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**CBSE MIXED TEST PAPER-13**  
**SESSION ENDING EXAMINATION**  
**CLASS - IX ENGLISH (A)**

[Time : 3.0 hrs.]

[M. M.: 100]

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This paper consists of 4 sections.

Section A	Reading	20 Marks
Section B	Writing	30 Marks
Section C	Grammar	20Marks
Section D	Literature	30 Marks

**General Instruction**

- (1) Attempt all questions
- (2) Do not write anything in question paper.
- (3) All the answer must be correctly numbered as in the question paper and written in the answer sheets provided to you
- (4) Attempt all questions in each section before going on to the next section.
- (5) Read each question carefully and follow the instructions.
- (6) Strictly adhere to the word limit given with each question. Marks will be deducted for exceeding the word limit.

**SECTION- A (READING)**

1. Read the poem carefully and answer the questions that follow:

The rain falls gently  
Quenching the thirst of a landscape  
Parched by the rays of summer sun.

The song of the birds is now silenced  
The petals of a once brilliant flower have faded.  
A bright, azure sky with soft white clouds is gone,  
Replaced by the gray dampness of the season.

The caressing breeze of summer  
Has turned into the blustering winds of fall.  
Leaves once proudly perched on the limbs of trees,  
Now dance gaily through the air,  
Brightly coloured in the warm tones of autumn.

Children laughing merrily on their way  
As they hear the crackling sound of leaves beneath their feet.  
A jack-o-lantern sits on the window,

Showing a wide, toothless, grin or scowling frown.

The snapping of pitch from a burning log  
The faint scent of pine filling the room,  
Flames leaping about as if it were a ballet  
Performing for its audience.  
The soft, comforting glow of candlelight,  
Bringing with it serenity and quiet thoughts.

I sit in amazement watching all that is around me,  
Yes, there is a God.  
Only He could have made the wonders I see before me.  
I will accept the solitude and indifference of winter.  
So I may anticipate and appreciate  
The re-birth of spring.

- 1.1. Read the following summary, complete it by writing the missing words against the correct blank number in your answer-sheets :

Outside on an autumn day, children (a)..... which were lying in the ground, making a (b)..... Inside the room, the snapping of pitch came from (c)..... The flames looked like as if they were (d)..... and the soft, comforting candlelight made the poet (e)..... serene thoughts. The poet was (f)..... as he watched God's creation. He looked forward to (g)..... the spring season even though he knew he would have to accept the winter's (h).....

- 1.2. Select eight characteristics of the autumn season and write them in your answer sheet.

2. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow:

### **THE UNDERWATER CORAL CITY**

- (1) Coral reefs are warm, clear, shallow ocean habitats that are rich in life. The reef's massive structure is formed from coral polyps, tiny animals that live in colonies. When coral polyps die, they leave behind a hard, stony, braching structure made up of limestone.

- (2) There are two types of corals, hard corals and soft corals. Hard corals like (brain coral and Elkhorn coral) have hard, limestone skeletons which form the basis of coral reefs. Soft corals (like sea fingers and sea whips) do not build reefs.
- (3) Coral reefs develop in shallow, warm water, Usually near land and mostly in the tropics; corals prefer temperature between 70-85 F (21-30 C). There are coral reefs off the eastern coast of Africa, off the southern coast of India, in the Red Sea and off the coasts of northeast and northwest of Australia and on the on to Polynesia. There are also coral reefs off the coast of Florida, USA, to the Caribbean, and down to Brazil.
- (4) The Great Barrier Reef (off the coast of NE Australia) is the largest coral reef in the world. It is over 1,257 miles (200 km) long.
- (5) Many coral reefs are dying. Major threats to coral reefs are water pollution, dredging off the coast, careless collecting of coral specimen, and sedimentation (when silt and sand from construction or mining projects muddy the waters of a reef and kill corals which need light to live).
- (6) The underwater coral city is unique and diverse collection of colourful and weirdly patterned animals. This city is planned by tiny architects who have devised an interrelated web of large and complex structures, intricate waste disposal system, even its own water conditioning plant. Most of the problems of a city are present : food supply and distribution, that of accommodation and living space, leading to large scale squatting and a shift system, a large floating population, immigration and a balancing force of criminal predators.
- (7) The islands are low, merely a meter or two above the sea level, yet they withstand the powerful hurricanes and waves of Arabian Sea. It is because they are encircled by a protective reef, any destruction during an attack by pounding waves is quickly repaired by its microscopic engineers and architects before the next wave comes -- not merely repaired but something more, constructed, so the net effect is that of growth.
- (8) It is algae that make the reef a farmland with many stony pastures. It provides food to many herbivorous fish that tear various blue, green, red and brown algae from the reef. So many such fish are there in the placid waters of the lagoon that their combined crunching sound can be heard by divers and swimmers. Not only on the herbivores survive by staying in the nooks and crannies at night, but also secure living quarters for them on the crowded reefs.

