

**SECOND PERIODIC TEST 2019-20**  
**CBSE CLASS IX**  
**ENGLISH (LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE)**

**M: M 40**

**Time:**

**General Instruction:**

The question paper divided into three sections

Section A: Reading 8 marks

Section B: Writing skills and grammar 16 marks

Section C: Literature and long reading test 16 marks

**Section A: Reading (8 Marks)**

**Q.1** The World's population was 1.6 billion in 1900 and the UN projects that it will reach 9.3 billion by 2050. Achieving agreement on the 'right number of people' may be impossible, but it is hard to deny that most of the great challenges face by the planet- global warming. High unemployment, environmental degradation, dwindling energy, food and water supplies, brain drain migration and commercial development encroaching on natural havens- can be traced, to some degree, to the enormous growth in population over the past century. Even cross border skirmishes and wars can be tied, directly or indirectly, to rampant population growth in a particular region or country.

There was a time, such as in agrarian societies and the beginning of the industrial age, when large families made good economic sense. Today, research shows that large families are often a handicap particularly when they inhibit children's educational opportunities. Additional siblings dilute parental resources and hamper their ability to attend to the emotional and character building needs of many children. In our ultra-competitive information age, increasing the intellectual capital of our children is usually what separates the economically successful, well-adjusted offspring from those who are a financial or social strain on the society.

Estimates show that more than two in five pregnancies worldwide are unintended and half or more of these pregnancies result in births that bolster faster population growth. It has been calculated that if all women had the capacity to decide for themselves when to become pregnant, average global child bearing would fall below the replacement rate of slightly more than two children per woman. Under these circumstances, population growth could peak and reverse before 2050. It is both proper and increasingly necessary that women make their own decision about child bearing without pressure from partners, family or society.

Despite the above arguments for discouraging large families (or at least not encouraging them), many societies continue their long held policy of providing incentives to parents with large families.

Rewards include tax credits for additional children, child care tax deductions and generous family leave policies. These are policies that no longer make any sense.

It is time for an honest open discussion where old balefires and ineffective policies are relinquished and focus is put on the best way to achieve an equitable, sustainable prosperity if that can be done, it seems reasonable to expect that quality rather than quantity will be seen as the superior choice and population policies and personal behavior will align accordingly.

**(1X8 marks)**

**1.1 Answer the following questions briefly:**

(a) What are the great challenges face by our planet these days?

(b) What is the reason behind the diluting of the parents, resources and hampering of their ability to fully fill the needs of their children?

(c) What would happen if the woman were free to make their own decisions about child bearing without any pressure from the family?

(d) How can we bring sustainable prosperity in our society?

Find words from the passage which mean the same as choosing from the given options.

**1.2 Answer the following words as directed:**

A- Which word is the antonym of the word 'miniature' in Para 1?

B- Which word in Para 1 means the same as 'encounter'?

C- Which word in Para 5 means the same as 'surrender'?

D- Find the word in the Para 3 which means the same as 'compulsion'?

### **SECTION 'B': WRITING AND GRAMMAR (16- MARKS)**

**Q.2** The climate throughout the world is changing. It has disturbed weather patterns by increasing rainfall in some areas and decreasing in the others. The temperature is increasing day by day. It results as frequent hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, tsunamis, etc. write an article in about 100-150 words for your school magazine on the topic 'Global Warming: A Threat to the life'.

**1× 5 Marks**

(Hints : Global warming; Rise in avg. temperature, Melting of glaciers, Due to pollution & human activities)

**OR**

You are Love/Lovely. You have kept a pet at home. Your father brought the pet for you. Write a diary entry describing how you take care of your pet in about 100-150 words. Read the given clues to plan your diary entry:

Clues: Day, date and time of diary entry feelings: felt happy, excited, affection towards the pet father brought-the type of pet-naming-steps of taking care-food-walks-vaccination-playing with the pet-carrying to friend's house.

**Q.3 Based on the clues given below, develop a story of your own in about 150-200 words write title and moral also** **1× 5 Marks**

Poor-boy – very hungry – a rich man passed by – asked for help – rich man refused – boy sad and upset – rich man dropped his purse – the poor boy found the purse – lots of money in the purse – ran after the rich man – gave his purse – rich man delighted – praised for his honesty – offered him food and school fees.

