

GULF SAHODAYA Examination (Saudi Chapter)
February-March2021.

SUBJECT: ENGLISH

CLASS: IX

TIME: 3 Hours

MAX. MARK: 80

General Instructions:

- 1. This paper is divided into two parts: A and B. All questions are compulsory.**
 - 2. Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary.**
- Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.**
- 3. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.**

Part A (40 Marks)

READING (20 marks)

1. Read the passage given below.

I. It is rare to find someone with good technical and communication skills. You can get far ahead of your colleagues if you combine the two early in your career. People will judge, evaluate, promote or block you based on your communication skills. Since habits are formed by repeating both good and bad forms of communication, learn to observe great communications and adopt their styles and traits – in written and verbal forms. The art of listening and learning from each and every interaction is another secret recipe. Develop the subconscious habit of listening to yourself as you speak and know when to pause.

II. Learning what not to say is probably more important than learning what to say. As your career develops, you will realize that the wise Speak less. Speak when you have value to add, else refrain. Poorly constructed emails with grammatical errors are acceptable between friends, but they should be seriously avoided while communicating formally with your seniors. Avoid any communication in an emotional state when you might say things you will regret later.

III. One unnecessary word uttered at the wrong time or place can ruin a relationship, career or even your life. Such is the power of words. If such a thing happens, you should immediately apologize, else it may haunt you for life.

IV. Another problem to overcome is speaking too fast. Since our minds are working faster than our speech, we are inclined to speak fast. This does not necessarily mean that the person hearing it will get it any faster. On the contrary, it is always the reverse, so slow down and think before you speak. "When I get ready to people," Abraham Lincoln said, "I spend two thirds of the time thinking what do they want to hear and one third thinking what I want to say." Adding humor and wit is also essential. But realize that not all jokes are funny and observe certain boundaries. Never say anything that could offend. Remember you're not a comedian who must offend as many people as he can, to be witty.

On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer any 10 questions from the 12 that follow.(1x10=10)

1. The reason why it is important to have good communication skills is:
 - a. It is easy to find someone with good communication skills.
 - b. It is the trend these days.
 - c. It can help you get far ahead of your colleagues.
 - d. It will form a habit.
2. Choose the option that best captures the central idea of the passage from the given quotes:
 - a. No matter what job you have in life, your success is defined 5% by your academic credentials, 15% by your professional experiences and 80% by your communication skills.
 - b. Skills in the art of communication are crucial to our leader's success. You can accomplish nothing unless you can communicate effectively.
 - c. the biggest communication problem is we do not listen to understand, we listen to reply.
 - d. If you just communicate you can get by but if you communicate skillfully, you can work miracles.
3. According to the writer communication skills can be developed by which of the following:
 1. learn to observe great communications and adopt their styles and traits.
 2. Learn and improve the art of listening.
 3. copy exactly the way some famous personality speaks.
 4. learning what not to say and what to say.
 5. speak only when invited.
 - a)1,2,4
 - b) 1,2, 3
 - c) 1, 2, 5
 - d)1,3,5
4. Which of the following phrases suggest that the writer wants us to be careful in our speech:
 - 1.speak when you have value to add.
 2. Learning what not to say is more important.
 - 3.we must speak fast.
 - 4.such is the power of words.
 - a) 1,2,3
 - b) 1,3,4
 - c) 1,2,4
 - d)2,3, 4
5. Which of the following will be the most appropriate title for the passage?
 - a) Speech is silver silence is golden.
 - b) Speak easy.
 - c) Effective communication.
 - d) Straight Talk on bad language.
6. The phrase "have value to add" refers to the value as in:
 - a. not increasing the time of conversation
 - b. the quality of conversation.
 - c. increasing the volume during the conversation.
 - d. increasing the importance of the listener.

