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General Instructions:-**I. 1. All questions are compulsory.**

Q.1	Read the following passage carefully and attempt the questions on the basis of the passage you have read.	7
	<p>Mike and Morris lived in the same village. While Morris owned the largest jewelry shop in the village, Mike was a poor farmer. Both had large families with many sons, daughters-in-law and grandchildren. One fine day, Mike, tired of not being able to feed his family, decided to leave the village and move to the city where he was certain to earn enough to feed everyone. Along with his family, he left the village for the city. At night, they stopped under a large tree. There was a stream running nearby where they could freshen up themselves. He told his sons to clear the area below the tree, he told his wife to fetch water and he instructed his daughters-in-law to make up the fire and started cutting wood from the tree himself. They didn't know that in the branches of the tree, there was a thief hiding. He watched as Mike's family worked together and also noticed that they had nothing to cook. Mike's wife also thought the same and asked her husband "Everything is ready but what shall we eat?" Mike raised his hands to heaven and said "Don't worry. He is watching all of this from above. He will help us." The thief got worried as he had seen that the family was large and worked well together. Taking advantage of the fact that they did not know he was hiding in the branches, he decided to make a quick escape. He climbed down safely when they were not looking and ran for his life. But, he left behind the bundle of stolen jewels and money which dropped into Mike's lap. Mike opened it and jumped with joy when he saw the contents. The family gathered all their belongings and returned to the village. There was great excitement when they told everyone how they got rich. Morris thought that the tree was miraculous and this was a nice and quick way to earn some money. He ordered his family to pack some clothes and they set off as if on a journey. They also stopped under the same tree and Morris started commanding everyone as Mike had done. But no one in his family was willing to obey his orders. Being a rich family, they were used to having servants all around. So, the one who went to the river to fetch water enjoyed a nice bath. The one who went to get wood for fire went off to sleep. Morris's wife said "Everything is ready but what shall we eat?" Morris raised his hands and said, "Don't worry. He is watching all of this from above. He will help us." As soon as he finished saying, the thief jumped down from the tree with a knife in hand. Seeing him, everyone started running around to save their lives. The thief stole everything they had and Morris and his family had to return to the village empty handed, having lost all their valuables that they had taken with them.</p>	
I	Why did Mike and his family decide to rest under the thief's tree? 1. Being a large family, they knew that they could easily defeat the thief 2. It was a convenient spot for taking a halt at night 3. There was a stream nearby and wood enough to build a house 4. That was the only large tree that could shelter their large family (a) 1 and 2 (b) 2, 3 and 4 (c). Only 4 (d) Only 3	1

II	Which of the following best describes Morris? (A) He was a rich businessman (B) He bullied his wife (C) He paid his servants well (D) He was greedy and imitated Mike	1												
III	What did Mike mean when he said “He is watching all this from above”?	1												
IV	Why did the thief return to the tree? A) To wait for Mike to return (B) To set up a trap C) To wait for Morris’s family (D) Not mentioned in the passage	1												
V	How did the fellow villagers react to Mike getting rich overnight?	2												
VI	Find the word from the passage having same meaning as “ Feeling on cloud nine”	1												
Writing and Grammar														
Q.3	Fill in the blank with the appropriate words.	2												
I	She..... the papers before she submitted them. (a) Has Checked (b) Had Checked (c) Checked (d) Checks													
II	My father has given meyear to crack SSC exam. (a) A (b) An (c) the (d) Many													
III	Rishi asked Ali the question given below. Report Rishi’s question. Could you give me some advice on how I could be a better school captain?	1												
Q.4	Fill in the blank with the appropriate word.	2												
I	Travelling.....much easier and more comfortable in the past hundred years. (a) Have become (b) Has become (c) Had become (d) will become													
II	His grandmother and father always.....tea early in the morning. (a) Take (b) Takes (c) Had taken (d) Have taken													
Q.5	The following lines have not been edited, find the error and correct them.	2												
I	One of the reasons of elephant poaching the profit received from selling the ivory tusks. (Be)													
II	Hamilton family centre, a shelter for orphan children and other destitute people in San Francisco offer a wide variety of services. <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td></td> <td>Incorrect</td> <td>Correct</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Services</td> <td>Service</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Other</td> <td>Another</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Offer</td> <td>Offers</td> </tr> </table>		Incorrect	Correct		Services	Service		Other	Another		Offer	Offers	
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Literature														
Q.6	Read the following extract and answer the following questions.	5												
	The next morning Sue came and sat on Johnsy’s bed. Taking Johnsy’s hand in hers she said, “I have something to tell you. Mr Behrman died of pneumonia this morning. He was ill for only two days. The first day the janitor found him on his bed. His clothes and shoes were wet and he was shivering. He had been out in that stormy night.”													
I	Who found Mr. Behrman the first day?	1												
II	The statement that is true about Mr. Behrman according to the extract is..... (a) He was a twenty –year- old painter. (b) He died due to pneumonia (c) He was a careless person (d) He gave up everything to pursue painting	1												
III	Select the option that correctly captures the usage of the word “ILL” from the text. (a) The street is full of <u>ill</u> -lit shops. (b) I can never wish any <u>ill</u> for Raman (c) Shashi was taken <u>ill</u> with food poisoning (d) I have had a run of <u>ill</u> luck.	1												
IV	How and why did Behrman get wet?	2												
Q.7	Read the following stanza and answer the following questions.	5												
	It takes much time to kill a tree, Not a simple jab of the knife Will do it. The tree has grown													

