



## **Class 9th Second Semester Practise Exam**

**STD - IX SUBJECT -ENGLISH MARKS: 80**

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### **SECTION I: LANGUAGE STUDY**

**(A) Do as directed. (Attempt any *four*) (8 marks)**

**1. Complete the words by using the correct letters. (2)**

1. gr\_at
2. tra\_el
3. ho\_se
4. less\_n

Put the words in alphabetical order. (2)

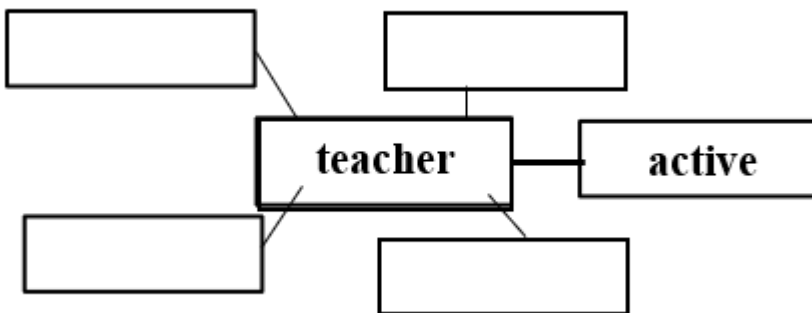
1. epic, right, able, heart.
2. passion, profound, premier, painting.

Punctuate the following. (2)

1. let us build a great wooden horse he said.
2. done go so fast

Make four words (minimum of 3 letters) using the letters in the word 'postmaster'. (2)

1. **Write the related words as shown in the example. (2)**



1. **Complete the following word chain of 'Nouns'. Add four words each beginning with the last letter of the previous word. (2)** king,  
(a)....., (b)....., (c)....., (d).....

Do as directed. (2 marks)

1. **Attempt anyone:**

Make a meaningful sentence by using the phrase 'look for'. (1)

**OR**

Add a clause to the following sentence to expand it meaningfully:

He found a mobile.

Attempt anyone:

**1. Add a prefix or suffix to make new words. (1)**

1. care (ii) happy

OR

**1. Make a meaningful sentence using any one of the following words:**

1. care (ii) happy

**SECTION II: TEXTUAL PASSAGES**

Q. 2. (A) Read the passage carefully and complete the activities. (10 marks) A1. Complete the following sentences: (2)

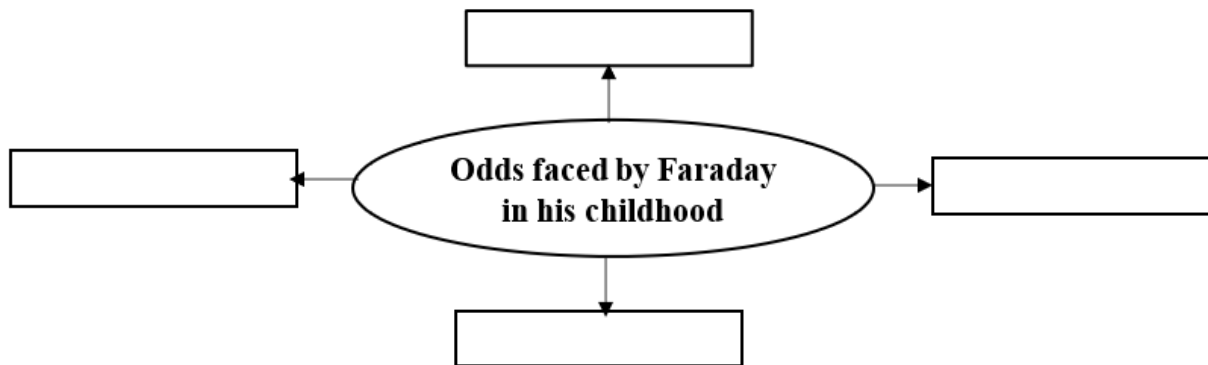
1. Michael Faraday is regarded as.....
2. Michael Faraday was born into.....
3. When Michael Faraday was twelve.....
4. Reading became Michael Faraday's .....

