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SAMPLE PAPER

CLASS IX

M.T. : 3 H ENGLISH M.M. 70

SECTION-A

                                                             (Reading)

**Read the passage given below and then answer the questions which follow:** 12 marks

1 In spite of all the honours that we heaped upon him, Pasteur, as has been said,

remained simple at heart. Perhaps the imagery of his boyhood days, when he drew

the familiar scenes of his birthplace, and the longing to be a great artist, never

wholly left him. In truth he did become a great artist, though after his sixteenth

year he abandoned the brush for ever. Like every artist of worth, he put his whole

soul and energy into his work, and it was this very energy that in the end wore

him out. For to him, each sufferer was something more than just a case that was

to be cured. He looked upon the fight against hydrophobia as a battle, and he was

absorbed in his determination to win. The sight of injured children, particularly,

moved him to an indescribable extent. He suffered with his patients, and yet he

would not deny himself a share in that suffering. His greatest grief was when

sheer physical exhaustion made him give up his active work. He retired to the

estate at *Villeneuve Etang*, where he had his kennels for the study of rabies, and

there he passed his last summer, as his great biographer, Vallery Radot, has said,

“practicing the Gospel virtues.”

2 “He revered the faith of his fathers, “says the same writer, “and wished without

ostentation or mystery to receive its aid during his last period.”

3 The attitude of this man to the science he had done so much to perfect can be best

summed up in a sentence that he is reputed once to have uttered, concerning the

materialism of many of his contemporaries in similar branches of learning to his

own: “The more I contemplate the mysteries of Nature, the more my faith

becomes like that of a peasant.”

4 But even then in retirement he loved to see his former pupils, and it was then he

would reiterate his life principles: “Work, “ he would say, “never cease to work.”

So well had he kept this precept that he began rapidly to sink from exhaustion.

5 Finally on September 27, 1895, when someone leant over his bed to offer him a

cup of milk, he said sadly: “I cannot, “ and with a look of perfect resignation and

peace, seemed to fall asleep. He never again opened his eyes to the cares and

sufferings of a world, which he had done so much to relieve and to conquer. He

was within three months of his seventy-third birthday.

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6 Thus passed, as simply as a child, the man whom the French people were to vote

at a plebiscite as the greatest man that France had ever produced. Napoleon, who

has always been considered the idol of France, was placed fifth.

7 No greater tribute could have been paid to Louis Pasteur, the tanner’s son, the

scientist, the man of peace, the patient worker for humanity.

487 words

**1.1 Answer the following questions:**

a. Even accolades and honours did not change the simple man that

Pasteur was. Why? 2 marks

b. How did Pasteur view those who suffered from diseases? 1 mark

c. How did Pasteur engage himself in the estate? 2 marks

d. What advice did he always give to his pupils? 2 marks

e. How did France, the country of his birth, honour this great scientist? 2 marks

**1.2 Find the words from the passage which mean the same as: 3 marks**

a. To give up (para 1)

b. People belonging to the same period (para 3)

c. Vote by the people of the country to decide a matter of

national importance (para 6)

(b)Read the following passage carefully : 8

So beautiful was she that when the young Fisherman saw her he was filled with wonder, and he put out his hand and drew the net close to him, and leaning over the side he clasped her in his arms. And when he touched her, she gave a cry like a startled seagull, and woke, and looked at him in terror with her mauve amethyst eyes, and struggled that she might escape. But he held her tightly to him, and would not suffer her to depart.

And when she saw that she could in no way escape from him, she began to weep, and said, T pray thee let me go, for I am the only daughter of a King, and my father is aged and alone.’

But the young Fisherman answered, T will not let thee go save thou makest me a promise that whenever I call thee, thou wilt come and sing to me, for the fish delight to listen to the song of the Sea-folk, and so shall my nets be full.’

‘Wilt thou in very truth let me go, if I promise thee this ?’ cried the Mermaid.

‘In very truth I will let thee go,’ said the young Fisherman.