**Q.4 Read the passage given below and fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate word from the given options :** **½ × 4 = 2 Marks**

Sir Winston Churchill was a British statesman, painter and writer who some have labelled as (a) ..... greatest man ever to speak English language. But many call him the greatest English man (b) ..... the present century. While in India, he taught himself (c) ..... write good prose and he developed a grand masterly style which captured the greatness (d) ..... his times.

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|-------------|----------|-----------|----------|
| (a) (i) an  | (ii) the | (iii) a   | (iv) nor |
| (b) (i) and | (ii) of  | (iii) but | (iv) nor |
| (c) (i) and | (ii) on  | (iii) but | (iv) to  |
| (d) (i) on  | (ii) to  | (iii) of  | (iv) for |

**Q.5 There is an error in each line. Write the error and the correction in the answer sheet as given below:** **½ × 8 = 4 Marks**

	Error	Correction
Education is a process, which was deemed	_____	_____
develop describe qualities with people.	_____	_____
The need of this quality differs by person to	_____	_____
Person, place to place but time to time	_____	_____

**SECTION – 'C' LITERATURE (16 Marks)**

**Q.6 Read the extract given below and answers the following questions: 1 × 4 Marks**

He came to the door of a cottage  
in traveling round the earth,  
Where a little woman was making cakes  
and baking them on the hearth

- (a) Write the name of the poem and poet?
- (b) Who came to the door of cottage?
- (c) Who is 'he' in the stanza?
- (d) What had 'he' been doing?

**Q.7 Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words attempt any four: 2 × 4 = 8**

- (a) What was on Margie's mind as she s before her mechanical teacher?
- (b) What beauty of nature shall the poet observe in Innisfree?
- (c) What two important and earth shaking decisions did the doctor take why he was looking into the mirror?
- (d) How did Einstein react to the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki?
- (e) What are the two strange things the guru and his disciple find in the Kingdom of fools?
- (f) What does the swallow see when it flies over the city?

**Q.8 Answer any one of the following questions in about 100-150 words: 1 × 4 Marks**

Childhood experiences and I learnt at the school and at home turned 'Abdul Kalam' into a great achiever. Give reasoned answer.

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**MARKING SCHEME**  
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**ANSWERS**

**TIME:**

**M:M : 40**

**SECTION 'A' READING**

**Q.1**

**1×8**

(a) Global Warming, unemployment. Environmental degradation, food and water supplies are the great challenges face by our planet these days.

(b) Large families, additional siblings are the reasons which do not let their parents provide education to their children.

(c) Average global child bearing ~~would~~<sup>would</sup> fall below the replacement rate of slightly more than two children per woman.

(d) Old beliefs and ineffective policies should be discarded, as quality is better than quantity.

**1.2 – (a) enormous**

**(b) Skirmishes**

**(c) Relinquished**

**(d) Coercion**

**Q.2 Article**

Format –

Content – 3 Marks

Expression – 1 Marks

Accuracy – 1 Marks

**Q.3 Story writing**

Title and Moral – 1 Marks

Content – 3 Marks

Expression and Accuracy – 1 Marks

**Q.4**

**1/2×4 = 2**

**(a) The**

**(b) Of**

**(c) To**

(d) Of

**Q.5 Editing**

$$\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$$

(a) was – is

(b) with – in

(c) by – from

(d) but – and

**Q.6**

$$1 \times 4 = 4$$

(a) Poem -- A legend of the North Lane

(b) Saint Peter

(c) Saint Peter

(d) Travelling round the earth

**Q.7**

$$2 \times 4 = 8$$

(a) Her mind was on the old kinds of schools where kids would go together to their schools to be taught by the real teacher

(b) The poet will enjoy the beauty of nature on the lake Isle of Innisfree. The midnight, noon and the evening will all be enjoyable.

(c) 1. He would shave daily.

2. He would grow a thin mustache to look more handsome

(d) The bomb has cost large scale destruction. It was a shocking scene. He wrote a public letter to the United Nation to check the arms raise.

(e) 1. People would sleep in the day and work in the night.

2. Everything was priced a single duddu.

(f) Swallow sees the rich making merry in their beautiful houses and the poor beggars sitting at the gate.

**Q.8**

$$1 \times 4 = 4$$

1. He learnt good moral values from his parents.

2. He learnt to be honest and hardworking from his father.

3. He was told by his science teacher to confront to all problems boldly and fearlessly.

4. He became his role model in secular tradition.