	Slowly consuming the earth, Rising out of it, feeding Upon its crust, absorbing Years of sunlight, air, water, And out of its leprous hide Sprouting leaves.	
I	What does 'it' refer to in the third line of the stanza?	
II	Can a few blows from an axe kill a tree? (a) No, they can't. It takes much time to kill a tree. (b) Yes, they can. They will cut down the tree and kill it. (c) Yes, they can kill a tree, but slowly. (d) None of the above.	
III	How does a tree gain its strength? (a) It makes its own food and feeds upon it. (b) It draws its strength from the earth's crust by absorbing the sunlight, air and water. (c) It draws its strength from Nature. (d) Both A & C	
IV	Where do the leaves come from? (a) They sprout from its roots. (b) They come from the earth's crust. (c) They sprout from the bark of a tree. (d) None of the above.	
V	Which poetic device has been used in the stanza?	
Q-8	Answer the following questions in 30-40 words.	3*2=6
I	How did Santosh feel when she was literally on the top of the world?	
II	Why did author's mother go into the burning house?	



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	<p>An earthquake comes like a thief in the night, without warning. It was necessary, therefore, to invent instruments that neither slumbered nor slept. Some devices were quite simple. One, for instance, consisted of rods of various lengths and thicknesses which would stand up on end like ninepins. When a shock came it shook the rigid table upon which these stood. If it were gentle, only the more unstable rods fell. If it were severe, they all fell. Thus the rods falling and by the direction in which they fell, recorded for the slumbering scientist, the strength of a shock that was too weak to wake him and the direction from which it came.</p> <p>But, instruments far more delicate than that were needed if any really serious advance was to be made. The idea to be aimed at was to devise an instrument that could record with a pen on paper, the movements of the ground or of the table, as the quake passed by. While I write my pen moves but the paper keeps still. With practice, no doubt, I could, in time, learn to write by holding the pen still while the paper moved. That sounds a silly suggestion, but that was precisely the idea adopted in some of the early instruments (seismometers) for recording earthquake waves. But when table, pen-holder and paper are all moving how is it possible to write legibly? The key to a solution of that problem lay in an everyday observation. Why does a person standing in a bus or train tend to fall when a sudden start is made? It is because his feet move on, but his head stays still</p>	
I	The passage says that early instruments for measuring earthquakes were..... (a) Faulty in design (b) Expensive (c) Not sturdy (d) not sensitive enough	1
II	Why was it necessary to invent instruments to observe an earthquake?	2
III	A simple device which consisted of rods that stood up on end like ninepins was replaced by a more sophisticated one because it failed.....	1
IV	His everyday observation referred to in the passage relates to..... (a) A moving bus or a train (b) the sudden Starts of a bus (c) The tendency of a standing person to fall when a bus or train moves suddenly. (d) People standing in a bus or train.	1
V	The early seismometers adopted the idea in order to record the earthquake, it is.....	1
VI	Substitute the following line with one word from the passage. “That can be read very easily and clearly”	1
Grammar		
Q.2	Fill in the blank with the appropriate word.	7
I	Helenher driving test five times so far without success. (a) Taken (b) has taken (c) had taken (d) took	
II	The employees or the CEO of the company.....already to the media before the owner came. (a) Speak (b) has spoken (c) had spoken (d) Spoke	
III	On the way back to our home we saw.....one eyed man who was begging.	

