

# GENIUS HIGH SCHOOL, BHONGIR

ENGLISH

SUMMATIVE - I (80M)

CLASS: IX

## SECTION A: READING (20M)

**Q (I) Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow (12M)**

1 During our growing up years we as children were taught □ both at home and school □ to worship the photos and idols of the Gods of our respective religions. When we grew a little older, we were to read holy books like the Bhagwad Gita, Bible and Quran; we were told that there are a lot of life lessons to be learnt from these holy books. We were then introduced to stories from our mythologies which taught us about ethics and morality what is good and what is bad. I also learnt to be respectful towards my parents who made my life comfortable with their hard work and love and care, and my teachers who guided me to become a good student and a responsible citizen.

2 Much later in life, I realised that though we learn much from our respective holy books, there is a lot to learn from our surroundings. This realisation dawned upon me when I learnt to enquire and explore. Everything around us the sun, the moon, the stars, rain, rivers, stones, rocks, birds, plants and animals teach us many valuable life lessons.

3 No wonder that besides the scriptures, in many cultures nature is also worshipped. The message that we get is to save our environment and maintain ecological balance. People are taught to live in harmony with nature and recognise that there is God in all aspects of nature.

4 Nature is a great teacher. A river never stops flowing. If it finds an obstacle in its way in the form of a heavy rock, the river water fights to remove it from its path or finds an alternative path to move ahead. This teaches us to be progressive in life, and keep the fighting spirit alive.

5 Snakes are worshipped as they eat insects in the field that can hurt our crops, thus protecting the grains for us. In fact, whatever we worship is our helper and makes our lives easy for us. There are many such examples in nature, but we are not ready to learn a lesson. Overcome with greed, we are destroying nature. As a result, we face natural disasters like droughts, floods and landslides. We don't know that nature is angry with us.

6 However, it is never too late to learn. If we learn to respect nature, the quality of our life will improve.

### 1.1 Answer briefly the following questions : 2\*4=8M

- (a) What are we taught in our childhood and growing up years ?
- (b) Why should we respect our parents and teachers ?
- (c) What message do we get when we worship nature ?
- (d) How does a river face an obstacle that comes in its way ?

### 1.2 Give the meanings of the words given below, as used in the passage, with the help of the options that follow : 1\*4=4M

- (e) guided (Para 1)
  - (i) answered (ii) advised (iii) fought (iv) polished
- (f) explore (Para 2)
  - (i) search (ii) frequent (iii) describe (iv) request
- (g) valuable (Para 2)
  - (i) proper (ii) desirable (iii) available (iv) useful
- (h) harmony (Para 3)
  - (i) beauty (ii) friendship (iii) discomfort (iv) honesty

### Q II Read the passage given below carefully and answer the questions that follow: 8M

1. Hectic working schedules have seen many of us grab a quick sandwich before heading off to the next meeting. Some of us fly out of the house after a hasty cup of tea or a banana and get so involved with work that only when we get home do we realize that we have not eaten all day! Exam time stress or pressure during an assignment often means that students miss out on 'regular' meals and 'make do' with a couple of

patties. This way they can study while they eat!

2. But wait! Surely that cucumber in your sandwich or that slice of tomato on your toast or even the banana you ate for breakfast does not comprise your vegetable and fruit intake for the day? In fact, even if you were to give yourself a lunch comprising a “healthy” bowl of salad twice a week or a platter of fruit for breakfast once a week – you may simply not be getting enough of the right kind of nutrition.

3. Scientific evidence suggests that many of our health problems can stem from poor dietary habits that lead to various nutritional deficiencies. We need to eat a healthy mix of fruits and vegetables every day. Since the body cannot store every vitamin it needs, some of the vitamins we consumed from that bowl of salad or the platter of fruit yesterday may have already been ushered out of our systems today.

4. Few understand that the lack of a balanced diet can lead to deficiencies, which if not addressed can cause ailments later. So, why do we not believe in the axiom, “Prevention is better than cure” and begin eating nutrient-rich, balanced meals right away?

**2.1. On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer any eight of the following questions in brief: (8M)**

- (a) What are the different intakes when we are in a hurry?
- (b) What do we realize at the end of the day?
- (c) How do students cope with exams?
- (d) What led to various nutritional deficiencies?
- (e) Even if we take a lunch comprising a healthy bowl of salad – we are not getting enough nutrition. Why?
- (f) Mention the idiom given in the passage.
- (g) What scientific evidence suggests?
- (h) What should be done after realizing about these deficiencies?