Michael Faraday is regarded as one of the most distinguished scientists and inventors of modern times, and his work on electricity is still a subject of study, in the form of Faraday's Laws. But few know his inspirational life story, which is all about courage and fighting against the odds.

Michael Faraday was born into a poverty-stricken family in a dirty London suburb. He suffered from a speech defect as a child. He would pronounce 'rabbit' as 'wabbit'. He could not even say his own name and would call himself 'Faraday'. Other children laughed at him and the teachers did not help him either. When he was twelve, his mother was forced to take him out of school, thus putting an end to his formal education.

At thirteen, however, he started working with a bookbinder, binding hundreds of books during the day and staying up all night to read them. Reading thus became his obsession. One day he came across a book on electricity that had been sent to his master for binding. He started reading it and was utterly hooked. That was his first introduction to the subject of electricity, which soon became a lifelong fascination.

**A2. Complete the following web: (2)**



**A3. Match the words in column 'A' with their meanings in column 'B'. (2)**

- | Column 'A'      | Column 'B'     |
|-----------------|----------------|
| (1) help        | (a) feel pain  |
| (2) suffer      | (b) fault      |
| (3) defect      | (c) attraction |
| (4) fascination | (d) aid        |

**A4. Do as directed. (2)**

- He started working with a bookbinder. (Choose the correct 'Question tag')
  - did he? (ii) didn't he? (iii) doesn't he?
- His mother was forced to take him out of school. (Underline the infinitive.)

**A5. Do you like reading books? Why? (2)**

- Read the following passage and complete the activities. (10 marks) B1. State whether the following statements are true or false: (2)**

- Folk art conveys deep thought.
- The roots of folk arts lie in women's daily chores.
- Designs are not important in the Gond style of art.
- Special attention is not given to the choice of various colors.

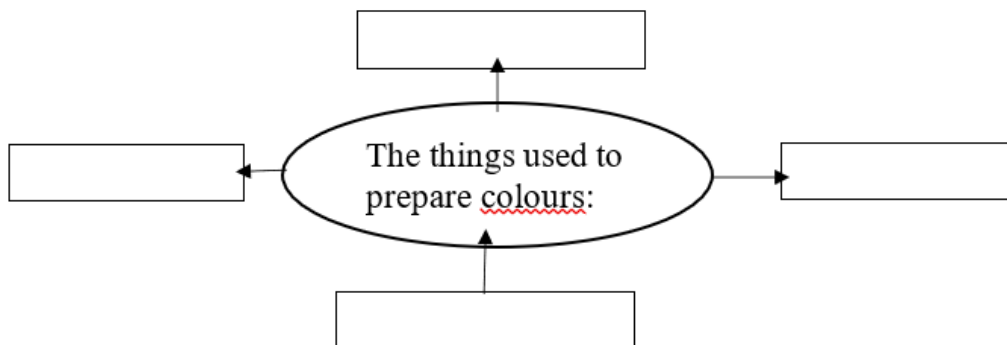
This richness is reflected in the choice of their medium. In the days the past, several things in nature such as soils of different shades, the juice of plants, leaves, tree bark, flowers, fruits, and even things like coal and cow dung were used to prepare colors. The different colors, various textures, and patterns were used year after year, lending simplicity to the

art. When we see these pictures, we realize that a picture drawn this way or the other can look equally beautiful. What a deep thought this art conveys - and so easily!

In the Gond style of art, we see that the outline may vary a little from artist to artist but the designs that fill it make the whole picture look lively and attractive. The designs include simple texture achieved using dots, straight lines, dotted lines, curvy shapes, and circles. Special attention is given to the choice of various colors so that the total effect is amazing and beautiful.

In today's age of commercialization, many men have taken up Gond's art. But the roots of folk arts probably lie in women's daily chores like cleaning and decorating the houses, dealing with natural colors in the course of cooking, and in their leisure time activities.

**B2. Complete the following web. (2)**



**B3. Antonyms**

Find out antonyms for the following from the passage. (2)

1. present x .....
2. same x .....
3. unattractive x .....
4. ugly x .....

