

**Bhavan's Tripura Vidyamandir**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Terminal Examination : (2024-2025)**

**Class:- 9**

**Time:- 3 Hours**

**Name of the student :**

**Subject:- English**

**Total :- 80 Marks**

**Roll No: Section:**

**Reading Section**

**(A) Answer the following questions after reading the passage carefully:**

It is common knowledge that school children are under great pressure to perform well in all fields, study 10 subjects, play games and develop an impressive image. How do they manage? The skills, techniques and principles which they pick up while still young help them cope.

Two of 20th century's finest minds have lamented that schools are not teaching the basics of personal excellence or the science of success. "Almost all of what a child learns at school after the age often is totally irrelevant to his need in later life. Most schools do not teach thinking at all." We need to understand that management must be taught as a school subject. The weightiest argument is that children are managers.

Many of the children are called upon to play directly three of the interpersonal roles: 'Figurehead', 'Leader', and 'Liaison Officer'. They do this while assisting teachers as monitors or group leaders, while captaining teams on playgrounds and while leading teams in competitions. Many more play these roles as surrogates.

The decision role of 'Entrepreneur' and 'Resource Allocator' may only occasionally be assigned to children. However, it is worth noting that according to a recent survey in Delhi, a monthly allocation of up to ₹ 1000 is available as pocket money to school children. Therefore, they too need to have control over money and to develop a sense of budget. If we add these financial resources to the resources of time, information and intellect available to children, we find that the decision making roles are not irrelevant to them. Children play the other two decision roles: 'Disturbance Handler' and 'Negotiator' more often.

Children are managers in the making: Many of the management habits (for example, using a to-do list), management skills, (for example, sensitive listening), management attitudes and values are formed early in life. Personality theorists believe that it is extremely difficult to change personality traits, styles of thinking and habits of behaviour once they are formed.

As in language learning, where basic and abstract aspects of language like pronunciation and rhythm are extremely resistant to learning after puberty, good management habits, attitudes and values are difficult to acquire in adulthood. Computer skills, lateral thinking and swimming, often felt to be forbidden by adults, are easily learnt by children. In fact, both research evidence and specialists strongly support the view that children's ability to learn skills like swimming and creative thinking is much more developed than adults. Equally important, complex organisms (a) learn which is necessary or pleasurable and (b) adapt themselves in ways that will serve their needs and interests with amazing enthusiasm, ease and effectiveness.

**Choose the correct answer from the following:**

**(1X5 = 5)**

1. What have the two finest minds of 20<sup>th</sup> Century lamented about?  
(a) Basics of personal excellence are not taught in schools.  
(b) Schools are not teaching the science of success.  
(c) Most schools do not teach thinking.  
(d) All of the above.
2. What is common knowledge about school children?  
(a) They are under no pressure. (b) They are under great pressure.  
(c) They are under some pressure. (d) None of the above.
3. Which skills, often felt to be forbidden by adults, are easily learnt by children?  
(a) Pronunciation and rhythm (b) Habits and attitudes  
(c) Computer skills and lateral thinking (d) Needs and interests
4. Which of the following will be the most appropriate title for the passage?  
(a) Skills for Life (b) Management Skills  
(c) Going Beyond Books (d) Learning Differences

5. Both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ strongly support the view that children's ability to learn skills is much more developed than adults.

(a) Research evidence, specialists (b) Survey, two educationists  
 (c) Manager, liaison officer (d) Monitors, group leaders

**Answer the following questions:**

**(1 X 5 = 5)**

6. Complete the following sentence appropriately:

*Management skills, habits, attitudes and values are formed \_\_\_\_\_.*

7. Name the seven roles played by children, as mentioned in the passage.  
 8. Explain how children are managers in the making.  
 9. What do the personality theorists believe?  
 10. Which word in the extract means 'mourned' or 'regretted'?

**(B) Answer the following questions after reading the passage carefully:**

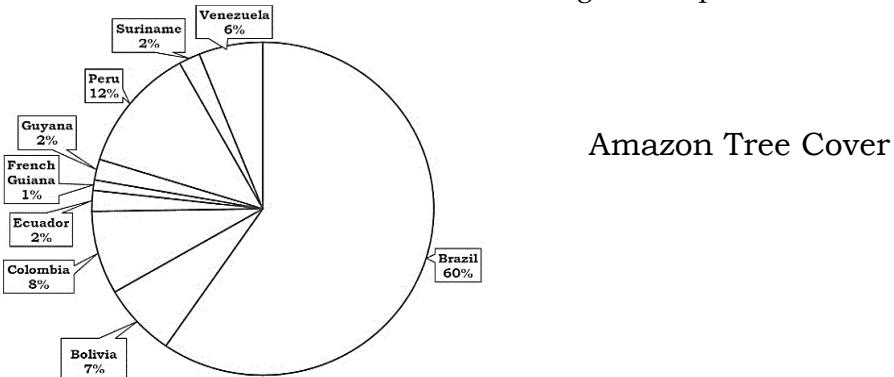
The Amazon River Basin is home to the largest rainforest on Earth. The basin – roughly the size of 48 contiguous United States – covers some 40% of the South American continent and includes part of 8 South American countries: Brazil, Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela, Guyana and Suriname, as well as French Guiana, a department of France.

