

A.P. Board (Internal) Examination 2025-26

**Class -IX (Nine)
Sub: - English (Code)**

Time: 3 Hrs.

Full Marks: 80

1. The question paper contains four sections
2. **Section A:** Reading - 20 Marks
3. **Section B:** Grammar -10 Marks
4. **Section C:** Creative Writing - 10 Mark
5. **Section D:** Literature - 40 Marks

SECTION-A

Q.1 Read the passage carefully.

10x=10

1. In today's fast-paced world, technology has become an integral part of our daily lives. From smart phones to artificial intelligence, it shapes how we communicate, work, and entertain ourselves. However, while technology offers numerous benefits, it also poses challenges. One major advantage is improved connectivity. People can stay in touch with loved ones across the globe through video calls and social media. Education has been revolutionized too, with online resources making learning accessible to all. In healthcare, advanced tools like telemedicine allow doctors to diagnose patients remotely, saving time and lives.
2. Despite these positives, over-reliance on technology can lead to issues like reduced face-to-face interactions, which may cause feelings of isolation. Children spending excessive time on screens might neglect physical activities, leading to health problems such as obesity. Privacy concerns arise as data is collected by companies, sometimes without consent. Cyber bullying is another dark side, affecting mental health, especially among youth.
3. To balance this, it's essential to use technology mindfully. Setting screen time limits, engaging in outdoor activities, and educating about online safety can help. Parents and teachers play a crucial role in guiding the younger generation. Ultimately, technology is a tool-its impact depends on how we wield it.
4. Innovation continues to drive progress. Future technologies like virtual reality could transform education and training. But ethical considerations must guide development to ensure inclusivity and sustainability. By embracing technology responsibly, we can harness its power for a better tomorrow.

On the basis of your reading, answer the following questions choosing the correct option.

- i) According to the writer, what is one major advantage of technology?
a) Increased isolation. b) Improved connectivity.

- c) Higher obesity rates. d) Reduced privacy.
- ii) What is a challenge mentioned regarding children's use of technology?
a) Enhanced learning. b) Neglect of physical activities.
c) Better communication. d) Remote diagnosis.
- iii) Why should technology be used mindfully?
a) To increase screen time. b) To avoid issues like isolation and health problems.
c) To collect more data. d) To promote cyber bullying.
- iv) What role do parents and teachers play?
a) Ignoring online safety. b) Guiding the younger generation.
c) Encouraging excessive use. d) Developing new tools.
- v) Fill in the blank
Future technologies like virtual reality could transform _____ and training.
a) education b) healthcare
c) entertainment d) communication
- vi) Give a synonym for 'innovation'.
a) Tradition. b) Invention. c) Stagnation. d) Repetition.
- vii) Why are privacy concerns arising?
a) Due to face-to-face interactions. b) Because data is collected without consent.
c) From outdoor activities. d) Through ethical development.
- viii) Give the meaning of 'wield'.
- ix) Give an antonym of 'inclusivity'.
- x) What are the ways to balance technology use?
a) Setting screen time limits. b) Outdoor activities
c) Online safety education d) All of the above.

Q.2 Read the Passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: 10x1=10

1. Environmental conservation is crucial for sustaining life on Earth. Forests, often called the lungs of the planet, absorb carbon dioxide and release oxygen. However, deforestation due to urbanization and agriculture is rampant, leading to climate change and loss of biodiversity. Simple actions like planting trees can make a difference. Recycling reduces waste in landfills and conserves resources. Using public transport or cycling cuts down on carbon emissions from vehicles.
2. Water conservation is equally important. Rivers and lakes are polluted by industrial waste and plastics, harming aquatic life. Harvesting rainwater and fixing leaks at home can save thousands of liters annually.

Renewable energy sources like solar and wind power offer clean alternatives to fossil fuels, reducing air pollution.

3. Wildlife protection involves creating sanctuaries and banning poaching. Endangered species like tigers and rhinos need urgent attention. Education campaigns raise awareness about sustainable living. Governments enforce laws, but individual responsibility is key.
4. By adopting eco-friendly habits, we ensure a healthier planet for future generations. Small changes collectively lead to significant impact.
- i) we can avoid environmental degradation by and using public transport.
a) deforestation b) planting trees c) polluting rivers d) poaching animals
- ii) What must we take every day to protect wildlife?
a) Cut forests b) Create sanctuaries
c) Increase pollution d) Use fossil fuels
- iii) Rainwater can be conserved
a) by polluting lakes. b) through harvesting and fixing leaks.
c) by wasting it. d) None of above.
- iv) Forests might be called the lungs because
a) they cause pollution. b) they absorb carbon dioxide and release oxygen.
c) they lead to deforestation. d) they harm biodiversity.
- v) How can we promote renewable energy?
a) By using solar and wind power. b) Using fossil fuels
c) Polluting air d) Ignoring renewable sources.
- vi) Why should we avoid deforestation?
a) It helps climate change. b) It leads to loss of biodiversity.
c) It increases oxygen. d) It promotes agriculture.
- vii) In conservation efforts, education is used for _____
a) promoting waste b) raising awareness
c) encouraging poaching d) polluting water
- viii) Which species need urgent attention?
a) Tigers b) Elephants c) Pandas d) All of the above.
- ix) Which energy sources are clean alternatives?
a) Fossil fuels b) Plastics c) Solar and wind d) Industrial waste
- x) Recycling is used for _____ .+
a) increasing waste b) conserving resources
c) polluting air d) harming life