**SECTION B: WRITING AND GRAMMAR (30M)**

**Q III.** Nowadays, we see the rise in prices of edible things like pulses, onions, oils and some other products. The layman is facing hardship on account of it. Write a letter in 120-150 words to the editor of a reputed daily requesting him to highlight the difficulties faced by common man due to rise in prices. Sign yourself as Pranjali/Praneeta living at 124, Vivek Vihar, Delhi.

**OR**

Write a letter to a tour and tourism company to enquire about the tour packages and discounts. **(8M)**

**Q IV. Complete the following story in 150-200 words. The beginning of the story is given below (10M)**

Hints: There was a storm/brewing outside/alone at home/lights went out/fearsome/inverter out of order/morning time/hawker/newspaper/felt relieved.....

**Q V Read the passage given below and fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones that follow (6M)**

1. Very few people (a) \_\_\_\_\_ loneliness. It seems to me that most people (b) \_\_\_\_\_ scared of (c) \_\_\_\_\_ left on their own.

- (a) (i) enjoy (ii) enjoys (iii) enjoyed (iv) enjoying
- (b) (i) is (ii) am (iii) are (iv) was
- (c) (i) be (ii) being (iii) been (iv) having

2. The place (a) \_\_\_\_\_ Gandhiji was staying was a guest-house (b) \_\_\_\_\_ the tea estate which (c) \_\_\_\_\_ renamed Anashakti Ashram.

- (a) (i) who (ii) which (iii) whose (iv) where
- (b) (i) at (ii) for (iii) of (iv) on
- (c) (i) was (ii) were (iii) has (iv) is

**Q VI Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences (6M)**

1. a) an accident / had lost / in / her right leg / she /  
(b) the handicap / but / stop / could not / her / again / from dancing /  
(c) hard / to realise / struggle / her dream / she / and / has
2. (a) should / information / personal / shared / pictures / on / and / public / a / forum / never be  
(b) branch day person unable to working I a am I bank my as during the visit  
(c) one's own mind / processes / detached observation / and / is / its / it / of

**SECTION C: LITERATURE (30M)**

**Q VII Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow (4M)**

1. It was then discovered that her hearing was severely impaired as a result of gradual nerve damage. They were advised that she should be fitted with hearing aids and sent to a school for the deaf. "Everything suddenly looked black", says Evelyn.

- (a) What was the reason for her deafness?
- (b) What advice was given to the parents?
- (c) Pick out a word from the passage which means the same as 'injury'
- (d) Write the name of the author

**OR**

2. Said the Kangaroo, "I'm ready!  
All in the moon light pale:  
But to balance me well, dear Duck, sit steady!  
And quite at the end of my tail!"  
So away they went with a hop and a bound  
And they hopped the whole world three times round  
And who so happy – O who  
As the Duck and the Kangaroo?  
(a) How did the kangaroo react?  
(b) Where did the kangaroo ask the duck to sit?  
(c) Write the Synonym of Pale  
(d) Write the name of the poet

**Q IX. Short answer questions. (40-50 words) (2\*9=18M)**

1. What is Maria's mantra for success?
2. How did Gerrard outwit the intruder ?
3. Why did Emperor Aurangzeb ban the playing of pungi in the royal residence?
4. Why did Kezia stammer in front of her father? What did she try to do?
5. Why did the poet say 'I doubted if I should ever come back'?
6. What did Saint Peter ask the old lady for? What was the lady's reaction?
7. Why does the poet say that under the uniform the same body lies?
8. What does William Wordsworth talking about in the poem?

9. What was his real intention when he offered George and Harris to pack?
10. Who said, “Abdul, I know you have to go away to grow”? Why did he say so?

**Q X. Attempt the following questions in 100-150 words each. (8M) (Any One)**

1. How can you say that 'the Bond of Love' shows kind and loving attitude of the narrator and his wife towards Bruno ? How should we take care of Animals?
2. A fearful situation makes us lose our senses. Express our views with reference to ‘The Snake and the Mirror’ on the doctor’s reaction. If you are in the same situation how would react?