Reflecting environmental conditions as well as past human influence, the Amazon is made up of a mosaic of ecosystems and vegetation types including rainforests, seasonal forests, deciduous forests, flooded forests, and savannas.

The basin is drained by the Amazon River, the world's largest river in terms of discharge, and the second longest river in the world after the Nile. The river is made up of over 1100 tributaries, 17 of which are longer than 1000 miles and 2 of which are larger, in terms of volume, than the Congo River. The river system is the lifeline of the forest.

The extent of the Amazon depends on the definition. The biogeographic Amazon ranges from 7.76-8.24 million sq. km (303.2 million sq. mile), of which just over 80% is forested. Today, the Amazon River is the most voluminous river on Earth, carrying more than five times the volume of the Congo or twelve times that of the Mississippi, draining an area nearly the size of the 48 contiguous United States.

The Amazon has a long history of human settlement, but in recent decades the pace of change has accelerated due to an increase in human population, the introduction of mechanised agriculture and integration of the Amazon region into the global economy. Vast quantities of commodities produced in the Amazon – cattle, beef and leather, timber, oil and gas and minerals, to name a few – are exported to China, Europe, the US, Russia and other countries. This shift has had substantial negative impacts on the Amazon.



**Choose the correct answer from the following:**

**(1X5 = 5)**

1. Based on your understanding of the passage, choose the option that lists the types of vegetation not found in the Amazon rainforests.

(1) Seasonal forests (2) Deciduous forests (3) Flooded forests  
 (4) Savannas (5) Tropical Evergreen forests (6) Mangrove forests  
 (a) 1 and 2 (b) 3 and 4 (c) 5 and 6 (d) 2 and 6

2. Which of the following is true about the tributaries of Amazon River?
  - (a) There are over 1100 tributaries.
  - (b) Most of them are larger than River Congo.
  - (c) They are not the lifeline of the rainforests.
  - (d) They do not provide sustenance to the indigenous tribes.
  
3. Select the correct option to complete the following sentence:  
*About \_\_\_\_\_ of the land covering the Amazon is forested.*
  - (a) 90%
  - (b) 80%
  - (c) 40%
  - (d) 95%
  
4. The basin covers roughly \_\_\_\_\_ percent of the South American continent.
  - (a) 40
  - (b) 48
  - (c) 30
  - (d) 80
  
5. Which region contains the largest forest cover of the Amazon?
  - (a) Colombia
  - (b) Peru
  - (c) Bolivia
  - (d) Brazil

**Answer the following questions:**

6. Complete the following sentence:

*To show the vastness of the Amazonian river basin, the writer compares it to \_\_\_\_\_.*

7. What has led to changes in the Amazon?

8. What is the biogeographic range of the Amazon river basin?

9. Name the eight South American countries which is covered by Amazon river basin?

10. Name any five commodities produced in the Amazon.

**Writing Section**

**(C) Write (any one) from the following:**

**(5X1 = 5)**

1. Write a descriptive paragraph about the renowned person, based on the cues given below, in 100-120 words. You can add other details if necessary.

Cue:

Name: Elon Musk

Born: 28<sup>th</sup> June 1971, CEO and Lead designer of SpaceX, co-founder of Tesla, founder of Neuralink and The Boring Company.

Qualities: ambitious vision, entrepreneur, innovative, revolutionary leader, leading scientist on transportation, space exploration and renewable energy.

**OR**

2. After giving the Final exam of Class IX, you are in a dilemma regarding which extracurricular activity to pick up for the holidays. Write a descriptive paragraph based on it in about 100-120 words.

**(D) Write (any one) from the following:**

**(5X1 = 5)**

1. You are Mahesh/Manasi of Class IX. Today, you witnessed some students scattering trash in the corridors and field of your school. You were very disappointed at that sight. Make a diary entry, in about 100-120 words, about how you felt.

**OR**

2. Write a story in 100-120 words from the outline given below. Give a suitable title to the story.

Hints:

Ravi and friends planned trip – train journey – found a lost child – tried to help – parents come searching – accused of kidnapping – child revealed truth.

**Grammar Section**

**(E) Answer (any 10) of the following questions as directed:**

**(1X10 = 10)**

1. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the brackets, for the given position of a letter. I believe that with your support and \_\_\_\_\_ (Cooperate), we can find a mutually agreeable solution that meets the expectations of all stakeholders involved.
2. Identify the error in the given sentence. Use the given format to write the answer:  
*It has taking almost a year for India to let its pessimism translate into fewer jobs.*

Error	Correction
_____	_____

3. Write the correct indirect speech of the following sentence:  
*Ravi said to Poonam, "I am going to Kashmir tomorrow".*

4. Complete the sentence keeping the meaning of the statement intact:

"Turn around." he told her. He \_\_\_\_\_.

(a) asked to her to turn around (b) asked turn around  
(c) told her turn around (d) asked her to turn around

5. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the line of a notice placed on the notice board of a company.