**B4. Do as directed. (2)**

1. The total effect is amazing and beautiful. (Rewrite the sentence using 'as well as')
2. We see these pictures.

(Rewrite the sentence beginning with 'These pictures...').

B5. Write a few sentences about your favorite art. (2)

### **SECTION III: POETRY**

(A) Read the extract of the poem and do the following activities: (5 marks) A1. Match the following: (2)

#### **Group 'A'    Group 'A'**

- (a) the wind    (1) comrades
- (b) sea-god    (2) holds the storm
- (c) waves    (3) brother
- (d) cloud    (4) child

Rise, brothers, rise; the wakening skies pray to the morning light,

The wind lies asleep in the arms of the dawn like a child that has cried all night. Come, let us gather our nets from the shore and set our catamarans free,

To capture the leaping wealth of the tide, for we are the kings of the sea!

No longer delay, let us hasten away in the track of the seagull's call,

The sea is our mother, the cloud is our brother, and the waves are our comrades all. What though we toss at the fall of the sun where the hand of the sea god drives? He who holds the storm by the hair will hide in his breast our lives.

#### **A2. Answer the following:**

Who are called the kings of the sea? Why are they not afraid of the sea? (2) **A3. Find two pairs of rhyming words from the extract. (1)**

Appreciation of the poem. (5 marks)

**Read the given poem and write an appreciation of the poem using the points given below of the poem.**

**Silver**

Slowly, silently, now the moon Walks the night in her silver shoon;  
This way, and that, she peers, and sees Silver fruit upon silver trees;  
One by one the casements catch  
Her beams beneath the silvery thatch; Couched in his kennel, like a log, With paws of silver  
sleeps the dog;  
From their shadowy cote the white breasts peep Of doves in silver feathered sleep  
A harvest mouse goes scampering by, With silver claws, and silver eye;  
And moveless fish in the water gleam, By silver reeds in a silver stream.

**- Walter de la Mare**

1. Title - (½)
2. Name of the poet - (½)
3. Rhyme scheme - (1)
4. Figures of speech (Any 1) - (1)
5. Theme/Central idea (in 2 to 3 lines) (2)

**SECTION IV: NON-TEXTUAL PASSAGE**

(A) Read the passage carefully and complete the activities: (10 marks)

**A1. Complete the following table picking answers from the text: (2)**

1. The lifeline of an elephant is its .....
2. The tip of the trunk is .....
3. The trunk is flexible and strong because .....
4. A trunk acts like .....

The elephant trunk is a very important organ, without which it cannot exist. It may be called the lifeline of an elephant. It is as essential for the elephant as the hands are for us. It is an extension of the nose and upper lip. For elephants, it performs the functions of hands, nose, and lips. They have also developed a heavy head. Since a heavy head cannot be carried on a long neck, so elephants need long trunks to reach their food. The trunk has about 40.000 muscles. Because of such a high number of muscles, it is flexible and strong. It can lift huge

wooden poles with its trunk. The tip of the trunk is just like a finger and is so sensitive that it can even lift a needle. It carries its food to its mouth with its help. It also drinks water with the help of the trunk. To take baths it fills water in it, curls it up, and pours that over its back. Thus, we can see how the trunk is very useful for the elephant.

A2. Give reasons: (2)

1. An elephant needs a long trunk.....
2. The trunk can even lift a needle.....
3. The trunk is a very important organ.....
4. An elephant fills its trunk with water.....

A3. Find four organs of an elephant from the following word puzzle and write them: (2)

T R T U  
R L I P  
U H K L  
N E C K  
K A F I  
F D N K

**A4 Do as directed. (2)**

Choose the correct exclamatory sentence from the alternatives for the following:

The trunk is very useful

1. How useful the trunk is!
2. What useful the trunk is!
3. How very use the trunk is!
4. The trunk is how useful!

An elephant can lift huge wooden poles with its trunk.

(Rewrite the sentence using 'be able to')

A5. What according to you, should the government do to increase the number of elephants in India? (2)



**(B) Summary Writing (5 marks)**

**Read the passage given in Q. 4 (A) and write a summary of it. Suggest a suitable title to your summary.**

SECTION V: WRITING SKILL

**Q. 5. (A) Letter Writing: (5 marks)**

**A1 or A2. Do any one of the following activities:**

Imagine that you are Manas/Samiksha Ramrao Jadhav, flat No. 102, Ganesh Nagar, Pune. Write any one of the following letters.

