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Class - IX

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Wednesday

Section – A (Reading - 20 Marks)

Q.1 Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions.

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Many years ago, when the art of stunting plants was quite unheard of except in remote areas of India, Buddhist monks in isolated monasteries in Tibet stunted trees like the oak, orange tree, peepal tree, watching with excitement, the tree still flowering and bearing fruit regardless of this 'deformity'. Since the trees looked so artistically beautiful, the art was learnt by some Chinese monks who taught "Bonsai" making, an art that became most sought after in China. Every garden, among plant lovers, had at least half a dozen 'bonsais'. China and India claimed rights of the art, till Japan followed, fascinated by its beauty. Today, Japan leads in bonsai making of plants and has devised new methods to make the plants look aesthetic and artistic. The most beautiful is the cherry blossom that is breathtakingly attractive. The bonsai remains full grown for even more than ten years, although it needs constant pruning, watering, shaping and correct environment. The trees can be planted in colourful containers of your choice.

Innumerable schools have mushroomed where the art is taught and cultivated. Best known among them is the Indian Bonsai Association.

India has great demand for bonsai in hotels, homes, garden houses, farm houses, restaurants, guest houses, invariably decorated lobbies, dining halls, drawing rooms with these exotic plants. It is aptly said, that 'a thing of beauty is a joy forever'. Indeed, the bonsai lasts in one's imagination long after the plant has lived its life span.

Bonsai gardeners use methods including wiring branches, extreme pruning of roots and branches, root binding, grafting, and custom soil and cinder mixtures. But perhaps, the most important element of all is patience. Instructions for achieving the "roots over rock" effect give insight into the work of a bonsai artist : trim the roots, place the rock, bind roots, then re-pot and *wait two years*. Often a bonsai is created by many hands over the years—a highly prized tree is one where the hand and ego of the artist become invisible, as in the Zen concept of "artless art."

- Who first began to stunt trees and plants ?
- Which bonsai is breathtakingly attractive ?
- Who leads in the art of stunting today ?
- How can we take care of plants ?

Q.2 Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions.

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- The government's laudable step of cancelling the legal tender of ₹ 500 and ₹ 1000 was welcomed by one and all except the hoarders of black money, terrorists, fake currency owners and people with vested interests. A very bold step indeed! And a step in the right direction that will wage a war against black money and corruption. This currency demonetization is a radical financial step taken when the old currency has to be replaced by new currency or there is a change of national currency.

2. The honourable Prime Minister made the announcement of scrapping of ₹ 500 and ₹ 1000 rupee note on the 8 of November 2016 at 8 o'clock in the evening sending the whole nation in a tizzy as it was such a guarded secret that no one had a whiff of it except a selected few who were directly connected with the implementation of the drive.
3. Similar demonetization of banknote denominations has been done in the past too. In January 1946, banknotes of ₹ 1000 and ₹ 10000 were withdrawn and new notes of 1000, 5000 and 10000 rupee were introduced in 1954. The Janta Party coalition government had again demonetized banknotes of 1000, 5000 and 10000 rupee on 16 January 1978 as a means to curb counterfeit money and black money.
4. Demonetization has many advantages, the biggest is that it helps the government to track people with huge amounts of unaccounted black money stashed away in their houses or some secret hide-out which is very difficult to trace. When demonetization happens, they have to either deposit the cash in the bank and pay tax or let its value be reduced to zero. There are other advantages too. It brings to an end the illegal activities like terrorism funding, money laundering and betting.
5. Another last but definitely not the least advantage is that this money will be used for the upliftment of the society in all fields. Better infrastructure, better roads, better hospitals and educational institutions will be seen in the long run. The common man's short-term misery, his unending wait in the long queues and unwavering faith in the demonetization drive will not go waste.

Read the given questions and write the answers in about 30–40 words.

- (a) What does currency demonetization mean?
- (b) How does the initiative help in eradicating black money?
- (c) What was the announcement made by our Prime Minister?
- (d) Write any two advantages of demonetization?
- (e) Find the correct synonym of the words given below.
 - (i) praiseworthy (Para 1) (ii) improvement (Para 5)
- (f) Find the correct antonym of the words given below.
 - (i) inessential (Para 1) (ii) deposit (Para 3)

Section B (Writing and Grammar – 30 marks)

3. Staying home alone can be a real exciting and interesting experience. It also brings opportunities to do things that you have never done on your own before. Write a diary entry about your experience about the first time you cooked something for yourself when you stayed alone at home for a day. 8
4. Your friend started writing a story but left it after a few lines. Use your imagination and complete the story. The beginning of the story is as follows: "Once I was travelling by train to Kolkata. It was going to be my first visit to the 'City of Joy'. Suddenly the train came to a screeching halt; all the passengers almost fell off their seats."

5. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each of the lines. Write the incorrect word and the correction in the blanks:

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	Error	Correction
Familiar scenes are worthy	(a) _____	_____
of observation. Think on the	(b) _____	_____
village tank, the women fill	(c) _____	_____
Water or polishing her vessels,	(d) _____	_____
the men, watering his animals,	(e) _____	_____
the children jumping of from	(f) _____	_____
steps. These are indeed smaller	(g) _____	_____
ordinary activities but , the more	(h) _____	_____
important for peoples who live		
in the countryside.		

6. Rearrange the given words/phrases to form meaningful sentences. 3
 Example: game/of/long/cricket/is/the/play
 Cricket is the game of long play.
 (a) game/no/direct/with/your opponent/in/this/there/is/contact
 (b) of injury/chances/still/the/very/high/are
 (c) coming/ball/hit/can/any/the fast/player
7. Choose the best word from the options given below and complete the following passage. 3
 26th January is a very special day (i) _____ India. It is (ii) _____ this day that India became a Sovereign Democratic Republic (iii) _____ 1950. Dr. Rajendra Prasad became the first President (iv) _____ the Indian Republic. 26th January is celebrated (v) _____ great enthusiasm and all (vi) _____ the country.
- i. a) for/in b) of c) by d) to
 ii. a) by b) of c) in d) on
 iii. a) on b) in c) for d) to
 iv. a) in b) above c) of d) about
 v. a) for b) with c) in d) by
 vi. a) over b) for c) of d) around

Section C (Literature – 30 marks)

8. **Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow.** 4
 When I cry the hills laugh;
 When I humble myself the flowers rejoice;
 When I bow, all things are elated.
 The field and cloud are lovers
 And between them I am a messenger of mercy.
 I quench the thirst of the one;
 I cure the ailment of the other.
 a) Name the poem and the poet.
 b) What happens when the rain shows its humility?
 c) What role does the rain play between the field and clouds?
 d) Name the poetic device used in the second line.
9. **Answer the following questions in 30-40 words. (any two)** 8
 a) Justify the title 'The Man Who Knew Too Much'.

- b) Bill Bramble was obliging and self-sacrificing by nature. Explain this statement with two examples.
- c) Why the last stage of life is called 'second childhood' by the poet?
- d) Why did the grandmother touch the feet of her granddaughter?

10. Answer any one of the following questions in 100-120 words.

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- a) Man is a product of circumstances and environment. Comment on this statement in relation to the life of the convict.

OR

- b) One should be honest to make a relationship strong. Comment on the statement with reference to 'Best seller'.
11. Give the character sketch of Uncle Podger. How does this character bring out humour in the story of 'Three Men in a Boat'?

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OR

Describe Montmorency's encounter with black cat Tom. How did it affect the dog?

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