

DAYANAND ANGLO VEDIC PUBLIC SCHOOL, AIROLI
SAMPLE PAPER -1 (2024-25)
SUBJECT: ENGLISH
STD: IX

SECTION- A (READING SKILL) 20M

Q1. READ THE PASSAGE CAREFULLY:

10M

A) Being eco-friendly is in vogue. Whether on the ramp or at home, a large number of people are emphasising the use of eco-friendly products, thereby doing their bit to protect the environment. "Eco-friendly products are those products that inflict minimal or no harm to the environment. Made of natural elements, these products are not only safe but also add an artistic dimension to one's home", explains C.K. Nair of Homestop.

B) The products are made of environment sensitive materials such as recycled wood, dead wood, recycled paper, bamboo, jute, natural fibre and natural or organic cotton. "Grasses like sabai grass and vetiver can be woven to make mats, screens, bags and baskets. Old textiles can be used to make recycled paper, which can be used for packaging, lampshades, notebooks and other stationery. Recycled plastic can be used for making containers and furniture, says "Minhazz Majumdar" of the Bamboo store. "Items like choppers, trivets, cutlery holder, spice box set, dry flower arrangements, rattan sea grass, water hyacinth baskets, cotton, linen, etc., can be made from recycled material," says Nair.

C) Though there's been a lot of awareness about using eco-friendly products, it is still not the first thing that people look for when buying things for their homes. Eco-friendly products not only stand out in their looks, their durability is also high. "The life cycle of these products can be up to fifty years", says Majumdar. "With people becoming conscious about the environment, eco-friendly products will soon be considered an important aspect [in home decor]," says Angeline Loiseau of Zolijns Designs. "And what's more, their prices may start from as low as ₹ 150," says Nair.

D) There are many other benefits of using eco-friendly products; by using these products, you can help decrease pollution, the destruction of forests and other ecosystems, and the amount of waste sent to landfills. A simple and yet more effective way to live an eco-friendly life is to either take public transportation for your daily commuting needs, or try pooling in with your office colleagues to save fuel and reduce your carbon footprint.

E) In addition to this, eco-friendly products are better for your health, as they don't contain any harmful chemicals that can irritate the skin or eyes. Another benefit of using green products is the peace of mind that you're helping to make the planet a clean and safe place to live not only for your generation, but for generations to come!

(F) Growing an eco-friendly community is getting easier. There are more and more community gardens, swap meets and farmer's markets that make it easier for an entire community to actively participate in eco-friendly activities.

(G) In this ever-evolving world, it is time we think of being eco-friendly. Our intent should be not to harm the environment through our interactions. Living with an intent, goes beyond an idea, rather goes on to actual practises that is needed to influence individuals and society to conduct themselves more responsibly. Being eco-friendly responsible means much more than conserving energy or separating our garbage for recycle. It is to bring a change in the way we live. Promote and use eco-friendly products. Reduce air, water and noise pollution. These practices would improve the environment around us and human health too.

Answer the following questions based on the passage above.

i) How long is the life cycle of eco-friendly products? 1M

(A) Up to 50 years (B) Up to 80 years (C) Up to 40 years (D) Up to 20 years

ii) List down the statements made by Minhazz Majumdar of the Bamboo store. 2M

- iii) List two benefits of using eco-friendly products. 2M
- iv) How can you as a good citizen contribute to improve the environment? 2M
- v) Find the word opposite in meaning to 'artificial'. 1M
 (A) natural (B) organic (C) dry (D) Both (A) and (B)
- vi) State whether the given assertion is true or false. 1M
 Being eco-friendly responsible means much more than conserving energy or separating our garbage for recycle. It is to bring a change in the way we live.
- vii) Complete the following appropriately. 1M
 Based on the use of the word "durability" to describe the eco-friendly products, in para C) we can infer that eco-friendly products not only stand out in their looks, their _____ is also high. (resilience / fragility)

Q2. READ THE PASSAGE CAREFULLY: 10M

A) The children's literature being produced in India nowadays includes much more than just stories and folktales rich in morals and traditions. The output of its writers and illustrators in a variety of genres and in a plethora of languages reflects India's complex and ever-changing multilingual society. They also break through and go beyond long-standing gender, cultural and social stereotypes. The unique challenges and opportunities Indian children's book creators face-or those in the diaspora writing about India-help create what one of our interviewees poetically calls the "rainbow-coloured horizon" of Indian children's literature.

B) Children's publishing in India is poised for growth in every way. With education becoming a priority area, the demand for books for the growing population of young people can only go up.

C) Traditional retellings have been staple fare for publishers for their very small children's lists as they are 'safe' and they don't have to worry about copyright. More publishers are becoming willing to publish new authors, experiment with new formats, and find synergy with other media that are competing for the mind-space of the urban child. Maybe future books will be inspired by gaming and more merchandise will be inspired by books. Marketing will remain important in creating a positive buzz around books and reading. Books will influence TV and films and in turn be influenced by them. Comics and graphic formats seem poised for the great leap forward. Young Adult Fiction will have a permeable boundary with Adult Fiction.