**FITNESS CLUB**

Join the fitness club

*Stay Healthy and live a long happy life*

**Our features**

- The modern equipment in Gym
- The ultra-modern setting of a Gym
- Trained tutors
- Weight gain and weight loss exercises

**Contact:** The Manager, Fitness Club

M. G. Society, Kothrud, Pune 411029

OR

**A2. Formal letter**

Write a letter to the Manager of the Club. Enquire about the time, fees, batches, etc. Make use of the given ideas in the poster. Also, ask about the features. You may use your own additional points.

**A1. Informal letter**

You have recently read an advertisement about the Fitness Club. Write a letter to your friend telling him to join the club. Make use of the points given in the advertisement. Also, use your own additional points.

B1 Or B2 Do any one of the following. (5 marks) (B1) Dialogue Writing

**1. Prepare a dialogue from the jumbled sentences. (1)**

1. Yes, I like swimming.
2. Why do you like swimming?
3. Do you like swimming?
4. Because it keeps me physically and mentally fit.

Complete the following dialogue. (1)

**A:** Do you have a pet?

**B:** .....

**A:** What do you call it?

**B:** .....

**1. Write a dialogue between you and your friend of a minimum of *three* meaningful exchanges on 'Your favorite Subject'. (3)**

(OR)

**(B2) Drafting a speech**

You are participating in an Inter-school Elocution Competition organized by the Rotary Club. Write a speech on 'The role of the Young generation in the progress of the nation' with the help of the following points:

- Dedication for the work
- Youth-pillar of the nation
- Education is the foundation of the success
- All round development
- Healthy, wealthy and strong
- Love for the nation

Q.6. (A) Information Transfer (5 marks)

**A1 or A2. Do any one of the following. A1. Non-verbal to Verbal**

**You have visited a tourist place. You liked it very much. Use the points in the table, and write a paragraph:**

<b>Points</b>	<b>Information</b>
(1) Place	Kolhapur
(2) How to get there	By bus, train
(3) Where to stay	Dharmashala, Hotels
(4) Place of tourist interest	Rajwada, Rankala lake, Mahalakshmi Temple
(5) Other places close by	Panhala, Jyotiba
(6) Things to buy	Chappals, ornaments
(7) Best months to visit	November & December

**(OR)**

A2. Verbal to Non-verbal (5)

**Read the following passage carefully and prepare a tree diagram.**

Oil is necessary for the nutrition of our body but the excess use of oil should be avoided. There are three types of oils. We use groundnut oil, vegetable oil, and mineral oil in our diet. Groundnut oil is prepared from groundnuts which we use for eating. Groundnut oil is used in cooking food.

Vegetable oil is prepared from vegetable seeds. Vegetable oil is used in the manufacturing of soaps, medicines, scents, etc.

The third type of oil is mineral oil which is obtained from. Mineral oil is very useful. It is used for driving machines. It is used in the industry also.

Expand the theme: (5 marks)

**B1 or B2. Do any one of the following:**

B1. News report:

Read the following headline and prepare a news report with the help of the given points:

Sports Day celebrated in M. G. Vidyalaya, Solapur

- Headline
- Dateline
- Introduction
- Short continuing paragraph-

OR

**B2. Develop a story using the following beginning. Suggest a suitable title to it.**

It was Monday and I was going to school.....

SECTION VI: SKILL DEVELOPMENT

**Q. 7 Translation: (5 Marks)**

Translate the following words into your medium of instruction. (Any 4) (2)

1. victory (4) butterfly
2. flight (5) success
3. courage (6) message (4)

Translate the following sentences into your medium of instruction. (Any 2) (2)

1. Trees are our best friends.
2. Save water, save the earth.
3. Hard work is the key to success.
4. Smoking is injurious to health.

Translate the following idiom/proverb into your medium of instruction. (Any 1) (1)

1. Health is Wealth.
2. Think before you speak.

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