7. Select the option that makes the correct use of “overcome” as used in the passage, to fill in the blank space.
- In the course of time you must — — your mistakes.
 - Tom was suddenly— — — By fear.
 - John was — — — by the heat.
 - Tina was completely — — — — with joy.
8. The author attempts to — — — the readers through this write up.
- Question
 - Offer advice to.
 - Make fun of
 - Taunt
9. The author uses words like ‘styles’ and ‘traits’ to mean “characteristics”. Which of the following words DOES NOT mean the same.
- Attribute
 - Feature
 - quality
 - normality
10. What does the author mean when he says, “Avoid any communication in an emotional state.”
- you must add some emotions when you speak.
 - Do not speak when you are under the influence of strong emotions.
 - avoid attaching emotions in all types of communications.
 - balance your emotions when you talk.
11. Choose the option that correctly states the two meanings of the word “evaluate” as used in the passage.
- Form an idea
 - Examine
 - Assess the value of
 - An equation
 - Assess the worth of
- 1, 3,4
 - 1, 2,3
 - 1, 3, 5
 - 2,3,5
12. What is the message conveyed in the third paragraph of the passage.
- speak fluently and make relations.
 - speaking at the wrong time ruins a relationship.
 - words are powerful.
 - You must apologize quickly.

2. Read the passage given below.

As a young man, he was greatly impressed by Mahatma Gandhi’s success in the political field and the power of Ahimsa. Martin Luther King decided to follow the path of nonviolence and get millions of Blacks their dues. He felt that the blacks had immensely contributed towards the building of America, and there was no reason why they should not be treated with respect.

King drew national attention in 1956. Since the Blacks were not permitted to sit in the same buses as the Whites, he led a boycott of public buses in Montgomery. A year later, after many arrests and threats, the US Supreme Court gave a ruling that racial segregation of public transport was unlawful. This victory taught the Blacks the power of non-violence.

King began visiting various places to deliver lectures. Soon he became a powerful orator, drawing the attention of people the world over.

King continued the fight, a peaceful fight, demanding the rights of the Blacks. In 1964, he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. In 1967, Martin Luther King led many peaceful demonstrations against the Vietnam war and in 1968 he declared a Poor People's Campaign. On April 4, of that very year, while planning a demonstration of striking sanitation workers, he was shot dead by an assassin.

On the basis of your understanding of the passage attempt ANY TEN questions from from the twelve that follow. (1x10=10)

1. In the line ".....He led a boycott of public buses", the word 'boycott' DOES NOT refer to:
- avoid
 - Support
 - exclude
 - cut off

2. King drew National attention in 1956, as
- He won noble peace prize.
 - Visited various places to deliver lectures.
 - He led a boycott of public buses in Montgomery.
 - He continued peaceful fight.

3. One of the elements responsible for Mahatma Gandhi's success in the political field was:
- Racial segregation
 - Ahimsa
 - Demonstrations
 - Campaign

4. Choose the option that lists the correct answers for the following:
- Rahul works in an NGO protecting the rights of backward classes.
 - Radhika works in a career counseling centre.

* What kind of social workers they are:

- Women's rights activist.
- Career counselor
- Childcounselor
- Social activists

- 1&2
- 1&3
- 2&3
- 2&4

5. Based on your understanding of the passage Martin Luther King drew the attention of the whole world by the following skill:

- Nonviolent protest.
- Becoming a powerful orator.
- By filing a case.
- By getting arrested.

6. King felt that the Blacks should be treated with respect because :

- They were equals to whites.
- They worked very hard.
- They contributed towards building America.
- The court had given a ruling.

7. King was awarded the Nobel peace prize in the year::
- 1956
 - 1967
 - 1968
 - 1964
8. In 1968 King declared a Poor People's campaign by:
- Leading many peaceful demonstrations against the Vietnam war.
 - Leading a boycott of public buses in Montgomery.
 - Supporting racial segregation.
 - Planning a demonstration of striking sanitation workers.
9. Choose the option that lists statement that is NOT TRUE
- King was impressed by Mahatma Gandhi
 - King was a freedom fighter.
 - He organized peaceful protests.
 - He visited places to deliver lectures.
10. King was shot dead by an assassin on:
- April 4, 1967
 - April 4, 1968
 - April 4, 1964
 - April 4, 1969
11. Based on your reading of the passage the word that DOES NOT mean the same as "attention":
- Mindfulness
 - Distraction
 - Focus
 - Notice
12. Based on your understanding of the passages the US Supreme Court gave a ruling that:
- Blacks were also entitled to universal adult franchise.
 - Racial segregation of public transport was unlawful.
 - It was unlawful to protest against the ruling government.
 - Blacks also had the right to education.

LITERATURE

(10 marks)

3. Read the extracts given below and attempt ANY ONE, by answering the questions that follow. (5x1).

(A)

INTRUDER: That's a lie. You're not dealing with a fool. I'm as smart as you and smarter, and I know you run a car. Better be careful, wiseguy!

