

PSA - CLASS - IX - FORMAT

Test Context Domain/ Item Type		Target No. Per Test Form		
		No. of Items	No. of Passages	Total No. of Items
Qualitative				
*	Stand Alone MCQ	6		6
*	Passage Based MCQ	6	2	12
	SUB TOTAL			18
Quantitative				
*	Stand Alone MCQ	10		10
*	Passage Based MCQ	4	2	8
	SUB TOTAL			18
Language Conventions				
*	Grammar & Usage MCQ	8		8
*	Vocabulary in Context MCQ	8		8
*	Passage Completion MCQ	8		8
	SUB TOTAL			24
	TOTAL			60

III - Passage based MCQ

Passage -A

Elephants are ----(1)----- in India and in Africa. The --(2)----- elephant differs in some points ----(3)--- the Indian, being larger with a ---(4)--- tusk and bigger ears. In fact the two are considered to be different ----(5)----- . In both countries, they live in ---(6)----- in the jungles and are naturally ----(7)----- animals that keep away from ----(8)----- . Elephants are good advertisements for ----(9)--- for they live --(10)----- on leaves, grass and roots.

1

- (a) available
- (b) found
- (c) watched
- (d) observed

2

- (a) African
- (b) Korean
- (c) Malaysian
- (d) Chinese

3

- (a) on
- (b) by
- (c) from
- (d) with

4

- (a) larger
- (b) wider
- (c) long
- (d) longer

5

- (a) family
- (b) caste
- (c) class
- (d) types

6

- (a) company
- (b) herds
- (c) crowds
- (d) singles

7

- (a) ferocious
- (b) fearsome
- (c) shy
- (d) terrible

8

- (a) the earth
- (b) the water
- (c) the cities
- (d) men

9

- (a) spiritualism
- (b) communism
- (c) vegetarianism
- (d) capitalism

10

- (a) entirely
- (b) partially
- (c) preferably
- (d) occasionally

Passage - B

The great advantage of early rising is the good start it gives for one's daily work. The early riser is able to complete a lot of work before others even get out of their bed. As the mind is fresh in the morning, free from distractions, one is able to do quality work. One is able, if so inclined, to have early morning exercises which keep one energetic throughout the day. Thus one completes one's work during the day without hurrying much and is left with enough time in the evening for play or entertainment or relaxation by a leisurely walk. This leads to a good night's rest after which one is able to rise fresh, the next morning to face another day.

1 An early riser is able to complete his work without hurrying because

- (a) He is energetic after morning exercises
- (b) He has time to complete his work
- (c) He has time to plan in the morning
- (d) He does not get distracted

2 An early riser gets ample time in the evening to

- (a) Take a short nap
- (b) Take a leisurely walk
- (c) Chat with friends
- (d) Be with family

3 Going to bed early is good for health because

- (a) One feels energetic
- (b) One does feel sleepy in the morning
- (c) One feels healthy
- (d) One feels refreshed in the morning

4 How does early rising affect one's day

- (a) Makes one energetic
- (b) Makes one enthusiastic
- (c) Makes one feel happy
- (d) Makes one finish one's work

- 5 **An early riser gets his work done well because**
- (a) He is able to do a lot of work
 - (b) His mind is fresh, free from distractions
 - (c) He feels fresh
 - (d) He is able to go for a morning walk
- 6 **The opposite of the word ‘advantage’ is**
- (a) Inadvantage
 - (b) Disadvantage
 - (c) Imadvantage
 - (d) Illadvantage
- 7 **The word closest in meaning to ‘distractions’ is**
- (a) Prevention
 - (b) Attraction
 - (c) Inattention
 - (d) Concentration
- 8 **The noun form of the word ‘energetic’ is**
- (a) Energise
 - (b) Energizing
 - (c) Energy
 - (d) Energized
- 9 **Complete the sentence with complete set of words**
The plays staged in the theatre are a good source of meant to people.
- (a) Entertaining, entertainment
 - (b) Entertainment, entertain
 - (c) Entertain, entertaining
 - (d) Entertain, entertainment
- 10 **The phrase ‘leisurely walk’ means**
- (a) To walk slowly
 - (b) To walk in relaxed manner
 - (c) To walk in a dream
 - (d) To walk fast