Please be informed that there will be a staff meeting in the conference room on Friday, 7th June, at 10:00 a.m. It is \_\_\_\_\_ for all to attend. (Mandatory / Obligatory / Indispensable).

6. Complete the given sentence by filling in the blank with the correct option:

Shalini \_\_\_\_\_ her driving test three times so far without success.

(a) takes (b) has taken (c) was taking (d) is taking

7. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word:

An elephant \_\_\_\_\_ other animals in intelligence.

(a) excelled (b) excels (c) excel (d) will excel

8. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket for the given portion of the letter:  
Subject: Complaint about a damaged product received.

Sir/Ma'am,

I purchased a black top from your online store. I \_\_\_\_\_ (receive) the product today, and I tried filing a return request as the size is smaller than the one I had ordered and the cloth is torn on the left side.

9. Read the conversation between Iris and Tom and Complete the sentence:-

Iris : Hi, Tom! How are you?

Tom : Life's rather tough. I desperately need a job.

Iris on meeting Tom asked him how he was Tom replied that \_\_\_\_\_.

10. Identify the error and supply with the correction for the following sentence:

The princely state of Jammu and Kashmir triggers the first undeclared war with Pakistan.

Error	Correction
_____	_____

11. The fire \_\_\_\_\_ when the residents were sleeping.

(a) broke out (b) break out (c) was breaking out (d) has broken out

12. Not all information which \_\_\_\_\_ in the news is suitable for every age.

(a) Have provided (b) Is provided (c) Provided (d) Have being provided

### Literature Section

**(F) Read the extracts given below and answer the questions of (any one) of the extracts that follow:**

**(1+1+1+2 = 5)**

1. **INTRUDER:** My specialty's jewel robbery. Your car will do me a treat. It's certainly a dandy bus.

**GERRARD:** I'm afraid jewels are few and far between in the wilds of Essex.

**INTRUDER:** so are the cops. I can retire here nicely for a little while.

(a) What is specialty of the intruder?  
(b) What two things can be found in less quantity in Essex?  
(c) Fill in the blank with one word only:

*In the given lines, we can see that Gerrard is taking his time to come up with a \_\_\_\_\_ to trap the intruder.*

(d) Why does the intruder choose Gerrard's house? Write within 40 words.

## OR

2. "The two men were hungry. Now that the shops were open, they went to buy some groceries. To their astonishment, they found that everything caused the same, a single duddu – whether they bought a measure of rice or bunch of bananas, it cost a duddu. The guru and his disciple were delighted. They had never heard of anything like this. They could buy all the food they wanted for a rupee."

- (a) Who were waiting for the shops to open?
- (b) What was the price of a measure of rice?
- (c) Find out the **antonym** of the word 'unhappy' in the given extract.
- (d) Why were the two men delighted? Write within 40 words.

(G) Read the extracts given below and answer the questions of any one of the extracts that follow:

(1+1+1+2 = 5)

1. "Or pulled out entirely,  
Out from the earth-cave,  
And the strength of the tree exposed  
The source, white and wet,  
The most sensitive, hidden  
For years inside the earth"

- (a) Complete the sentence:  
*Strength of the tree is \_\_\_\_\_.* (line 3)
- (b) State whether the following statement is True or False:  
*The strength of the tree is called 'the source' because it gives trees the nourishment to grow.*
- (c) What is the need to pull out 'the source'?
- (d) What does 'earth-cave' refer to? Write within 40 words.

## OR

2. "A slumber did my spirit seal-  
I had no human fears.  
She seemed a thing that could not feel  
The touch of earthly years."

- (a) Name is the poet of the above lines?
- (b) The phrase 'the touch of earthly years' means \_\_\_\_\_.
- (c) State whether the following statement is True or False:  
*'Slumber' in line 1 of the extract refers to peace and tranquility.*
- (d) What does the phrase 'I had no human fears' indicate? Write within 40 words.

(H) Answer (any four) of the following questions:

(3X4 = 12)

1. What is the belief at Pashupatinath about the end of Kaliyug?
2. What leads the intruder to select Gerrard as the person whose identity he intends to take on?
3. Why was the 'holy man', who gave Santosh's mother his blessing, surprised?
4. What does the poet mean by the word 'slumber'? Why does he use it?
5. Can a "simple jab of the knife" kill a tree? Why not?

**(I) Answer (any two) of the following questions:**

**(3X2 = 6)**

1. What superstition had Johns developed?
2. Why does the disciple decide to stay in the Kingdom of Fools? Was it a good idea? Why/why not?
3. In what way is Iswaran an asset to Mahendra?

**(J) Answer (any one) of the following questions:**

**(6X1 = 6)**

1. What message does the poet want to convey by the poem 'No men are foreign' ?

Or

How did Gerrard prove that he was smarter than the cunning Intruder?

**(K) Answer (any one) of the following questions:**

**(6X 1 = 6)**

1. How does the story 'In the Kingdom of Fools' show that foolish actions can't last forever?

**OR**

2. Discuss how Sergei's sympathy and Olga's noble deeds were equally important in reforming Lushkoff in 'The Beggar'.