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SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER FOR F.A. – I (2015-16)
ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE- IX**

**Max. Marks: 40
Time Allowed: 1 hr.30mins.**

General Instructions

1. This question papers contains four sections- Reading, Writing, Grammar & Literature.
2. Read all the questions carefully.
3. Answer the questions of every section together & write the Sl. No. of the questions you attempt.
4. Strictly adhere to the word limits prescribed with every question.

SECTION: A (READING)

A.1. Read the poem given below.

Fair pledges of a fruitful tree ,
Why do ye fell so fast?
Your date is not so past,
But you may stay yet here for a while
To blush & gently smile,
And go out last
What, were ye born to be
An hour or half's delight,
And so to bid goodnight?
'I' was pity nature brought ye forth
Merely to show your worth
And you lost quite.
But you are lovely leaves, where we
May read how things have
Their end, I though ne'er so brave:
And after they have shown their pride
Like you a while, they glide
Into the grave

A.1.1. On the basis of your reading of the poem answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate answer from those given. 5 marks

- a) The 'fair pledges' here means.....
 - i) the fruits ii) the flowers iii) the roots iv) the leaves
- b) The poet feels to see the falling leaves.
 - i) happy ii) hopeful iii) sympathetic iv) sad
- c) The 'lovely leaves' here stands for.....
 - i) the years of the life ii) the books iii) the leaves of the trees iv) the memories
- d) The poet highlights.....through.....
 - i) the beauty, the leaves ii) the strength, the roots iii) the temporary charms, the flowers iv) the bravery, the leaves
- e) The phrase 'an hour or half's delight' indicates.....
 - i) impermanence of beauty ii) the memories iii) the pride iv) the life span of the leaves

A.2. Read the passage below.

A mask is a false face. It can have several functions. First it is used to hide the identity of the person wearing it. Criminals often wear it for this reason. Masks can also be worn for having fun. At one time, masks balls were very popular in Europe. People who attended these dances wore masks & only removed them at the end of the night. Another function is to change the wearer into another person or being. This is based on the old belief in some cultures that the person wearing the mask can change into the character of

the mask as there are spirits in all living & non-living matters & these are contained within a mask made of such matter. Masks are also important in many different kinds of dance & theatre. The audience recognized the characters played by the identifying the masks they wear.

A.2.1. On the basis of your reading of the above passage answer the following questions/complete the sentences. 5 marks

- a) The author calls the mask ‘a false mask’
- b) Criminals wear masks
- c) In masked balls, the use of masks was.....
- d) The ancient belief associated with mask is.....
- e) The opposite word of ‘static’ in the passage is.....

SECTION: B (WRITING)

B.1. Here is a table showing how forests have been cut to develop residential/industrial colonies in the district called TARAI.

Years	2008	2009	2010	2011
Trees felled	1,48,000	1,61,000	1,81,000	1,85,000
Colonies developed	7	10	12	15
Industries started	2	3	4	5

Having looked at these facts & figures, write a short paragraph on “The Need to Conserve Forests”. Write within 100 words. 4 Marks

OR

Your Vidyalaya is going to organize a Charity Show for the people affected by bad weather & land slides in Uttarakhand. The students & staff can donate in cash or kind. Giving all necessary details write a notice for your school notice board in not more than 50 words.

B.2. One of the water taps near your class room drip continuously. As a result a lot of water is wasted. Write an application to your Principal requesting him to taking immediate action in getting the drip repaired. 7 Marks

OR

Write an article for your school magazine on the topic “ Bad effects of fast food”.

SECTION: C (GRAMMAR)

C.1. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of verbs using the given alternatives in the brackets. 3 Marks

- a) Twenty kilometers(is/are/was) not a long distance.
- b) The jury.....(had/has/have/will have) different opinions.
- c) Two-third of the book.....(has/have/had/is) been finished.

C.2. Fill in the blanks with suitable determiners.

A) Write (a).....paragraph describing (b).....old house you have lived in. Start from(c).....topic sentence & see that your sentence contribute to (d).....picture you want to build up or (e)idea you want to convey to(f).....

- (a) i) some ii) an iii) the iv) a
- (b) i) a ii) an iii) the iv) little
- (c) i) a ii) an iii) the iv) every
- (d) i) some ii) little iii) the iv) many
- (e) i) the ii) an iii) a iv) every
- (f) i) each one ii) all iii) us iv) every one

3 Marks

C.3 Rearrange the following jumbled words/phrases to form meaningful sentences. 3 Marks

- i) puts/man/his/a/self/aside/selfless
- ii) others/think/for/others/and/for/he/works
- iii) his/he/of others/in/happiness/the/happiness/seek

SECTION: D (LITERATURE)

D.1. Answer any three of the following questions each in about 30-40 words. **2 x 3 = 6 Marks**

- a) What made Triveni a popular writer?
- b) Why did the grandmother depend on her granddaughter to know the story ?
- c) How does the brook originate ?
- d) What is the central idea in the poem “The Brook” ?

D.2 As grandmother, describe your feelings after your granddaughter gave you the novel Kashi Yatre.

4 Marks

OR

The poet draws a no. of similarities & differences between the brook & human life. Bring out those points in your own language.

*****BEST OF LUCK*****