Passage - C

Man worked with his small tools until the advent of modern machinery.....(1).....by steam and electricity. The small tools.....(2).....defeat from big machines, as.....(3).....hands had.....(4).....to the hands.....(5)....with tools. These machines operate only over large.....(6).....of land and considerable.....(7).....are needed for their procurement and use. But if therefore we give up all.....(8).....saying that our peasantry cannot.....(9).....them, it will simply mean.....(10).....trouble.

1

- (a) driven
- (b) moved
- (c) worked
- (d) controlled

2

- (a) agreed
- (b) acknowledged
- (c) allowed
- (d) permitted

3

- (a) free
- (b) human
- (c) bare
- (d) strong

4

- (a) succeeded
- (b) produced
- (c) given way
- (d) created

5

- (a) full
- (b) equipped
- (c) covered
- (d) painted

6

- (a) bits
- (b) pieces
- (c) boundaries
- (d) divisions

7

- (a) sums
- (b) moneys
- (c) funds
- (d) costs

8

- (a) hope
- (b) expectation
- (c) intention
- (d) ambition

9

- (a) mamage
- (b) afford
- (c) enable
- (d) inspire

10

- (a) asking
- (b) requiring
- (c) pleading
- (d) inviting

Passage - D

The Idea

Rani Mukherji loved the idea. Shilpa Shetty __1__ it. Akshay Kumar didn't think it was any big deal. Shahrukh Khan thought it was a brilliant idea. After all, it was __2__ idea.

"It's only fair," Shahrukh Khan explained to his new fourth graders as they stood in line waiting for the lunch bell to ring, "that we turn things around. Every year you guys line up in alphabetical __3__ to go to lunch, to go to gym, to go home, and so on. This __4__ we're using reverse alphabetical order."

Aishwarya Rai put her hand down as Shahrukh pointed to her. "I've always had to stand at the __5__ of the line, ever since __6__! Now I'm near the front. Thank you, thank you!"

The teacher smiled. Then he called on Amitabh Bachan, a serious and thoughtful old man.

"Shahrukh, I think you should reconsider this policy. This is very drastic and __7__. This could confuse our fragile young minds!"

"Put a lid on it, Amitabh!" shouted David Dhawan

"We won't have any outbursts like that, David!" Mr. Shahrukh said firmly. He turned toward Amitabh. "Don't __8__, Amitabh. We only have strong minds in this class."

"How many of you think this is a good idea?" Shahrukh asked. As you would probably __9__, most of the hands that went up were in the __10__ half of the line.

1

- (a) heard
- (b) liked
- (c) needed
- (d) hated

2

- (a) that
- (b) no
- (c) her
- (d) his

3

- (a) letters
- (b) soup
- (c) order
- (d) index

4

- (a) way
- (b) year
- (c) alphabet
- (d) is

5

- (a) back
- (b) beginning
- (c) centre
- (d) winner

6

- (a) breakfast
- (b) kindergarten
- (c) yesterday
- (d) tomorrow

7

- (a) useful
- (b) thoughtful
- (c) unnecessary
- (d) smart

8

- (a) move
- (b) worry
- (c) scream
- (d) speak

9

- (a) expect
- (b) doubt
- (c) forget
- (d) review

10

- (a) dumb
- (b) bright
- (c) angry
- (d) front

Passage - E

Marco Polo, the -----1----- explorer, was born in Italy in the nineteenth century. When he was only 18 he -----2----- to China with his father and uncle. It was a very dangerous -----3----- and they were lucky to arrive in Beijing -----4----- . Marco stayed in China for 17 years and saw lots of interesting things. He was very-- --5----- and returned to Italy with -----6----- of beautiful jewels. He -----7----- a book about his-----8----- adventures. The ----9--- he told were so -----10----- that many people thought they were not true. Now travelling is so easy that we forget how difficult and dangerous it was long ago.