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SECTION - B (Grammar) 10 Marks

3x1=3

Q.3 Change these adjectives into adverbs

i) careful

ii) joyful

iii) rapid

OR

Rewrite the following sentences using the opposite gender nouns:

i) The king ruled the kingdom wisely.

ii) The actress performed on stage.

iii) The prince saved the princess.

Q.4 Complete the following conditional sentences using the correct form of the verb. 3x1=3

i) If it rains tomorrow, we _____ the picnic.

ii) Unless you practice daily, you _____ improve.

iii) If she had known the truth, she _____ acted differently.

OR

Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb given in brackets:

i) She _____ (dance) gracefully at the event.

ii) They _____ (play) football every evening.

iii) He _____ (write) a letter yesterday.

Q.5. Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions.

i) She is fond _____ reading novels.

ii) The cat jumped _____ the table.

iii) We will meet _____ 5 PM.

iv) He walked _____ the park every morning.

OR

Combine the following sentences using a suitable conjunction:

i) I wanted to join. My friends were busy.

ii) She studied hard. She passed the exam.

iii) It was raining. We stayed indoors.

iv) He is tired. He continues working.

SECTION - C (Creative Writing) 10 Marks

Q.6. A) You visited a historical monument during a school trip. Write a diary entry about your experience in about 100-150 words (5 Marks)

Attempt anyone from 'A' and 'B'

OR

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- B) Describe your plan for a community service activity in about 150 words
- Q.7. A) Imagine you are a journalist. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper about the increasing pollution in your area in about 100-150 words (5 Marks)

Attempt anyone from 'A' and 'B'

OR

- B) Write a short speech on the topic "The Importance of Education" to be delivered in your school assembly in about 150 words

SECTION - D (literature)

Text book and Supplementary reading (40 Marks)

- Q.8. Read the following extracts and answer the following questions

5x1=5

I. I was in my room one day when the snake suddenly appeared. I froze as it slithered onto my shoulder. It moved towards the mirror, gazing at its reflection with what seemed like curiosity. Terrified, I escaped to a friend's house. The next day, the snake and my furniture were gone!

- i) Who is the speaker in this extract?
a) The doctor. b) The snake. c) The friend. d) The mirror.
- ii) What did the snake do at the mirror?
- iii) The word slithered means (slid smoothly / jumped).
- iv) Why did the speaker leave the room?
- v) From which chapter is this extract taken?

OR

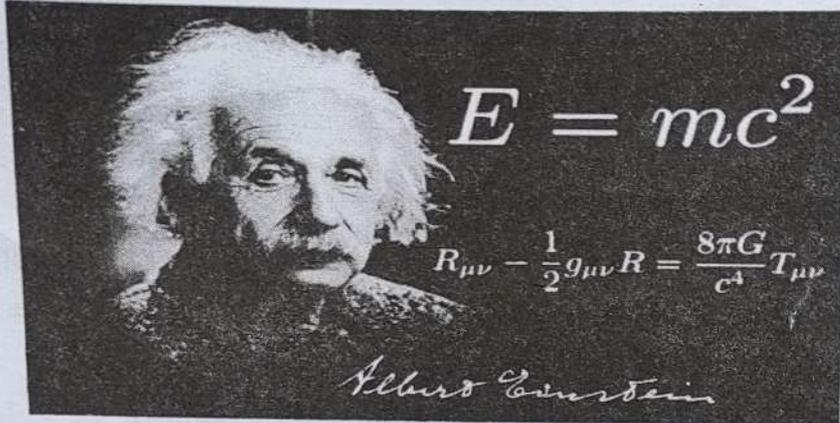
II. The child went towards the snake-charmer. The man had a snake coiled around his neck. He was playing a flute to the snake which coiled itself in a basket, its head raised in a graceful bend like the neck of a swan, while the music stole into its invisible ears like the gentle rippling of an invisible waterfall. The child was fascinated by the music and the snake.

- i) What does the word "coiled" mean in the extract?
a) Straightened. b) Wound around. c) Broken. d) None of these.
- ii) How did the snake respond to the music?
a) Ignored it. b) Raised its head gracefully.
c) Attacked. d) Slept.
- iii) What fascinated the child?
a) The crowd. b) The music and snake.
c) The flute. d) Both b and c.

iii) The word bliss means (sadness/happiness)?

iv) What sound does the poet enjoy listening to?