D) Production standards for children's books will improve as there will be greater exposure to well produced books world-wide. The internet will create new ways to read and share and peer-review books. It may also enable many new talents to emerge as more people will be able to put up their work online.

On the basis of your reading and understanding of the above passage, answer the following:

- i) Why is Indian children's literature written in a plethora of languages? 1M
- ii) Is the author hopeful of a good future of Indian children's literature? Which sentence says so? 1M
- iii) How will children's literature produced worldwide help Indian children's literature? 2M
- iv) Which format of children's literature will become popular in future? 2M
- v) Which of the following words can replace the word 'plethora' in para 1? 1M
 a) excess b) variety c) numerous d) different
- vi) Children's books will be inspired by 1M
 a) Gaming and TV b) folktales c) TV and films d) both (a) and (c)
- vii) Choose the antonym of the word 'permeable'. (impassable / porous) 1M
- viii) Children of _____ area get exposed to children's literature as well as other media . 1M

SECTION – B (WRITING SKILL) 24 M

Q3. On the occasion of World Book Day, your school has decided to organise a Book Fair. As Aman/Arya, the head of the Library Club of your school, write a notice in about 50 words informing the students about the same. **4M**

Q4. Shan is in the dilemma as he wants to go to excursion to Goa but his father insists that he should stay back for his cousin sister's wedding. Construct a dialogue between both of them in 80-100 words. **5M**

Q5. Write a letter to your cousin in about 100-120 words for describing your experience in an 'Inter -School Athletes Meet'. **8M**

Q6. Write a short paragraph in about 100-120 words on 'Your Favourite Restaurant' **7M**

SECTION -C (GRAMMAR) 10 M

Q7. Complete the following passage by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones given below. **3M**

The history of man is replete (a) _____ crime and folly. Wars between nations, religious prosecutions, ethnic cleansing and other forms of genocide (b) _____ a heavy toll of human lives. The Spanish conquest of South America was (c) _____ by the extinction of million of 'natives' through killings and disease.

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| (a) (i) with | (ii) of | (iii) as | (iv) at |
| (b) (i) have taken | (ii) has taken | (iii) was taken | (iv) taken |
| (c) (i) accomplished | (ii) accompanied | (iii) associated | iv)asserted |

Q8. In the following passage, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the words before and after against the correct blank: **4M**

	BEFORE	WORD	AFTER
Over ten thousand people die snakebite every year	a) _____	_____	_____
in India. Most these deaths are caused by four common	b) _____	_____	_____
dangerous snakes often called big four. Although there	c) _____	_____	_____
are many more venomous snakes in India, only four	d) _____	_____	_____
affect people.			

Q9. Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. **3M**

- (a) to / the / gym / after / my work / I finish / I will go
(b) listen / I will / at the gym / to music / while / I am
(c) a shower / once / I will take / my workout / done with / I am

SECTION – D (LITERATURE) 26 M

Q10. Read the given excerpts and answer the questions briefly, for ANY TWO excerpts, of the three, given. **4 + 4 = 8M**

(A) "I shall be telling this with a sigh

Somewhere ages and ages hence:

Two roads diverged in a wood, and I

I took the one less travelled by,"

- (a) What does the poet want to convey in the first line?
(b) What was the difference the speaker mentions here?
(c) What does the word 'hence' mean here?
(d) Identify the rhyme scheme of the above stanza.

(B) "I slip, I slide, I gloom, I glance,

Among my skimming swallows;

I make the netted sunbeam dance

Against my sandy shallows.”

- (a) Identify the figure of speech in the first two lines :
(i) Metaphor (ii) Imagery (iii) Alliteration (iv) Simile
(b) What does the poet mean by ‘netted sunbeam’?
(c) The sandy shallows indicate that _____.
(d) Find out the word from the extract which means ‘ glide’.

(C) “Will no one tell me what she sings?

Perhaps the plaintive numbers flow

For old, unhappy, far-off things,

And battles long ago:”

- (a) What do the above lines convey about the poem?
(b) What do you mean by ‘plaintive numbers’ ?
(c) Identify the rhyme scheme of the above stanza.
(d) Mention the poetic device used in the second line of the above stanza.

Q11. Answer ANY SIX the following questions in not more than 30-40 words: 12M

- (i) Why did Corporal Turnbull take revenge on Private Quelch by assigning him permanent cookhouse duties?
(ii) “Krishtakka was illiterate but a very intelligent learner.” Explain.
(iii) Which exercises was Hooper recommended?
(iv) What is the significance of the brook’s journey towards the river?
(v) How does the narrator bring out the beauty of the song of the solitary reaper?
(vi) Why did the poet leave the first road? Did he ever get a chance to walk on the road he had left for ‘another day’?
(vii) Describe Juliet’s villa briefly.

Q12. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions in about 120 words. 6M

(A) Do you think Corporal Turnbull was right in awarding Private Quelch such a harsh punishment? Justify.

OR

(B) Analyse Gaston’s changing attitude towards buying the villa. What factors contribute to his final decision?