Gerrard : Are you American, or is that nearly a clever imitation?

Intruder: listen, this gun is no toy. I can hurt you without killing you, and still get my answers.

Gerrard :Of course,If you put it like that, I'll be glad to assist you. I do possess a car, and it's in the garage round the corner.

Intruder: that's better. Do people often come on here?

Gerrard : very rarely. Surprisingly few people take the trouble to visit me. There's the baker and the greengrocer, of course; and then there's the milkman – quite charming, but no one as interesting as yourself.

i.How did Gerard react when the intruder caught him lying:

- Sad
- Displeased

- c. Does not care
- d. Undisturbed

ii. Choose the option that lists the set of statements that are NOT TRUE according to the given extract.

1. Intruder caught Gerrard's lie.
2. Gerrard was lying about the car.
3. Gerrard was trying to fool the intruder.
4. Gerrard actually did not own a car.
5. The intruder was very respectful in his conversation.
6. Gerrard followed the intruder's instructions and gave the right answers.
7. Many people visited Gerrard
8. Gerrard was smarter than the intruder.

- a. 2,3,6
- b. 4,3,7
- c. 4,5,7
- d. 5,7,8

iii. Pick the option that correctly classifies facts (F) and opinions (O) of the students.

Student 1: I think Gerrard should not have lied.

Student 2: Gerrard lied to divert the intruder's attention.

Student 3: I think Gerrard risked his life by lying.

Student 4: Gerrard actually owned a car.

- a) F – 2,3 and O – 1,4
- b) F – 2,4 and O – 1,3
- c) F – 2,3,4 and O – 1
- d) F – 1,3 and O – 2,3,4

iv. Which word does 'imitation' NOT correspond to?

- a) Copy
- b) Emulate
- c) Follow
- d) Original

v. Choose the characteristic displayed by Gerrard when he tells the intruder "I'll be glad to assist you"

- a) honesty
- b) cleverness
- c) innocence
- d) authority

OR

B)

Friends had conjectured that the bear would not recognise her. I had thought so too. But while she was yet some yards from his cage Baba saw her and recognised her. He howled with happiness. She ran up to him, petted him through the bars, and he stood on his head in delight.

1. Choose the answer that lists the correct option about where the bear was kept:

- a. In the cage
- b. In a house
- c. left free
- d. In a circus

ii. When the writer says, 'friends had conjectured that the bear wouldn't recognize her', he means that:

- a) the bear has lost his memory.
- b) friends believed that the bear had forgotten her after a short separation.
- c) the bear hated her now.
- d) after going to the zoo the bear got attached to the zookeeper .

iii. The statement that is TRUE about the bear, according to the passage is:

- a)the bear was sent to the zoo because the government wouldn't allow them to keep a bear at home.
- b) the bear was sent to the zoo because it was getting difficult for them to keep the bear at home.
- c) The bear was eating a lot of food which they couldn't afford.
- d)the bear has consumed barium chloride.

iv. After seeing the mistress at a distance the bear:

- a) threw a stick at the mistress.
- b) started crying.
- c) Howled with happiness.
- d) banged the cage in order to break it.

v. The extract uses the phrase stood (on) his head. '

Which of the following expressions is incorrect with respect to the word 'invites'?

1. SLEEPING

^

2.CONTINUOUSLY < **STOOD** > 3.ATTENTIVELY

^

4.CAUTIOUSLY

- a) Option (1)
- b) Option (2)
- c) Option (3)
- d) Option (4)

4. Read the extracts given below and attempt ANY ONE, by answering the questions that follow.

(A)

**The snake trying
to escape the pursuing stick, with sudden curvings of thin
long body. How beautiful
and graceful are his shapes!
He glides through the water away
from the stroke. (5x1)**

i.The fact that the snake is trying to 'escape the pursuing stick' tells us that he is

- a)sleeping
- b) unaware
- c) alert
- d) ignorant

ii.These stanzas throw light upon the:

- a) kindness of man and helping the snake.

- b) ruthlessness of man and his interference in Nature.
- c) snake's way of living.
- d) how snakes can fool men.

iii. which of the following is not a synonym of 'graceful' from the above lines:

- a) Dignified
- b) Elegant
- c) Refined
- d) Graceless

iv. What is the snake NOT likely to say to the man pursuing him with a stick ?