2.1 Answer the following questions :

- (a) What are coral reefs?
- (b) What are the two types of corals?
- (c) Where do corals develop?
- (d) Which is the largest coral reef in the world?
- (e) Why are many coral reefs dying?
- (f) Which modern day city problems do we find in reef?
- (g) How does the coral reef withstand the strong winds and waves?
- (h) What makes the coral reef a farmland?

2.2 Finds words in the text which mean the same as the following from the paragraphs indicated:

- (a) Place where a particular type of plant or animal is found (Para 1)
- (b) Structure of bones that support the body (Para 2)
- (c) Not deep (Para 3)
- (d) Planners and designers of buildings (Para 7)

### SECTION-B (WRITING)

3. You are Soni. You have received a telephone call from your mother's friend, Deepa. She tells you to pass on the message to your mother and you write down the following points on the notepad. You too are to leave for a party, so you decide to write the message:

- > Deepa auntie called
- > Unable to visit-evening
- > Her brother arriving-Mumbai
- > Shopping trip to be planned tomorrow
- > Confirm on phone tonight

Write down the message in not more than 50 words.

4. You are Manav/Mansi, Secretary of the School Cultural Committee. You have to write a notice for Cultural Fiesta to be held in your school. Write the notice in not more than 50 words mentioning the date, venue, time and items to be held.
5. You are required to speak on 'Pollution' in the school morning assembly. Prepare your speech taking help from the following points. You may use ideas contained in the unit on 'Environment'.

Environment – air – water – noise

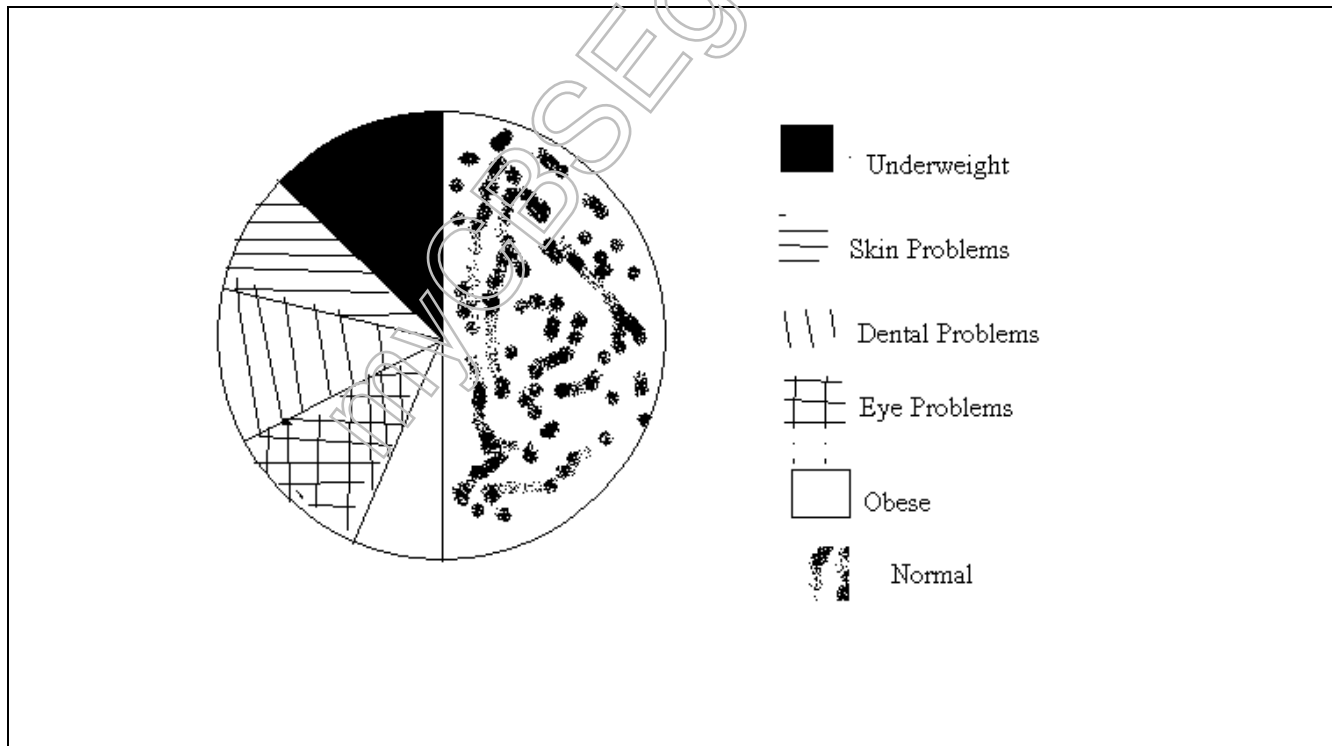
Sources of pollution – traffic – garbage

Ecological balance – felling of trees – building of dams – congested localities

Suggestions – plantation – pooling – shifting of factories and mills.

