. (iii) resemble. (iv) is resembling

**(vi)** Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter:

Dear Sir

Subject: Insanitary conditions in the colony

I \_\_\_\_\_ (to be) a resident of Amar Enclave for the past eleven years.

**(Vii)** Report the dialogue between two classmates, by completing the sentence:

Aman: Can you lend me your practical file?

Chandan: Sure, but only for a day.

When Aman asked Chandan \_\_\_\_\_ practical file, he replied that he could but only for a day.

**(viii)** Identify the error in the given sentence, from a school magazine report and supply the correction.

The tribals have learned to live in harmony with the wildlife to acquire a great sense of smell and hearing.

Error.      Correction

\_\_\_\_\_.

**(ix)** Rani suggested Sheena that they should go to the zoo and further added that it was close to her home. Report the question asked by Sheena.

**(x).** Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the sentence given below.

Holes in the grow bags mean that excess water \_\_\_\_\_ drain away into the pond keeping the soil moist but not soggy.

(i) can    (ii) should.    (iii) might.    (iv) would

**(xi )** Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between a mother and her daughter.

Mother: Turn off the TV and help me in cleaning your room.

Rani: Ma, I will do it later.

On \_\_\_\_\_ in cleaning her (the daughter's) room, the daughter replied that she would do it later.

- (i) being asked to turn off the TV and help her
- (ii) being requested to turn off the TV and help her
- (iii) being instructed to turn off the TV and help her
- (iv) being suggested to turn off the TV and help

(xii) Identify the error on a shop's hoarding and supply the correction, for the following:

**FIRE EXIST. MIND THE STEP**

## Error.      Correction

## WRITING SKILLS

4. Write a story in about 150-200 words with the clues given below.

Hints: Pooja alone at home/grandfather ill/scaring night/different thought came in her mind/heard a noise/surprised to see her pet dog.

5. Two months ago, because of an emergency, you had to return to your hometown Lucknow alone. You could not get a ticket and therefore, boarded the train without one. Describe your experience of this unexpected and scary train trip in 100-150 words.

**SECTION C : LITERATURE (40 MARKS)**

6. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 5

**(A)** A corpse is being cremated on its banks; washerwomen are at their work and children bathe. From a balcony a basket of flowers and leaves, old offerings now wilted, is dropped into the river. A small shrine half protrudes from the stone platform on the river bank.

- a. What is the name of the river?
- b. Where is it situated?
- c. What is believed by the people about the shrine on the stone platform? 2
- d. What is happening on the river's bank?

OR

**(B)** His presence in the house still a secret, Toto was now transferred to a big cage in the servants' quarters where a number of Grandfather's pets lived very sociably together a tortoise, a pair of rabbits, a tame squirrel and, for a while, my pet goat. But the monkey wouldn't allow any of his companions to sleep at night; so Grandfather, who had to leave Debra Dun next day to collect his pension in Saharanpur, decided to take him along. 5

a. List all the pets that grandfather has?

b. Who did not let other animals sleep?  
c. What made the grandfather take Toto along with him?  
d. Find a word from the given extract that means the same as "domesticated".

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**7. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given.**

(A) The source, white and wet,  
The most sensitive,  
hidden For years inside the earth.  
Then the matter  
Of scorching and choking  
In sun and air,  
Browning, hardening,  
Twisting, withering,  
And then it is done.

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- From which poem has this extract been taken and who is the poet ?
- What remained inside the earth for many years?
- And then it is done'. What does it mean?
- Which according to poet is the most sensitive part of a tree?

**OR**

(B) Let us remember, whenever we are told

To hate our brothers, it is ourselves  
That we shall dispossess, betray, condemn.  
Remember, we who take arms against each other.

- Name the poem and the poet of these lines.
- What happens if we hate our fellow human beings?
- Against whom are the arms taken ?
- What does 'dispossess' mean?

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**8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words.  $4 \times 3 = 12$**

- What did Margie write in her diary? Why did she want to go to an old school?
- Why did Einstein write a letter to Franklin Roosevelt?
- What is the central idea of the poem 'No men are foreign ' ?
- How does Santosh develop a liking for climbing ?
- What two ' important ' and ' earth- shaking ' decisions did the doctor take while he was looking into the mirror ?

**9. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words.  $2 \times 3 = 9$**

- Why was Ishwaran an asset for Mahindra?
- Who is the real culprit according to the king? Why does he escape punishment?

c. Why had Behrman been out in that stormy night?

**10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 6**

a. How did Maria Sharapova overcome the challenges humiliations and insults to become number one in women's tennis?

**OR**

b. The author speaks both of people who were very aware of the differences among them and those who tried to bridge these differences. Identify such people in the text. ( My Childhood)

**11. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 6**

a. Do you think Sergei's sympathy was as important as olga's noble deeds in the reformation of Lushkoff

**OR**

b. How does the behaviour of the child before and after his separation from the parents show that he has great love for his parents?