- a) "Don't hit me".
- b) "Leave me alone".
- c) "Take me home".
- d) "go away "

v. The snake's 'graceful shapes' convey that:

- a) he is a majestic creation of Nature.
- b) He belongs to a good breed.
- c) takes care of himself.
- d) belongs to a rich man.

OR

(B)

**And he said, "You are far too selfish to dwell in a human form,
To have both food and shelter,
And fire to keep you warm.
Now, you shall build as the birds do,
And shall get your scanty food
By boring, and boring, and boring,
All day in the hard, dry wood."**

- i. Saint Peter feels that the woman wasn't fit to dwell in human form as:
 - a) she has supernatural powers.
 - b) she had a lot of evil characteristics.
 - c) she was stingy and selfish.
 - d) she wanted to fly.
- ii. The word "boring" is repeated three times in the 7th line to convey that:
 - a) she's good at drilling holes in wood.
 - b) she'd have to work hard to get little food.
 - c) she'd be unsuccessful even after a lot of hard work.
 - d) her hardwork is compared to that of woodpecker's.
- iii. The poet's intention in writing "A legend of Northland" is:
 - a) To entertain his readers
 - b) To instill the values of kindness and generosity in the readers
 - c) To show the evil nature of the lady
 - d) To prove that saints have magical powers.
- iv) The word "dwell" doesn't have a meaning similar to:
 - a) Reside
 - b) Exist
 - c) Leave
 - d) Inhabit

v) The word that indicates that the woman will not continue her life as a human being is:

- a) food
- b) boring
- c) shelter
- d) water

GRAMMAR
(10marks)

5. Choose the correct options to fill in the blanks to complete the note about the opening of a bank account. (3x1)

For opening a bank account you (i).....to select a bank of your choice. You (ii)..... to visit the bank and contact the Customer Care Officer there. Thereafter you should meet the concerned Authority. You (iii)..... to submit the required documents. Don't forget to visit the bank for collecting the passbook and ATM card.

- (i). a) required
b) are required
c) will require
d) have to
- (ii). a) will
b) should
c) need
d) are
- (iii). a) must
b) shall
c) have
d) should

6. Choose the correct options to fill in the blanks to complete the dialogue between Jack and his mom.



ANY FOUR OUT OF SIX.

(4x1).

Jack called out to his mother to i) The mother replied that she ii) as she iii)..... and asked him what iv)..... Her son replied that the house across the road v)..... . The mother further asked if the firebrigade vi).....

- i) a) come there
b) come and look
c) come fast
d) come in

- ii) a) cannot go then
b) couldn't go then
c) couldn't come then
d) cannot go then

- iii) a) she is cooking
b) has been cooking
c) was cooking
d) will be cooking

- iv). a) have happened
b) had happened
c) has happened
d) had happen

- v) a) is on fire
b) will be on fire
c) had been
d) was on fire

- vi) a) is there
b) will be there
c) was there
d) has been there

7. Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct options for sentences given below. (3x1)

Spending time (i)..... their kids brings immediate as well as long term gains to fathers. Children of an involved dad (ii)..... more popular, get on better with their peers and are (iii).....empathetic according to a research published by a Canadian study.

- (i) a) of
b) with
c) beside
d) besides
- (ii) a) is
b) was
c) were
d) are

- (iii) a) more
b) a more than
c) most
d) the most

Section B

WRITING

(2x5=10marks)

8. Attempt ANY ONE of the following in 100-120 words.

(5 marks)

(A) It was the happiest day of your life when the Principal of your school informed you and your parents that you topped the list of successful candidates in your zone. Use the hints given below to write a diary entry, about this memorable day, in about 100-120 words.

- Your school Principal calls and informs you.
- Endless phone calls from family, relatives and friends.
- Neighbors came to congratulate you on your grand success.
- Parents gift you a watch
- You were overwhelmed with happiness

OR

(B) Look at the following visual and write a descriptive paragraph on the famous personality in 100-120 words.



- Virat Kohli is an Indian cricketer and
- Captain of the India national team.
- Born: November 5, 1988 in New Delhi, India
- Education: Vishal Bharti Public School
- Right-handed top-order batsman.
- Regarded as one of the best contemporary batsmen in the world.
- Plays for Royal Challengers Bangalore in the Indian Premier
- Awards: Padma Shri, ICC ODI Team of the Year, Wisden Cricketers of the Year etc.