	(a) A	(b) An	(c) The	(d) No article	
IV	The teacher asked a question from the students about the assignment. Report the teacher's question. Does anyone of you want to know anything about the assignment given by me?				
V	Report the dialogue between a grandson and a grandmother. Grandson: who is your favourite actor? Grandmother: I do not watch movie. In reply to the question grandmother told				
VI	Fast food, like burgers and street food,harmful to our health. (is/are)				
VII	A thief along with his companions.....caught by the police yesterday. (was/were)				
Literature					
Q.3	Read the extract given below and answer the question.				5
	However, the rapid ascent in a fiercely competitive world began nine years before with a level of sacrifice few children would be prepared to endure. Little Maria had not yet celebrated her tenth birthday when she was packed off to train in the United States. That trip to Florida with her father Yuri launched her on the path to success and stardom. But it also required a heart-wrenching two-year separation from her mother Yelena. The latter was compelled to stay back in Siberia				
I	Choose the option that lists the set of statements that are NOT TRUE according to the given extract. I. Maria was born in USA. II. Maria belongs to a poor family. III. Maria had to sacrifice her childhood to achieve her success. IV. Maria was loved by her batch mates. V. Maria had strength and courage to go through her intense training. VI. Maria played for Russia. (a) 2, 3, 4 (c) 1, 2, 3 (b) 1, 4, 6 (d) 4, 5, 6				1
II	Which word does 'Fiercely' not correspond to? (a) Passionately (b) Indifferent (c) Intensely (d) Relentless				1
III	How did staying in the USA change her life?				1
IV	What sacrifice did Maria make?				1
V	Maria had to stay away from Yelena for.....years.				1
Q.4	Read the stanza given below and answer the question.				
	It has grown Slowly consuming the earth Rising out of it, feeding Upon its crust, absorbing				
I	The poetic device used in the line 2 of the extract.....				1
II	What is the extract about? (a) It describes the cutting of a tree. (b) It describes the pruning of a tree. (c) It describes the growth of a tree. (d) It describes the cutting of a shrub.				1
III	The word 'Absorbing' in the extract is opposite of..... (a) Sucking (b) Defiling (c) Taking (d) Giving out				1
IV	What does "It" refer to in the first line?				1
V	State whether the following statement is True or False. Consuming the Earth ' in the extract means securing and nourishment from the Earth.				1
Q.5	Answer the following questions in 30-40 words.				
	How did Santosh feel when she was literally on the top of the world?				3*2=6
	Why did author's mother go into the burning house?				

Answer Key
Set-A
Class-IX (English) PT-3 (2024-25)

Q.1	Reading section	
I	Ans. (B)	1
II	Ans. (D)	1
III	Ans. God is watching.	1
IV	Ans. D	
V	Ans. They were very excited.(Explain in 20-30 words)	1
VI	Ans. Jump with joy/Excited	1
Q.2	Grammar	4
I	Ans.B	
II	Ans. A	1
III	if he could give him some advice on how he could be a better school captain.	1
Q.3		1
I	Ans. B	1
II	Ans. A	1
Q.4		1
I	Ans.Is/Was	1
II	Ans. Offer. Offers	1
Q.5	Literature	1
I	Ans. Janitor	1
II	Ans. B	1
III	Ans. C	1
IV	Ans. He remained outside in the stormy and cold night to paint the leaf which saved a life.	1
Q.6		1
I	Ans. Cutting a tree/killing a tree	2
II	Ans. A	2
III	Ans.B	2
IV	Ans.C	
V	Ans.Alliteration /Metaphor/personification/Enjambment etc	
Q.7		
I	Santosh asserted that her feeling at the summit of the Everest was “indescribable”. Unfurling the Indian flag on the top of the world was a spiritual moment for her and she felt proud as an Indian.	
II	Ans. The author’s mother hurriedly went to the burning house for saving the last valuable photos graphs of his father and important documents.	

Answer Key
Set-B
Class-IX (English) PT-3(2024-25)

Q.1	Reading section		
I	Ans.D		1
II	Ans. An earthquake comes like a thief without any warning.(Explain)		1
III	Ans. To identify the earthquake waves and the direction where they come from.		1
IV	Ans. C		
V	Ans.The pen that should stay still and the paper should move.		1
VI	Ans. Legible/Legibly		1
		Guidance	
Q.2	Grammar		4
I	ANS. B		
II	Ans. C		1
III	Ans. A		1
IV	Ans. If any one of them wanted to know anything about the assignment given by him/her.		1
V	Ans. That she didn't watch movie.		1
VI	Ans. Is		1
VII	Ans. Was		1
Q.3	Literature		1
I	Ans. B		1
II	Ans. B		1
III	Ans. Any one relevant point i.e. became Fully confident/famous tennis player etc		1
IV	Ans. She had to live separately from her parents.		1
V	Ans. 2		1
Q.4			1
I	Ans. Personification/hyperbole		1
II	Ans. C		2
III	Ans. D		2
IV	Ans. Tree		2
V	Ans. True		
Q.5			
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