Q. 13. Identify the person in the picture. Fill in the second column II in the table given below after reading the lesson 'A Truly Beautiful Mind'. In about 150-250 words (6 Marks)



Details	What I have learnt (II)
Name in full	Birth place
Year of birth	Country
Schooling	Places lived
Good at	Did not like
College education	University attended
Achievements	Awards
Contribution to world peace	Two interesting quotes

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OR

II. Using the hints given about Evelyn Glennie's life, write a brief biography of the legendary musician in 150-250 words.

- Born on: 19 August 1965
- Place: Aberdeen, Scotland
- 1982: Joined Royal Academy of Music
- 1986: Graduated with distinction
- 1993: Awarded OBE
- 2015: Received Grammy Award

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Class IX English - Answer Key.

Full Marks:-80

SECTION A: Reading (20 Marks)

Q.1 Passage on Technology

(10 x1 = 10)

- i) b) Improved connectivity
- ii) b) Neglect of physical activities
- iii) b) To avoid issues like isolation and health problems
- iv) b) Guiding the younger generation
- v) a) Education
- vi) b) Invention
- vii) b) Because data is collected without consent
- viii) Wield = to handle or use effectively
- ix) Antonym of Inclusivity = Exclusivity
- x) d) all of the above

Q.2

(10 x1 = 10)

- i) b) Planting trees
- ii) b) Create sanctuaries
- iii) b) Through harvesting and fixing leaks
- iv) b) They absorb carbon dioxide and release oxygen
- v) a) By using solar and wind power
- vi) b) It leads to loss of biodiversity
- vii) b) Raising awareness
- viii) a) Tigers
- ix) c) Solar and wind
- x) b) Conserving resources

SECTION B: Grammar (10 Marks)

Q.3 (Adverbs / Gender Nouns) -

3 Marks

- i) Careful -> Carefully
- ii) Joyful -> Joyfully
- iii) Rapid -> Rapidly

OR

- i) King -> 7 Queen
- ii) Actress -> 7 Actor
- iii) Prince —> 7 Princess

Q.4 (Conditionals / Verb Forms) -

3 Marks

- i) If it rains tomorrow, we will cancel the picnic.
- ii) Unless you practice daily, you will not improve.
- iii) If she had known the truth, she would have acted differently.

OR

- i) She danced gracefully at the event.
- ii) They play football every evening.
- iii) He wrote a letter yesterday.

Q.5 (Prepositions / Conjunctions) -

4 Marks

- i) of ii) onto iii) at iv) through/in

OR

- i) I wanted to join but my friends were busy.
- ii) She studied hard so she passed the exam.
- iii) It was raining so we stayed indoors.
- iv) He is tired yet continues working.

SECTION C: Creative Writing (10 Marks)

(Open-ended: accept logical, grammatically correct answers. Evaluate on Content- 2, Expression- 2, Accuracy-I = 5 marks each task)

Q.6 Diary Entry / Community Service Plan (Anyone) -

5 Marks

Q.7 Letter to Editor / Speech (Anyone) -

5 Marks

SECTION D: Literature (40 Marks)

Q.8 Extract (Snake and the Mirror / The Lost Child) -

5 Marks

- i) a) The doctor
- ii) The snake gazed at its reflection.
- iii) Slithered = slid smoothly
- iv) Because he was terrified
- v) Chapter = The Snake and the Mirror

OR

- i) b) Wound around

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- ii) b) Raised its head gracefully
- iii) d) Both band c
- iv) b) To a swan's neck
- v) Chapter = The Lost Child

Q.9 Extract (The Road Not Taken / No Men Are Foreign) -

5 Marks

A: The Road Not Taken

- i) b) Autumn season
- ii) b) To decide which road to take
- iii) b) Grassy and less traveled
- iv) The Road Not Taken
- v) Rhyme scheme = abaab

OR

B: No Men Are Foreign

- i) All humans are the same; boundaries are artificial.
- ii) All share sun, air, water, food, labour, life, and death.
- iii) James Kirkup
- iv) Message: Universal brotherhood, no discrimination.
- v) Yes, because it promotes peace and unity.

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Q.12 Extracts (Packing / Rain on the Roof) -

4 Marks

Packing extract

- i) a) George and Harris
- ii) He placed butter on chair.
- iii) Disorder
- iv) Packing is an art; they hadn't mastered it.

OR

Rain on the Roof extract

- i) Humid shadows /Dark clouds
- ii) Melancholy (sadness)
- iii) Happiness
- iv) Patter of rain

Q.10,11 and 13 are to be assessed according to the students' understanding of the text and their interpretation of the text concerned. -

10+10+6
