

Std. 9

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Summative Assessment I in **ENGLISH**

Time : 3 hrs.

M. Marks : 70

This paper has been divided into 3 sections :

Section A	Reading	20 marks
Section B	Writing & Grammar	25 marks
Section C	Literature	25 marks

General Instructions :

1. All questions are compulsory
2. Where required copy the entire sentence and then underline the word or words.
3. Strictly adhere to the word limit.
4. Marks will be deducted for untidiness.

SECTION – A (READING)

(20 Marks)

1. Read the following passage carefully:

'The Hardy Boys', ~~Mystery Stories~~ are a series of books about the adventures of brothers, Frank and Joe Hardy, teenaged detectives who solve one baffling mystery after another. The Hardy Boys were so popular among young boys that in 1930 a similar series was created for girls featuring a sixteen-year-old detective named Nancy Drew. The cover of each volume of 'The Hardy Boys' states that the author of the series is Franklin W. Dixon; the 'Nancy Drew Mystery Stories' are supposedly written by Carolyn Keene. Over the years, though, many fans of both series have been surprised to find out that Franklin W. Dixon and Carolyn Keene are not real people. If Franklin W. Dixon and Carolyn Keene never existed, then who wrote 'The Hardy Boys' and 'Nancy Drew' mysteries?

'The Hardy Boys' and 'The Nancy Drew' books were written through a process called ghostwriting. A ghostwriter writes a book according to a specific formula. While ghostwriters are paid for writing the books, their authorship is not acknowledged, and their names do not appear on the published books. Ghostwriters can write books for children or adults, the content of which is unspecific. Sometimes they work on book series with a lot of individual titles, such as 'The Hardy Boys' and 'The Nancy Drew' series.

The initial idea for both the 'Hardy Boys' and the 'Nancy Drew' series was developed by a man named Edward Stratemeyer, who owned a publishing company that specialized in children's books. Stratemeyer noticed the increasing popularity of mysteries among adults, and surmised that children would enjoy reading mysteries about younger detectives with whom they could identify. Stratemeyer first developed each book with an outline describing the plot and setting. Once he completed the outline, Stratemeyer then hired a ghostwriter to convert it into a book of slightly over 200 pages. After the ghostwriter had written a draft of a book, he or she would send it back to Stratemeyer, who would make a list of corrections and mail it back to the ghostwriter. The ghostwriter would revise the book according to Stratemeyer's instructions and then return it to him. Once Stratemeyer approved the book, it was ready for publication. Because each series ran for so many years, 'Nancy Drew' and 'The Hardy Boys' both had a number of different ghostwriters producing books; however, the first ghostwriter for each series

proved to be the most influential. The initial ghostwriter for 'The Hardy Boys' was a Canadian journalist named Leslie McFarlane.

A few years later, Mildred A. Wirt, a young writer from Iowa, began writing the 'Nancy Drew' books. Although they were using prepared outlines as guides, both McFarlane and Wirt developed the characters themselves. The personalities of Frank and Joe Hardy and Nancy Drew arose directly from McFarlane's and Wirt's imaginations. For example, Mildred Wirt had been a star college athlete and gave Nancy similar athletic abilities. The ghostwriters were also responsible for numerous plot and setting details. Leslie McFarlane used elements of his small Canadian town to create Bayport, the Hardy Boys fictional hometown.

On the basis of your reading of the above passage, fill in the blanks with appropriate words/ phrases: (8 marks)

- a) The 'Hardy Boys' mystery stories are a series of books that contain _____.
- b) _____ was a similar series like 'The Hardy Boys' created for the girls.
- c) The process of writing the 'Hardy Boys' and 'Nancy Drew' was called _____.
- d) The initial idea for both the 'Hardy Boys' and the 'Nancy Drew' series was developed by _____.
- e) 'The Hardy Boys' and 'Nancy Drew' books were created based on the idea that children _____.
- f) 'Nancy Drew' and the 'Hardy Boys' both had a number of different ghostwriters producing books _____.
- g) The personalities of Frank and Joe Hardy and Nancy Drew arose directly from _____ and _____ imaginations.
- h) The ghostwriters were responsible for _____ plot and _____ details.

2. Read the following passage carefully:

1 Here's why effective communication is important. In a large organization, when a CEO addresses a live webcast — a must in today's day and age — even a single question from an employee, no matter how unimportant it might be, will resonate across centers. It then becomes absolutely necessary for the leader to respond in a precise and unambiguous manner and use the platform to deliver his message across to the people. When the spotlight is on the leader, onlookers will hold on to every word he or she utters. Rhetoric can make many a hero.

2 Usage of words chosen to deliver a message is equally important. "Communication is not about company information. It's more like, if you want to drink water, do I presume you want to drink Coke," an HR head once remarked. If strategy is important, what's even more critical is communication of the strategy. One can either be vague and leave it to the imagination of others or be precise without any obscurity. Either way, depending on what the situation demands, it's a leader's call and he or she can be sure, people are going to judge.

3 The importance of effective communication is not restricted to the leadership level alone. Companies are looking at innovative and effective ways to communicate with employees and also enable employee-to-employee communication, what one can term as E-2-E. So there are Facebook like tools that are being created to encourage active discussion among employees, irrespective of where they are based. It also ensures any gap in communication is bridged and there are no excuses at that.

