

**DAV PUBLIC SCHOOLS, ODISHA
PERIODIC ASSESSMENT-I (2023-24)**

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**CLASS-IX
ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (Code No. 184)**

Time Allowed: 1 Hour 30 Minutes

Maximum Marks: 40

General Instructions:

1. *This question paper is divided into three sections: A, B & C.*

Section A: Reading *10 marks*

Section B: Grammar & Creative Writing Skills *10 marks*

Section C: Literature *20 marks*

Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary.

2. *All questions of a particular section must be attempted in the correct order.*

3. *Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.*

SECTION A: READING SKILLS (10 MARKS)

1. Read the passage given below carefully:

- (1) Cybercrime has become a significant problem in today's society. It refers to any criminal act that is committed through the use of networks and computers. This can comprise activities such as hacking into systems, stealing information, and conducting online fraud. In recent years, cybercrime has become one of the most lucrative industries in the world.
- (2) Cybercriminals can operate with relative anonymity, which makes it difficult for law enforcement to track them down. Additionally, cybercriminals can target a wide range of different people and businesses, making it difficult for victims to know who to trust. It is often very profitable for offenders-especially if they are able to commit financial crimes such as theft or fraud online.
- (3) Cyber criminals often rely on outdated security measures or vulnerabilities in software applications to exploit their targets. This can lead to data breaches and other types of malicious behavior. In addition, many victims are left without recourse after being victim of a cyber security attack-due to complex legal procedures or lack of insurance coverage. By understanding the impact of cybercrime on both individuals and businesses, we can help mitigate its effects while deterring would-be perpetrators from engaging in this type of crime.
- (4) One way to reduce the amount of cybercrime happening is to educate people about the dangers and how to protect themselves. We need to make sure that people know that if they're going to use the internet, they need to be smart about it. They need to be careful about what they do and who they do it with.

- (5) We also need to have stronger laws in place that punish those who commit cybercrime. We can't just hope that people will stop committing crimes because they'll get caught eventually. We need to make sure that the punishment for these crimes is severe enough so that people will think twice before doing anything illegal online.
- (6) Finally, we need to develop better ways of detecting and stopping cybercrime before it happens in the first place. There are a lot of different ways that we can do this, but one important way is to use technology. We can use sensors and software to monitor our networks for signs of trouble, and then take action when we find them. This kind of technology has already started being used in some cases and it's helping us catch criminals more easily. (398 words)

Adapted from- <https://www.techtarget.com/searchsecurity/definition/cybercrime>

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below:

i. Which of the following statements best describes the author's attitude towards complicity of cybercrimes? (1)

- A. Cybercrime is a serious issue that we need to address and then only we'll be secure.
- B. Usually, victims do not get a remedy for their cyber security attack -due to complex legal procedures or lack of insurance coverage.
- C. There are a lot of different ways that we can do this, but one important way is to use technology to save ourselves from such cases.
- D. Educate people about the dangers and how to protect themselves from onslaught of cybercrimes.

ii. What is the tone of the writer in the given lines from paragraph (1)? Justify your response in about 40 words. (2)

In recent years, cybercrime has become one of the most lucrative industries in the world.

iii. Complete the sentence appropriately. (1)

The speaker feels that there is lack of awareness among people about cybercrime because -----.

iv. The passage includes some words that are similar with each other. From the sets (a)-(e) below, identify two sets of synonyms: (1)

- A. important; significant
- B. finally; eventually
- C. victims; perpetrators
- D. deterring; illegal
- E. detect; malicious

v. Complete the sentence appropriately. (1)

The author's tone becomes unkind and objective when discussing about the laws to check cybercrimes as he says assertively that _____.

vi. Based on the reading of the passage, examine, in about 40 words, how our tools and our carelessness bring us disasters. (2)

vii. What is the message inferred from para-6 regarding a reliable and prompt check on attack of cybercrimes? (1)

viii. Select the option that doesn't correspond to the main theme of the above paragraph.

(1)

- A. Make sure your computer is up-to-date with the latest security software and patches.
- B. Change your identification number (PIN) and update your passbook every few months.
- C. We need to be cautious while dealing with people online.
- D. Do not open suspicious emails or attachments from people you don't know or trust.

SECTION B
(GRAMMAR & CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS (10 MARKS))
GRAMMAR (5 MARKS)

2. Attempt the following questions. (1x5=5)

i. Fill in the blank using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter.

Sub: Improper tour arrangements

Dear Sir/Madam

I am _____ (constrain) to express my displeasure and resentment at the inferior arrangements made during our tour to Nainital and Shimla.

ii. Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line.

The doctor said to the patient, "You ----- take your medicine in time."

- A. may
- B. might
- C. should
- D. used to

iii. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line from review of a movie.

The movie, including all the previews, take about two hours to watch.

| Option No. | ERROR | CORRECTION |
|------------|-------|------------|
| A. | all | each |
| B. | take | takes |
| C. | to | for |
| D. | about | in |

iv. Read the dialogue between Subham and his teacher, Mr. Shah, regarding his Mathematics project.

Mr. Shah: When will you submit the project?

Subham: Sorry Sir! I am going to start it tomorrow.

Select the correct option to complete the reporting of the above dialogue.

