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ENGLISH



Class: IX

Date: 06.01.25

Admission no.:

Duration: 1 hr

Max Marks: 25

Roll no. :

General Instructions:

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

SECTION A: READING SKILLS (7 marks)

I. Read the following report.

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Student Council Unveils School's First Student-Made Drone Programme

-by Tanveer Siddiqui, Secretary, Student Council

Bengaluru, Nov. 10 – The Student Council at ABC School has initiated a ground-breaking project involving the construction and operation of drones made by students. The programme was introduced at the school's monthly public presentation on November 7, attracting significant interest from students, faculty, and parents alike.

Mr. J. Rao, the school's vice-principal, and the head of the Student Council, Priya Desai, kicked off the event by explaining the motivation behind the project. They noted that the programme aims to provide students with hands-on experience in technology and engineering while promoting teamwork and creativity. The Student Council collaborated with local engineers and technology experts to ensure safety and compliance with regulations.

During the event, the council members demonstrated a live drone flight, showcasing the capabilities of the drones built by the students. They performed a variety of manoeuvres, including aerial photography and obstacle course navigation.

The Student Council has planned several future activities to keep the momentum going. These include a drone-building workshop, a photography contest using the drones, and an inter-school drone race in the spring. The programme is designed to engage students in innovative ways and foster a deeper interest in technology and engineering.

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Answer the following questions, based on the report above.

I. Complete with a suitable reason.

The most likely reason why the student council secretary was chosen to draft the report was because_____.

II. Fill in the blank with an appropriate word/ phrase.

The term 'ground-breaking' project suggests that the project is _____ and reflects a level of creativity.

III. What was the primary goal of the Student Council's drone programme at National Public School?

- A. To encourage teamwork and creativity among students
 - B. To demonstrate the latest drone technology to the public
 - C. To generate interest in aerial photography
 - D. To promote engineering skills and provide hands-on experience
- IV. Who did the Student Council turn to, to ensure safety and regulatory compliance?
- 1. Faculty and parents
 - 2. Vice-Principal
 - 3. Local Engineers
 - 4. Head of Student Council
 - 5. Technology experts

Select the correct option

- A. Only 1 B. Only 5 C. 2 and 4 D. 3 and 5
- V. What was the most likely purpose of showcasing the capabilities of the drones during the event?
- VI. What in the passage suggests that the live drone demonstration aimed to engage and excite the audience?
- VII. What skills are the students expected to develop through the photography contest using drones?

SECTION B- WRITING & GRAMMAR (8 Marks)

II. You are Akshay/Akshita, a resident of ABC Apartments, Pune. You are deeply concerned about the increasing pollution levels in your city, especially due to unchecked industrial emissions and vehicular traffic. Write a letter to the editor of a leading newspaper, drawing attention to the issue and suggesting measures to curb pollution. **4M**

III. Rearrange the words to form a meaningful sentence. **4M**

- 1. students / habits / healthy / develop / should
- 2. regular / include / exercise / daily / their / in / should / they / routine
- 3. nutritious / junk / avoided / food / should / eating / be / and / food / preferred / be / should
- 4. key / well-being / mental / physical / and / are / to / fitness / overall

SECTION C – LITERATURE (10 marks)

IV. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow. **1x3=3marks**

"When people in real life marry, they generally hunt up somebody in their own station. A fellow usually picks out a girl who went to the same high school and belonged to the same singing-society that he did."

Questions:

- 1. What belief about marriage is implied in the extract?
 - A. People tend to marry within their social and cultural background.
 - B. Marriage is primarily based on love and emotion.
 - C. People marry for financial stability.
 - D. Marriage happens irrespective of personal or societal norms.
- 2. How does this statement reflect Pescud's perspective on romantic novels?

- A. He admires the dramatic and unpredictable nature of relationships portrayed in novels.
- B. He finds romantic novels unrealistic compared to practical life.
- C. He believes romantic novels mirror societal realities.
- D. He dislikes the societal norms depicted in romantic novels.

3. How is irony subtly hinted at in Pescud's statement?

- A. He criticizes societal norms while following them strictly himself.
- B. He dislikes romantic novels but later writes one himself.
- C. He mocks traditional practices yet falls in love in an unconventional way.
- D. He avoids societal norms but marries someone from his high school.

V. Attempt the questions given below, within 20-30 words each.

2x2=4M

1. Based on Best Seller, do you think Pescud's actions align with the romantic ideals he criticizes in novels? Justify your answer with an example from the story.

2. In Villa for Sale, Gaston decides to sell the villa without owning it. What does this reveal about his character? How does it affect the resolution of the play?

VI. Attempt the question given below, within 40-50 words.

3M

Both Villa for Sale and Best Seller depict characters who act contrary to societal norms and expectations. Compare how Gaston (Villa for Sale) and John A. Pescud (Best Seller) challenge these norms in their respective stories. What does their behaviour reveal about human nature and values?