6. The pie chart given below shows the results of the health check-up conducted in the school:

- > A. 50% shows normal children
- > B. 5% shows those who are underweight
- > C. 10% shows those who have skin problems
- > D. 15% shows those who have dental problems
- > E. 10% shows those who have eyesight problems
- > F. 10% shows those who are obese



On the basis of the data write a letter in not more than 150 words to the editor of a national daily asking the mothers to be careful about the health, food and exercise of their children. Suggest the diet to overcome the problem and deficiency young children are facing today.

### SECTION-C (GRAMMAR)

7. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. The first one has been done as an example:

	Incorrect	Correct
The rhododendron is common at the Himalayan	at	in
Ranges, particularly in a Shimla Hills. It is	(a).....	.....
a large shrub or tree which attaining a height of	(b).....	.....
about 40 ft. The leaves is 4-6 inches long, distinctly veined and whitish beneath.	(c).....	.....
Its flowers is in dense clusters and are of	(d).....	.....
red colour. It flowers in the Himalayas since	(e).....	.....
March to May, which hill-sides are a scarlet	(f).....	.....
gleam. Flowers are acidic in taste while are used	(g).....	.....
for 'chutney' making for the hill people.	(h).....	.....

8. Sanjana is a reporter for The Tribute. She made some notes on the floods in Mumbai. Complete the report in its suitable form by using the phrases from the words given below. Do not add any new information. Write only the correct answer against the correct blank number in your answer-sheet.

heavy rain lashing – more than 24 hours – streets flooded – water inside homes – no roads, rail, air traffic

The city of Mumbai was (a)..... It had been (b)..... There was a terrible (c)..... People had to move to shelters (d)..... No one could (e).....

9. Look at the words and phrases given below. Re-arrange them to form meaningful sentences :

- (a) not / this time / the election / decided / he / to contest  
(b) wash away / barren land / of / top layers / the / wind and water  
(c) a lot of / we / advances / medicine / have seen / in

10. Read the conversation given below and complete the passage that follows. Write the answer against the correct blank numbers. Do not copy whole sentence :

Customer : Can I have a small bottle of tomato sauce ?

Shopkeeper : Sorry, I have only big bottles.

Customer : When will it be available ?

Shopkeeper : I can give it to you tomorrow.

Customer : Thank you, then I'll get it tomorrow.

The customer asked the shopkeeper (a)..... of tomato sauce. The shopkeeper said that he only had the big bottles of tomato sauce. The customer wanted to know (b)..... The shopkeeper said that (c)..... The customer thanked him and said that (d).....

11. Given below are instructions to draw a circle. Use these to complete the paragraph that follows. Write Correct answers in your answer sheets against blank number:

Take a pair of compasses and insert the pencil in the provided hole and tighten it.

Keep the pointed end of the compasses on one end of a scale.

Extend the arm, having the pencil, to the required length to obtain the radius.

Then keep the pointed end of the compasses at the required point.

Rotate the arm having the pencil about the pointed arm to get the circle.

A pair of compasses is taken and a pencil is inserted into the provided hole and tightened. The pointed end of the compasses (a)..... The arm having (b)..... to obtain the radius. Then the pointed end of the compasses (c)..... The arm having the pencil (d)..... about the pointed arm to obtain a circle.

### SECTION-D (LITERATURE)

12. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow:  
But still as wilder blew the wind,  
And as the night grew drearier  
Adown the glen rode armed men,  
Their trampling sounded nearer.
- (a) What kind of weather was there?  
(b) Who were the armed men?  
(c) Who were they chasing and why?
13. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow:  
I cannot remember my mother  
Only sometimes in the midst of my play  
A tune seems to hover over my playthings,  
The tune of some song that she used to  
Hum while rocking my cradle.
- (a) Why doesn't the poet remember his mother?  
(b) What's the tune which seems to hover over his playthings?  
(c) What thoughts does this tune bring to the poet's mind?
14. Identify the characteristics of Mirabai which helped her withstand the hostility she faced from her in-laws. Support your answer with the evidences from the play.
15. Read the extract below and answer the questions which follow:  
"Monseigneur, I'm glad I didn't get away with them; curse me. I am, I'm glad".
- (a) Who says these words and to whom?  
(b) What is 'them' the speaker is talking of? Why is he glad he didn't get away with them?  
(c) Why does the speaker say "curse me"?
16. Justify the title of the story 'The Pendulum'.
17. Thinking yourself as Madame Loisel, make a diary entry noting down your own sorrow and grief after you discovered that the diamond necklace was fake.