Mr. Shah asked Subham _____ . Subham answered apologetically that he was going to start that the next day.

- A. when would you submit the project?
- B. when he would submit the project.
- C. when he should submit the project.
- D. when should he submit the project?

- v. Identify the error in the given sentence, from Kaushik's diary and supply the correction.

Every day, even when it rains heavily, I went for a morning walk.

Use the given format for your response.

| Error | correction |
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CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS (5 MARKS)

(Note: All details presented in the questions are imaginary and created for assessment purpose)

3. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. (5)

- (A) You are Satish / Satrupa. While going to your village home with your parents, you came across some victims of the devastating flood along the bank of river Mahanadi. You were deeply touched to see their sufferings and hardships. It left a deep wound in your heart. Write a diary entry in 100 to 120 words to share your feelings.

Hints

Over flooding river-landscapes looked like islands—dead bodies of animals floating-- families took shelter on roads—polythene tents--living with domestic animals—no food-- safe drinking water--small children and elderly people—tearful eyes—heartrending scene

.OR

- (B) Once you became seriously ill after enjoying a lot of food at your friend's birthday party. Your mother immediately took you to the hospital. There you met a doctor who was very friendly and cooperative. He was middle-aged and had a medium build. He seemed to be down-to-earth by nature. His knowledge and experience also yielded result as you recovered early. Write a descriptive paragraph about the doctor using your memory and experience in 100 to 120 words.

SECTION C-LITERATURE (20 MARKS)

4. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. (5)

A. Wind, come softly.
Don't break the shutters of the windows.
Don't scatter the papers.
Don't throw down the books on the shelf.
There, look what you did — you threw them all down.
You tore the pages of the books.
You brought rain again.
You're very clever at poking fun at weaklings.

(Wind)

- i. Fill the blank with one word / a phrase. (1)
The poet uses 'wind' as a symbol of-----
- ii. What does the poet's use of anaphora in the last 3 lines of the given extract tell about his tone? (1)
- iii. Which of the following best describes the speaker's attitude towards the damages caused by the wind? (1)
A. Indifferent B. Watchful
C. Dismissive D. Apathetic
- iv. Comment on the poet's use of language in the given extract. (2)

OR

B. But Evelyn was not going to give up. She was determined to lead a normal life and pursue her interest in music. One day she noticed a girl playing a xylophone and decided that she wanted to play it too. Most of the teachers discouraged her but percussionist Ron Forbes spotted her potential. He began by tuning two large drums to different notes. "Don't listen through your ears," he would say, "try to sense it some other way." Says Evelyn, "Suddenly I realised I could feel the higher drum from the waist up and the lower one from the waist down." Forbes repeated the exercise, and soon Evelyn discovered that she could sense certain notes in different parts of her body. "I had learnt to open my mind and body to sounds and vibrations." The rest was sheer determination and hard work.

(The Sound of Music-part-I)

- i. State any one inference about Evelyn from the given context: (1)
But Evelyn was not going to give up. She was determined to lead a normal life and pursue her interest in music.
- ii. Which of the following statements does not correspond to the idea conveyed by the sentence given below? (1)
Most of the teachers discouraged her but percussionist Ron Forbes spotted her potential.

- A. Evelyn’s teachers could not see the spark of musical talent hidden in her.
- B. Everybody cannot spot the area of a child’s talent.
- C. The teachers did not support Evelyn pursuing her interest in music as they knew her problem.
- D. Evelyn’s teachers did not want her to become a musician.

iii. Ron Forbes’ approach to train Evelyn in a different way was highly effective. Justify this statement in about 40 words, with reference to the extract . (2)

iv. Which word / phrase would correctly substitute 'pursue', in the given sentence from the extract? (1)

She was determined to lead a normal life and pursue her interest in music.

5. Answer ANY THREE of the following in about 40-50 words each. (3x3=9)

i. The poem “The Road Not Taken” presents a man’s dilemma in a particular situation. Explain.

(The Road Not Taken)

ii. Describe Bismillah Khan’s journey from winning 1.25kg Laddu to the Bharat Ratna.

(The Sound of Music)

iii. “A good story teller is one who listens, engages, and sustains the interest of the audience”. Explain how Iswaran exhibited all these qualities of a brilliant story teller.

(Iswaran the Storyteller)

iv. Animals may imitate the human actions but they lack the logical thinking of human beings. Justify the statement with reference to the incident of Toto’s mischief of nearly boiling himself alive.

(The Adventures of Toto)

6. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. (1x6=6)

(A) The best thing a parent can give his children is a few minutes from his busy life each day. As Kezia’s father, you could realise the importance of your quality time for your daughter. You repented that if she had received some affinity from you, she would have a different feeling for you, other than fear. Write a diary entry expressing your guilt and repentance in 100- 120 words. You may begin like this:

(The Little Girl)

Day _____ Date _____ Time _____

Sometimes the realisation comes when we turn the pages of past and today this happened to me as I saw fear in Kezia’s eyes. My little girl made a pin cushion for me but I.....

OR

(B) The value of a thing is felt when it is lost. The pain and fear of loss and separation remind a person to be responsible while dealing with things in life. Bring out the relevance of these statements in not more than 120 words with reference to the story ‘The Lost Child’.

(The Lost Child)
