



**THE LAWRENCE SCHOOL ,SANAWAR**

**Sample Question Paper for Entrance Examination Class IX**

**ENGLISH**

Time: 01Hour

Max. Marks: 100

**Name( In capital letters).....**

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<p><b>MARKS OBTAINED</b></p>
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**Note: The teacher on duty is requested to ensure that the child has written correct and complete registration number**

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**General Instructions : Please attempt all the questions.**

**Q.1 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:**

**25 Marks**

Tiger worshippers are to be found not only among the tribes of Asia, or among sportsmen and hunters; they may be seen any day gazing spell-bound through the bars at the zoo, hurrying to the circus, or looking at illustrations in books. Truly, without tigers not only would the forest and the jungle lose their flame but the world would become a tamer place.

The tiger, indeed is one of those hair-raising animals that everyone wants to see, but few want to meet face to face.

Tigers are divided into two classes: the deer-slayer and cattle-killer; and the man eater. Bad teeth and old age often turn the tiger's attention to man. It is worth mentioning that, for the tiger, the change is a great come-down; it is as if a well-fed city alderman were obliged to turn from oysters to cockles and limpets.

Tigers are tremendous walkers. Man-eaters cover great distances in a night, as many as forty or fifty miles, as though in fear of approaching danger. The ordinary tiger is also a great walker, pacing through the jungle, head down, feet treading velvet footsteps, twenty miles a night, without thinking anything of such exercise. One can picture him roaming the jungle on long, wild forays, muscles tense, senses on the alert, a wandering highwayman, with a roar that awakens the sleeping world into a start of terror. The roaming is, in a way, a kind of thanksgiving for food, though sometimes it serves to call up mates to the banquet.

In stalking and bringing down his prey a tiger does not spring. There is no sudden, steely leap into the air, no tremendous shooting forward, as when a panther launches itself into space. Without fuss of any kind, the tiger arrives within close range, takes one or two quick balancing steps, and then rushes forward. Should the quarry escape from his attack, the tiger gives up the chase after about eighty or a hundred yards.

Tigers kill, as a rule, every four days, and though fasting is not popular with their kind, they can fast for long periods of time – for a fortnight, or even three weeks, if necessary. No four-footed prowler moving along the green paths of the forest has such wonderful headlights as the tiger. His eyesight is excellent, and his pupils at night swell into glowing lamps. He is a first-class swimmer, and his hearing is sharp. Indeed, he has but one failing: he has practically no sense of smell. Had this sense been developed to the same degree of perfection as the others, then, truly, might the tiger menace man as well as the wilds.

Only one foe does the war-lord of the jungles fear: he is the porcupine. He is small, yet he is an adversary who in his defeat and death often wins the victory. In such a battle between David and Goliath, the porcupine, if attacked, generally brings about the death of his giant attacker by sticking him full of spears with sweeping movements of the tail. Goliath is turned into a raging pin-cushion, with little power of removing the pins.

The porcupine has scores of quills on back and tail, black spears tipped with white and varying in length from one inch to fourteen inches. They are hidden in its fur, and are lightly attached, and each has a thousand barbs tucked away in the stem. These barbs appear immediately when flesh is touched.



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(b) Based on your understanding of the passage answer the following questions briefly: 2.5x4=10

1. Show that the tiger is an object of attraction everywhere.

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2. How does the tiger roam through the jungle at night?

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3. When does a tiger become a man eater? Does he like the change?

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4. Explain: "The roaring is, in a way, a kind of thanksgiving for food."

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(c) Use the following words and phrases in sentences of your own: 3x5= 15

1. Spell-bound

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2. Tremendous

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3. Playing with fire

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4. To hold absolute sway

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5. Deer-slayer

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(d) Rewrite the following sentences putting the verb or a part of the verb before the subject:  
5x3=15

1. Not only he married her but he also supported her family.

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2. Not even once she has thanked me for coming to her rescue.

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3. On no account you must go and borrow money from him

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4. So badly the boy behaved that he was expelled from the school.

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5. Nowhere I was welcomed with such warmth as in that village.

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**Q. 2** Write a story in about 150 words, giving an account of the scene depicted in the picture given on the next page. Suggest a suitable title for the story. **30 marks**



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