9. Attempt ANY ONE of the following in 100-120 words. (5 marks)

(A) Mohon /Mohini decided to write a story. But due to other important work, he/she could not complete it. Using the information given below in the input along with the beginning Mohini/Mohan made, complete the story about 100-120 words.

Once a wise monkey lived on a big Mango tree – – –

Give ripe mangoes to crocodile – took some for his wife – she was wicked – wanted to eat the monkey itself – she invited-monkey for lunch – crocodile did not co- operate – wife adamant – crocodile gave in – invited monkey for lunch – monkey on crocodile’s back Discloses wife’s plan – clever monkey told – heart hanging on the tree – goes back to the tree – monkey laughed – “my heart inside me” – friendship ended.

OR

(B) Taking help from the information given in the input below write the story of “the merchant and the the genie” in about 100-120 words. You can add your own details.

Lived a merchant in Basra – very hungry ate bread and date-threw the seed of the date – a genie appeared – threatened to kill because the seed of the date killed his son – he raised his arm to strike him with a sword – merchant told the genie-had to pay debts-settle the property issue-say goodbye to wife and family-pledged to come back-Genie liberated the merchant-came back to the genie as promised -genie was impressed -liberated him- gave lot of gold in bargain.

LITERATURE (30 marks)

10. Answer ANY TWO questions in 20-30 words each, from (A) and (B) respectively. (2x4=8)

A) (Any two) (2x2=4)

- i) Describe Kalam’s mother, as described by him in the lesson ‘my childhood’?
- ii) How did the dog Montmorency interfere with the packing of George and Harris?
- iii) What is the dilemma of the poet in “the Road not taken”?

(B). (any two) (2x2=4)

- i)How does Toto take a bath?
- ii) Why does the disciple decide to stay back in the kingdom of fools?
- iii) Why does the child hesitate to ask his parents, to buy the things he wants?

11. Answer ANY TWO questions in 40-50 words each, from (A) and (B) respectively. (3x4=12)

(A). (any-two)) (3x2=6)

- i) In the poem “Rain on the roof” what is the single major memory that comes to the poets mind? Who are the darling dreamers” that he refers to?

ii) What is the theme of the poem “Wind”?

iii) Why did Einstein write a letter to Franklin Roosevelt?

(B) (any two).

(3x2=6)

i) Why does the happy Prince send a ruby to the seamstress?

ii) How was Prashant able to help the villagers?

iii) Where was the author Zan’s cat after the fire? Who brought it back and how?

12. Answer ANY ONE the following in 100-120 words. (5x1)

(A)

“In most melodramas the villain is foolish enough to delay his killing long enough to be frustrated. You are much luckier.”

Discuss how the presence of mind proved to be the guardian for Garrard, saving him from big trouble, focussing on the qualities that helped him in his plan.

OR

(B)

Read the extracts given below and comment on the different journeys of these two people but the similarities in their characters which help them both become achievers in life.

a. That trip to Florida with her father Yuri launched her on the path to success and stardom. But it also required a heart-wrenching two-year separation from her mother Yelena. The latter was compelled to stay back in Siberia because of visa restrictions. The nine-year-old girl had already learnt an important lesson in life — that tennis excellence would only come at a price[Reach for the Top, Maria Sharapova].

b. At the end of her three-year course, she had captured most of the top awards.

And for all this, Evelyn won’t accept any hint of heroic achievement. “If you work hard and know where you are going, you’ll get there.” And she got right to the top, the world’s most sought-after multi- percussionist with a mastery of some thousand instruments, and hectic international schedule. [The sound of music, Evelyn Glennie]

13. Answer ANY ONE of the following in 100-120 words. (5x1)

(A) “Thank you for your kind words and deeds. I am very grateful to you and to your cook. God bless that good and noble woman! You spoke finely then, and I shall be indebted to you to my dying day; but, strictly speaking, it was your cook, Olga, who saved me.”

Olga was successful in bringing about a change in Lushkoff’s character thus bringing him to the right path. Based on your reading of story “The Beggar”Elaborate- “Practice is more important than preaching.”

OR

(B) “Many people will walk in and out of your life, but only true friends will leave footprints in your heart.” – Eleanor Roosevelt.

Do you think this quote supports O Henry’s theme of friendship as portrayed through the friendships of Johnsy, Sue and Behrman?