

**CBSE**  
**Class IX English Language and Literature**  
**Sample Paper – 1**  
**SA I**

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**Maximum Marks: 70****Time: 3 hours****The question paper is divided into the following sections:**

<b>Section A:</b>	<b>Reading</b>	<b>20 marks</b>
<b>Section B:</b>	<b>Writing &amp; Grammar</b>	<b>25 marks</b>
<b>Section C:</b>	<b>Literature</b>	<b>25 marks</b>

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**SECTION A**  
**(READING – 20 MARKS)**

**Q1. Read the following passage carefully:****[8]**

Kausani is situated at a height of 6,075 feet in the Central Himalayas. It is an unusually attractive little town. It covers just about 5.2 sq. kms. It lies to the north of Almora in Uttarakhand's picturesque Kumaon region.

Kausani provides a 300-km-wide breathtaking view of the Himalayas. It is the most striking aspect of this place. Snow-capped peaks are spread in a stately row. They stare at you in silvery white majesty. The most famous peak on view is Nanda Devi, the second highest mountain in India. It is situated at a height of 25,645 feet and 36 miles away as the crow flies. The other famous peaks on view are Choukhamba (23,420 feet) and Trishul (23,360 feet). Then there are also Nilkhamba, Nandaghunti, Nandaghat and Nandakot. On a clear day, the blue of the sky makes a splendid background to these peaks. At sunrise and at sunset, when the colour changes to a golden orange, the scene gets etched in your memory.

When Gandhiji visited this place in 1929, its scenic beauty held him spellbound. He named it the 'Switzerland of India'. He prolonged his two-day stay to fourteen days, making time to write a book, 'Anashakti Yoga'. The place where he was staying was originally a guest-house of the tea estate. It was renamed 'Anashakti Ashram' after the book.

Kausani is the birthplace of Sumitranandan Pant, India's poet laureate. Its natural surrounding inspired many of his poems. Its tea gardens mingle with dense pine forests and fruit orchards. The area is also host to many fairs and religious ceremonies. If Uttaranchal is the abode of gods, Kausani is God's own backyard. There is no traffic, no one is in a hurry. If serenity could be put on a canvas, the picture would resemble Kausani.

**I. On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions:**

- (a) Where is Kausani situated?
- (b) What is the most striking aspect of Kausani?
- (c) Which is the most famous peak on view from Kausani?
- (d) How did Kausani influence Sumitranandan Pant?
- (e) When does the view of peaks become so memorable?
- (f) How can we say that Gandhiji was greatly charmed by the natural beauty of Kausani?
- (g) What makes Kausani a calm and quiet place?
- (h) Why do you think is Kausani known as 'God's own backyard'?

**Q2. Read the following passage carefully:**

Neem is very commonly seen in India. Scientifically known as *Azadirachta indica*, it belongs to the mahogany family Meliaceae. The tree can reach a height of 49–66 ft and is a fast-growing tree. The entire tree, i.e. the bark, leaves and flowers, has a lot of medicinal value as it helps in curing various diseases. The leaves and the bark of this tree are very effective in controlling infections, deworming and in disinfecting and healing wounds. The fresh leaves can be used by extracting the juice or a paste of the leaves can be taken along with a small piece of jaggery. In case of wounds, a few leaves can be boiled in water and then this water, when at tolerable temperature, can be used to wash the wounds. Two drops of neem oil can be used for applying on the wound. Neem also helps in relieving itch in case of allergic rashes. Neem water can be used in case of allergic reactions. The paste of neem seeds can be applied on the scalp and washed off after 10 minutes of application. It also helps in eliminating dandruff, boils on the scalp and prevents hair loss. Neem is very useful in jaundice. The juice can be given along with honey. Neem is very useful in case of fever. Fresh leaves can be taken with tulsi leaves or with honey. Neem water can be used to soak the feet in case of cracks on dry feet. Neem leaf powder is used for preserving grains and pulses. Neem is of special importance on New Year's Day as a symbol of good health and longevity.