1

- (a) peaceful
- (b) famous
- (c) authentic
- (d) clever

2

- (a) walked
- (b) moved
- (c) shifted
- (d) travelled

3

- (a) trip
- (b) tour
- (c) travel
- (d) journey

4

- (a) broken
- (b) dead
- (c) alive
- (d) alike

5

- (a) tired
- (b) successful
- (c) nervous
- (d) angry

6

- (a) little
- (b) more
- (c) much
- (d) lots

7

- (a) printed
- (b) read
- (c) wrote
- (d) opened

8

- (a) frightening
- (b) scary
- (c) satiating
- (d) exciting

9

- (a) stories
- (b) feelings
- (c) travels
- (d) secrets

10

- (a) vague
- (b) weird
- (c) amazing
- (d) attractive

Passage - F

Dear Henry,

I hope you -----1----- my first card last week. A lot has -----2----- since I wrote to you, so much that, in fact, this is the first free moment I got to write to you. I -----3----- with an accident about a week ago while -----4----- football. As a result I have been in hospital since then. I am -----5----- myself here because I made a lot of new friends and I have not spoken German since I came here which , of course, is great for my English. On my first day, I met a nurse called Gloria and fell in -----6----- with her almost immediately. I have asked her to -----7----- me, and she's going to give me her -----8----- tomorrow. As you can see , the last few days have been very -----9----- for me. I'll write to you again ----10----- Gloria has given me the answer.

With all good wishes ,

Hans.

1

- (a) droppped
- (b) got
- (c) recall
- (d) missed

2

- (a) come
- (b) happened
- (c) befall
- (d) arrived

3

- (a) saw
- (b) received
- (c) met
- (d) hit

4

- (a) seeing
- (b) looking
- (c) playing
- (d) watching

5

- (a) cursing
- (b) praying
- (c) enjoying
- (d) suffering

6

- (a) dislike
- (b) hate
- (c) love
- (d) like

7

- (a) join
- (b) marry
- (c) free
- (d) capture

8

- (a) question
- (b) wish
- (c) desire
- (d) answer

9

- (a) terrible
- (b) miserable
- (c) exciting
- (d) attractive

10

- (a) before
- (b) while
- (c) after
- (d) till

Passage - G

Q) Complete the passage by choosing the correct option given below:-

One day a young prince----1----- at the castle of King Ottar and fell in love with the king's youngest daughter, who was very -----2----- . "You can only marry my daughter," said the king, "if you can recognize her, and you must marry the woman you -----3----- ." 'That's easy,' said the prince, and king Ottar put all his daughters ----4----- the wall that had a ----5----- at the bottom, so the prince could see only seven pairs of feet, and the feet all looked the ----6----- . Suddenly one of the feet ----7----- and so the prince said 'That's the woman I love.'

-----8----- it was not ; it was the King's eldest daughter who was not at all beautiful, but the prince had to marry her. Infact , she was -----9----- intelligent and had a good ----10----- of humour, so that very soon the prince fell in love with her and they lived happily ever after.

1

- (a) moved
- (b) travelled
- (c) arrived
- (d) come

2

- (a) ugly
- (b) beautiful
- (c) short
- (d) clever

3

- (a) choose
- (b) pick
- (c) see
- (d) observe

4

- (a) forward
- (b) behind
- (c) under
- (d) front

5

- (a) place
- (b) distance
- (c) space
- (d) slot

6

- (a) different
- (b) same
- (c) even
- (d) odd

7

- (a) stir
- (b) moved
- (c) walked
- (d) sprang

8

- (a) luckily
- (b) fortunately
- (c) unfortunately
- (d) exactly

9

- (a) vaguely
- (b) extremely
- (c) excitingly
- (d) intensely

10

- (a) way
- (b) sense
- (c) taste
- (d) feeling

Passage - H

PASSAGE POEM

My Tree

O Tree, so big and stout and strong,
You've lived so very very long
A hundred years or more I'm told
And yet you are not so very old
A hundred secrets you could tell
Of children whom you love so well
Who came and sat beneath your shade
Or underneath your branches played

A hundred birds have built their nests
Your leaves have softly kissed their breasts
Your branches seem to touch the sky
Yet you were once as small as I.