4 An engineering company I know uses SMS as a means to communicate with employees. They started this practice even when others were just about warming up to sending mailers to meet their communication needs. Others may take a cue from this and start using platforms like WhatsApp, who knows? The fact is companies are using technology in a big way because they understand that the biggest challenge today is communicating with the Gen-Yers and Gen-Xers. The logic is simple: if the new generation is used to modes like ATM and online shopping, how can archaic communication methods work?

5 Effective communication can work at multiple levels in an organization like training, learning and development, education opportunities, among others. Moreover, in a chaotic world, the only thing that will work is sane communication. If communication fails, organizations run the risk of falling into a trap where ideas emerge from all corners but don't get executed. So when it comes to people matters, silence is not always golden.

2.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions briefly: (4x2=8 marks)

- a) Why is effective communication absolutely necessary for the leader?
- b) In what way should companies productively communicate to benefit the employees?
- c) Why don't archaic communication methods work today?
- d) What happens if communication fails in an organization?

2.2 Choose the most appropriate answer from the given options: (4x1=4 marks)

- a) What is the meaning of the word 'chaotic'? (para 5)
 - i) disordered ii) noisy iii) organized iv) complex
- b) What is the meaning of the word 'innovative'? (para 3)
 - i) clever ii) unimaginative iii) creative iv) intelligent
- c) What is the opposite of the word 'unambiguous'? (para 1)
 - i) not clear ii) original iii) inventive iv) clear
- d) What is the meaning of the word 'strategy'? (para 2)
 - i) plan of action ii) communication iii) obscurity iv) execution

SECTION - B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR) (25 marks)

3. A recent survey showed teenagers' growing inclination towards latest electronic gadgets and gizmos and a drastic decline in number of readers. You decide to take up the cause and create awareness among the students about the usefulness of books. Write an article for your school magazine in about 120 words on 'Books are Man's Best Friends'. You can take ideas from the given clues. (5 marks)

- Increased interest in latest gadgets
- Lack of good vocabulary/expression
- Distraction affects academics
- Mechanical life
- Books are knowledge banks
- Inculcate moral and social values
- Build sensitivity
- Increase awareness

4. Complete the following story in not more than 200 words.

A young girl knocked at the door and Mrs. D'Souza opened the door. Mrs. D'Souza didn't recognize her and (10)

5. Complete the following passage by filling in the blanks with one word only. ($\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$ marks)

All religions have a) _____ common goal. (b) _____ religion when followed faithfully leads to God. (c) _____ should be free to follow (d) _____ faith one believes in. There should not be (e) _____ compulsion. Tolerance should be (f) _____ guiding principle.

6. In the passage given below, one word has been omitted in each line that has blank against it. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and word that comes after against the correct blank number. ($\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$ marks)

	Word before	Missing word	Word after
He was a man represented in the	(a) _____	_____	_____
sense what we call genuine human being	(b) _____	_____	_____
with no airs him, his intellectual	(c) _____	_____	_____
height did not come in his way of morally	(d) _____	_____	_____
and religiously a true man of god. The former	(e) _____	_____	_____
President APJ Abdul Kalam was a man whom	(f) _____	_____	_____
religion was highly personal and practiced	(g) _____	_____	_____
almost the major religions. His philosophy	(h) _____	_____	_____
of life was that could be made better			
by following the principles of all religions.			

7. Rearrange the following words or phrases to make meaningful sentences: (1x3= 3 marks)
- friends / man's /spiders / are / best / second
 - Spiders / do not / and can / insects / prey-on specific / of them / all types / eat
 - diseases / these / destroy / insects / our crops / many / and cause

SECTION - C (LITERATURE) (25 marks)

8. Read the extract below and answer the questions that follow:
(3)

"O haste thee, haste!" the lady cries
 "Though tempests round us gather,
 I'll meet the raging of the skies
 But not an angry father".

- Why does the lady prefer meeting the 'raging skies' to meeting her 'angry father'?
- Why is the word 'haste' repeated in the above stanza?
- What does the word 'tempest' in the second line mean?

(OR)

sell... "There are moments in life when it is the right time to buy but it is never the right time to now nobody has any money and nobody wants to buy."

- a) Identify the speaker of these lines.
- b) According to the speaker there is never a 'right time to sell'. What does it imply?
- c) Which word in the extract is similar in meaning to 'point in time'?

9. Answer the following questions in 30 - 40 words each : (2 x 4=8 marks)

- a) "Duke knew what he was doing". What did Duke do for Chuck and how?
- b) Why does the poet choose the road 'less travelled by'?
- c) Gaston is a straight forward and blunt character in the play 'villa for sale'. Justify
- d) Why do you think Wordsworth has chosen the song of the nightingale and the cuckoo for comparison with the Solitary Reaper's song?

10. Answer any one question in about 80-100 words: (4)

In the poem, The Brook, the poet tells us about the ups and downs and twists and turns in the journey of the brook. Based on your understanding of the poem, write a paragraph on the topic, "Life is Never a Bed of Roses".

(OR)

In the chapter 'How I Taught my Grandmother to Read', the narrator's grandmother is extremely fond of the novel KashiYatre. She was upset when she could not know the story. At your home your mother is also too curious to know about the story of her favourite serial. Write a paragraph expressing your views about how these serials play with the emotions of the viewers.

11. Answer the following in about 100 words each: (5x2=10 marks)

- a) Who were Gulliver's enemies and friends? How did his friends help him?
- b) The Lilliputians had strange customs and practices. Explain with examples.

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