**Answer the following questions:**

**[12]**

1. What is the medicinal value of neem?
2. What is the paste of neem seeds used for?
3. How does neem help grains and pulses?
4. Neem belongs to the \_\_\_\_\_ family is also known as \_\_\_\_\_.

5. What is neem a symbol of?
6. Which word in the passage is the adjectival form of 'tolerate'?

**SECTION B**  
**(WRITING & GRAMMAR – 25 MARKS)**

**Q3. Your maid's son secured a high percentage in the recent board exams. He thanked you for helping him with studies and sharing your notes. Write a diary entry about how you felt when you realised that someone had benefited because of the help you offered.** [5]

**Q4. Write a short story in about 150–200 words beginning with the following: [10]**

The glass door came crashing down on Mijbil as it stood helplessly chained outside the hotel...

**Q5. Complete the passage by filling in the blanks.** [3]

The novel Uncle Tom's Cabin was published (a) \_\_\_\_\_ 1852. The novel is said to (b) \_\_\_\_\_ fuelled by the abolitionist movement, (c) \_\_\_\_\_ to have contributed materially to the tensions that finally led to the American Civil War. The novel (d) \_\_\_\_\_ the reality of slavery (e) \_\_\_\_\_ also asserting that Christian love can overcome something as destructive (f) \_\_\_\_\_ enslavement of fellow human beings.

**Q6. The following passage has not been edited. There is ONE error in each of the first nine lines. Write the incorrect word and the correction as given in the example against the correct blank number in your answer sheets. Also underline the correct word you have supplied.** [4]

	Incorrect	Correct
a. One reason off the loss of faith in the government's	_____	_____
b. words and deeds are the dwelling image of the entire	_____	_____
c. political class. A most obvious example of the latter's	_____	_____
d. cynicism and culpability is the increase number of	_____	_____
e. MPs with a criminal background which have been	_____	_____
f. entering parliament. Any the suggestions made by the	_____	_____
g. election but law commissions to debar at least those	_____	_____
h. candidates whose face prima facie charges.	_____	_____

**Q7. Rearrange the following words and phrases to make meaningful sentences. The first one has been done as an example. [3]**

**E.g.** feared by / snakes are / in our / worshipped / and / many / country

**Ans.** Snakes are worshipped and feared by many in our country.

1. stay healthy / special importance / for those / walking has / who want to
2. other muscles / legs and / strengthens / it / and tones / he lungs
3. the heart / of heart / diseases / more efficient / the risk / it / by making / decreases

### **SECTION C**

#### **(LITERATURE – 25 MARKS)**

**Q8. Read the given extract and answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate option. [3]**

So hack and chop  
But this alone won't do it.  
Not so much pain will do it.  
The bleeding bark will heal  
And from close to the ground  
Will rise curled green twigs,  
Miniature boughs  
Which if unchecked will expand again  
To former size.

**The phrase 'former size' refers to**

- i. the big size of the tree
- ii. the sapling that was planted
- iii. the plant that is growing in the garden
- iv. none of the above

**2. The figure of speech in the line 'The bleeding bark will heal' is**

- i) antithesis ii) anticlimax iii) alliteration iv) repetition

**3. A word from the lines that means 'branches' is**

- i. bark
- ii. boughs
- iii. twigs
- iv. none of the above

**Q9. Answer any FOUR of the following questions in about 30–40 words each. [8]**

- 1. Why was Kezia afraid of her father?
- 2. Why did Aurangzeb ban the playing of the *pungi*?
- 3. What reason did Lushkoff give to Sergei for telling lies?
- 4. How did Toto come to grandfather's private zoo?
- 5. Why does the disciple decide to stay in the Kingdom of Fools? Is it a good idea?

**Q10. Do you think men who are hard on their kids are bad fathers? Substantiate your answer with reference to the story *The Little Girl*. [4]**

**Q11. Is *Three Men in a Boat* autobiographical? What elements of Jerome's life might have influenced the text?**

**OR**

**[10]**

**In the land of Houyhnhnms, Gulliver was recognised by a horse and considered a guest. Discuss the character of the horse in the light of above statement.**

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