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SARALA BIRLA GROUP OF SCHOOLS
A CBSE DAY-CUM-BOYS' RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

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ENGLISH

SET 1

Class: IX

Date: 22.07.26

Admission no:

Time: 1hr

Max Marks: 25

Roll no:

General Instructions:

1. The question paper contains FOUR sections-READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

SECTION A: READING

(7 marks)

I. Read the passage and answer the questions

The rapid depletion of natural resources has become a serious concern across the world. Human activities such as deforestation, industrialization, and excessive consumption have disturbed the ecological balance of nature. Forests are being cut down at an alarming rate, leading to habitat destruction and loss of biodiversity. As a result, several species of plants and animals are gradually becoming extinct.

Environmental experts warn that if resources continue to be exploited recklessly, future generations may face severe consequences. Water scarcity, climate change, and increased pollution levels are already affecting human life and ecosystems. Unfortunately, many people remain unaware of the long-term effects of their actions and continue to misuse natural resources.

Conservation of resources is therefore not merely a choice but a necessity. Governments, organizations, and individuals must work together to adopt sustainable practices. Measures such as afforestation, recycling, reducing waste, and promoting renewable energy sources can help preserve the environment. Small individual efforts, when combined, can bring about significant changes and ensure a healthier planet for future generations.

1. What has disturbed the ecological balance of nature?

- a) Cultural activities
- b) Human activities
- c) Natural disasters
- d) Weather conditions

2. Deforestation leads to:

- a. Increase in biodiversity
- b) Habitat destruction
- c) Better climate

- d) Increased rainfall
3. What may future generations face if resources are exploited recklessly?
- a) Economic growth only
- b) Severe consequences
- c) Better living standards
- d) Increased resources
4. Which of the following is suggested as a conservation measure?
- a) Increasing waste
- b) Cutting more trees
- c) Recycling
- d) Excessive consumption
5. Name any two human activities responsible for environmental imbalance.
6. What problems are already affecting human life and ecosystems?
7. From the passage, find and write another word for 'sadly'.

SECTION B: GRAMMAR

II. The lines given have an error in each. Write the incorrect word and the correction. (1×2=2)

Hardly had I entered the room than the lights went out and	error	correction
each of the players have a separate locker	error	correction

III. Fill in the correct verb form using the verbs given in the bracket. (1×2=2)

Many students _____ (take) part in the campaign. We _____ (work) hard since morning to clean the surrounding.

SECTION C: WRITING SKILL

(4 mark)

IV. Write any of the following:

a. You are Arpit/Arpita, residing at 32 Rose Avenue, New Delhi. Plastic waste has become a major environmental concern in your city. Write a letter to the editor of The Indian Express expressing your concern and suggesting ways to reduce plastic usage

OR

b. You are concerned about increasing traffic congestion and accidents near your school. Write a letter to the editor of The Times of India highlighting the issue and suggesting measures for road safety.

SECTION D: LITERATURE

V. Answer any two of the following questions in about 40 -50 words.

(2×2=4)

- a. Why do you think animals can have a positive impact on human lives? Write your answer on the basis of chapter 'The Dog Named Duke'
- b. How does the poem 'The Road Not Taken' encourage readers to face challenges and make wise decisions?
- c. Why did Private Quelch want to join the officer training programme?

VI. Answer any two questions from the following in about 60-70 words.

(2×3=6)

- a. How did Duke become a symbol of loyalty, determination, and encouragement?
- b. "The poem The Road Not Taken is not only about roads but also about life." Elaborate.
- c. Explain how Private Quelch's overconfidence became the cause of his downfall.