

**MBS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
SECTOR 11, DWARKA
PRACTICE PAPER
SESSION 2019-20
ENGLISH
CLASS- IX**

Time allowed: 1.5 hour

Maximum Marks: 40

General Instructions:

- *Read all the questions carefully.*
- *Write neatly and legibly.*
- *Attempt all parts of the question together.*
- *All questions are compulsory.*
- *Marks for each question are indicated against it.*

SECTION A (READING)

- 1. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow. 5 Marks**

The Amazon is the world's largest tropical rainforest. It is roughly the size of the continent of Australia and covers an area of nearly 2.8 million square miles. The Amazon rainforest gets its life from the majestic Amazon River which runs through the heart of the region. Amazon is also the second largest river in the world. The rainforest is simply the drainage basin for the river and its tributaries. The vast forest consists of four layers, each featuring its own ecosystems and specially adapted plants and animals.

The forest floor is the lowest region. Since only two percent of the sunlight can filter through the top layers to the understory very few plants grow there. The forest floor, however, is rich with rotting vegetation and bodies of dead animals which quickly break down and get integrated into the soil as nutrients. Tree roots stay close to these available nutrients and decomposers such as millipedes and earth worms use these nutrients for food.

The understory is the layer above the forest floor. Much like the forest floor, only about 2 to 5 percent of the sunlight reaches this shadowy realm. Many of the plants in the understory have large, broad leaves to collect as much sunlight as possible. The understory is so thick that there is very little air movement. As a result, plants rely on insects and animals to pollinate their flowers.

The layer above the understory is the canopy. This is where much of the action in the rainforest occurs. Many plants growing in this layer have specially adapted leaves with drip tips. Drip tips allow water to flow off the leaves and thus prevent mosses, fungi and lichens from infecting the leaves. Leaves in the canopy are very dense and filter about 80 percent of the sunlight. The canopy is where the wealth of the rainforest's fruits and flowers grow.

1.1 Answer the following questions.

- (a) How important is the Amazon River for Amazon rainforests?
- (b) Why do very few plants grow in the understory of the rainforests?
- (c) Why is there very little air movement in the understory?
- (d) What is the layer above the understory called?
- (e) Find the word from the passage which means 'grand'.

SECTION B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR)

- 2. Mahesh wrote only a few lines and couldn't complete the story he wanted to write. Basing it on the beginning Mahesh made, develop the story in about 100-120 words. 8 Marks**

A woodcutter was chopping down trees on the bank of a river. His hands were so much wet with his sweat that he lost his grip.....

OR

Write a letter to the editor of a national daily showing your concern at the ill treatment of domestic helps, particularly young children. You are Mayank/Meena, 165 Ramakrishna Road, New Delhi.

- 3. Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. 5 Marks**

- (a) of mankind / the habit / reading is / one of / resources / of / the greatest /
- (b) are / we enjoy / that / belong to us / than if / much more / they / borrowed / reading books /
- (c) book / formality / a certain considerate / must be treated / with / a borrowed /
- (d) no book / that / afraid to / you should / mark up / own / you are /
- (e) should begin / everyone / a private library / youth / collecting / in /

- 4. Fill in the blanks with an appropriate preposition. 4 Marks**

Sujata Ashtekar and Vatsala Trivedi are two women (1) (on / in / with / at) a mission. They spend their time and energy to popularize organ donation in Mumbai. Ashtekar and Trivedi are volunteers (2) (at / with / in) the Zonal Transplant Coordination Committee that (3) (coordinates / coordinate / coordinating / coordinated), monitors and supervises the cadaver organ transplant programme (4)..... (along / through / across) Mumbai.

- 5. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction against the correct question number.**

Mohan Das Karamchand Gandhi went to England to e.g. a for 4 Marks
 higher studies at the age of 19. His mother is apprehensive (a) _____
 about young men go astray in western (b) _____
 society. But her fears were allayed that (c) _____
 Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi swore not for (d) _____
 touch meat, wine and woman. He faces a (e) _____
 lot of difficulties due to their vegetarianism, (f) _____
 but fulfilled his vow resolutely. (g) _____
 Gandhi never gives a false promise. He (h) _____
 Was determined to follow the path of truth.

SECTION C (LITERATURE)

14 Marks

6. Answer the following questions in about 40-50 words. (Attempt any five questions) (2 X 5)

- a. Why was Margie doing badly in Geography? What did the County Inspector do to help her?
- b. How does Kezia begin to see her father as a human being who needs her sympathy?
- c. Was Bruno a loving and playful pet? Why, then, did he have to be sent away?
- d. Is Lushkoff a willing worker? Why, the, does he agree to chop wood for Sergei?
- e. Why do you think Bill Bryson’s wife say to the children, “Take the lids off the food for Daddy”?
- f. What is Behrman’s masterpiece? What makes Sue say so?
- g. Why did the swallow not leave the prince and go to Egypt?

7. Answer the following questions in about 80-100 words. 4 Marks

Image you are Gerrard. Describe to your friend what happened when the Intruder broke into your house.

OR

“... whenever we are told to hate our brothers...” when do you think this happens? Why? Who ‘tells’ us? Should we do as we are told at such times? What does the poet say?