So she made him the promise he desired, and sware it by the oath of the Sea-folk. And he loosened his arms from about her, and she sank down into the water, trembling with a strange fear.

Every evening the young Fisherman went out upon the sea, and called to the Mermaid, and she rose out of the water and sang to him. Round and round her swam the dolphins, and the wild gulls wheeled above her head.

1.On the basis of your reading of the passage complete the following statements : 2

(a)The young fisherman pulled the Mermaid out\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

(b)The Mermaid found herself too helpless \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_     .

2.Answer the following questions.

(a)Where was the Mermaid found ? 2

(b)What promise did the Mermaid make ? Did she back out of it ? 2

3.Find the word from the passage which means the same as 2

(a)‘shaking.

(b)trembling.

                                                                      SECTION-B

                                                              (Writing & Grammar)

3.Indian woman is yet to be emancipated despite efforts made by social workers like Raja Ram Mohan Roy. Her liberty and welfare continue to be plagued by endless problems. The society, law, media and intelligentsia continue to be helpless spectators. write an article for your school magazine in minimum 100-120 words on the topic ’Woman Bears and Others Stare’.     5 marks

4.Write a story that begins with the words “It was my eighteenth 10 marks

birthday…………………………………………… ” in about 150-200 words.

extremely happy ……………………………..  invited my friends ………………………………………  party in the

evening…………………………… received a phone call………………………………………. uncle badly injured

in accident……………………………….. father, mother left…………………………………. happy mood totally

spoiled ……………………………  friends came ……………………………… told the truth …………………………………..

offered cup of tea none enjoyed it………………………………………… father informed……………………………….

uncle out of danger felt relieved.

5.Choose the most appropriate options from the ones given below to complete the following paragraph.

3 marks

This is surely (a)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ age of fast development and quick changes. We (b)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to make necessary adjustments (c)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ live happily.

(a)(i) a                            (ii)    an                             (iii)   the                   (iv)     some

(b)(i) need                     (ii)    needed                     (iii)   dare                (iv)     used

(c)(i) too                        (ii)     in                               (iii)    to                    (iv)     of

6.Look at the following passage. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correct word against the correct blank number in your answer sheet. One example has been done for you.

4 marks

In a country as vast of ours, keeping     e.g. of………………. as

a eye on every child is a Herculean   (a) …………………………

task. Many children are still employing     (b) …………………………

in factories while its childhood goes unnoticed  (c) ………………………………

They washed utensils when they should   (d) …………………………

play with dolls and get married.

7.Look at the words and phrases given below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences : 3 marks

(а)worshipped / people / saints / by / are / God-fearing

(b)them / of / are / deceitful / some / totally

(c)purpose / in life / to gain / their / is / name / fame / and

                                                (SECTION-C)

                  (Literature Textbook & Long Reading Text)

8.Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow : 3 marks

And then the lover,

Sighing like the furnace, with a woeful ballad Made to his mistress’ eyebrow

(a) What does the lover do to please his beloved ?

(b) What is his state of mind ?

(c)What figure of speech is used in the second line here ?

9.Answer these questions in 30-40 words each : 2 \* 4 = 8 marks

(а)   Why did the poet go to the dentist ?  (Oh I Wish…………….. )

(b)What was strange about the manner in which Mrs Bramble addressed her son ? What did he feel about it ?(Keeping It From Harold)

(c)What do you think of Colonel Allyn ? (Best Seller)

(d)Do you think the Bishop was right in selling the salt cellars ? Why/Why not ? (The Bishop’s Candlesticks)

10. Do you think Corporal Turnbull was right in assigning the cookhouse duties to Private Quelch.

Justify your answer. 4

Or

The Bishops Gifts his most precious possession the candlesticks to the convict . Was he foolish or was

he wise in doing so? Justify your answer

11.How was Gulliver able to reach the strange island of Laputa ? 10 marks

Or

Give a character sketch of the king of Luggnagg.