Some day when I have grown up, too,
I'm coming back to visit you;
And changed though other things will be,
I'll find the same dear friendly tree

The speaker in the poem is a young -----(1)----- who is fascinated by the ----(2)----- and height of the tree in his neighborhood. He believes it knows many ----(3)----- of the children who once used to ---(4)----- in its shade and play under its -----(5)---- . It is home to hundreds of ---(6)----- who build their nests in it. It is so tall that its branches seem to be ----(7)----- the sky and the speaker is surprised that once upon a time it was just a little sapling. He wishes to ---(8)----- tall and strong like the tree and hopes that when he ----(9)--- some years later, he would find it as ----(10)----- then as it is now.

1

- (a) child
- (b) tree
- (c) plant
- (d) bird

2

- (a) toughness
- (b) strength
- (c) thickness
- (d) stiffness

3

- (a) stories
- (b) dreams
- (c) wishes
- (d) secrets

4

- (a) sleep
- (b) sit
- (c) eat
- (d) work

5

- (a) roots
- (b) leaves
- (c) fruits
- (d) branches

6

- (a) animals
- (b) birds
- (c) people
- (d) insects

7

- (a) feeling
- (b) looking at
- (c) touching
- (d) kissing

8

- (a) behave
- (b) feel
- (c) grow
- (d) look

9

- (a) goes back

- (b) returns
- (c) observes
- (d) touches

10

- (a) strong
- (b) stiff
- (c) weak
- (d) rough

Passage - A

- 1 (b) found
- 2 (a) African
- 3 (d) with
- 4 (d) longer
- 5 (d) types
- 6 (b) herds
- 7 (c) shy
- 8 (d) men
- 9 (c) vegetarianism
- 10 (a) entirely

Passage - B

- 1 (b) He has time to complete his work
- 2 (b) Take a leisurely walk
- 3 (d) One feels refreshed in the morning
- 4 (d) Makes one finish one's work
- 5 (b) His mind is fresh, free from distractions
- 6 (b) Disadvantage
- 7 (c) Inattention
- 8 (c) Energy
- 9 (b) Entertainment, entertain

- 10 (b) To walk in relaxed manner

Passage - C

- 1 (a) driven
- 2 (b) acknowledged
- 3 (b) human
- 4 (c) given way
- 5 (b) equipped
- 6 (b) pieces
- 7 (c) funds
- 8 (a) hope
- 9 (b) afford
- 10 (d) inviting

Passage - D

- 1 (b) liked
- 2 (d) his
- 3 (c) order
- 4 (b) year
- 5 (a) back
- 6 (b) kindergarten
- 7 (c) unnecessary
- 8 (b) worry

- 9 (a) expect
- 10 (d) front

Passage - E

- 1 (b) famous
- 2 (d) travelled
- 3 (d) journey
- 4 (c) alive
- 5 (b) successful
- 6 (b) lots
- 7 (c) wrote
- 8 (d) exciting
- 9 (a) stories
- 10 (c) amazing

Passage - F

- 1 (b) got
- 2 (b) happened
- 3 (c) met
- 4 (c) playing
- 5 (c) enjoying
- 6 (c) love
- 7 (b) marry

- 8 (d) answer
- 9 (c) exciting
- 10 (c) after

Passage - G

- 1 (c) arrived
- 2 (b) beautiful
- 3 (a) choose
- 4 (b) behind
- 5 (c) space
- 6 (b) same
- 7 (b) moved
- 8 (c) unfortunately
- 9 (b) extremely
- 10 (b) sense

Passage - H

- 1 (a) child
- 2 (b) strength
- 3 (d) secrets
- 4 (b) sit
- 5 (d) branches
- 6 (b) birds
- 7 (c) touching

- 8 (c) grow
- 9 (b) returns
- 10 (a) strong