

**LITTLE FLOWER SCHOOL RAPTI NAGAR, GORAKHPUR
FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION 2020 - 2021**

**ENGLISH I
Class: IX**

**Time: 2 Hours
Max Marks: 80**

Question 1

[20]

(Do not spend more than 35 minutes on this question.)

Write a composition (300-350 words) on any **one** of the following:

- 'Nuclear family system is better than the joint family system'. Give your views either for or against the statement.
- Narrate an incident which still fills your mind with fear. What lessons have you learnt from it?
- There are many persons whom you meet in your life. Describe those whom you like and whom you dislike. Give reasons.
- Write a short story which brings out the truth of the saying, "Better be alone than in bad company."
- Study the picture given below. Write a story or description or an account of what the picture suggests to you. Your composition may be directly about the subject of the picture or may take suggestions from it, but there must be some clear connection between the picture and the composition.



Question 2

[10]

(Do not spend more than 20 minutes on this question.)

Select **ONE** of the following:

- Write a letter to your cousin thanking him for the surprise party he arranged for you and your friends, on your birthday.
- Write a letter to the MLA of your area complaining about the road near your house that was washed away in the heavy rains a fortnight ago. Despite several requests to the concerned authorities, it has not been repaired. Request him to get the road repaired at the earliest.

Question 3**[5+5=10]**

- a. Your school is organising an inter-school chess tournament. Write a notice to be displayed on the school notice board informing the students about the tournament.
- b. Write an email to the principal of a neighbouring school informing him of the tournament and requesting him to send a team to participate in the tournament.

Question 4 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:**[20]**

There came to our town some years ago a showman who owned an institution called the Gaiety Land. Overnight, our Gymkhana Grounds became *resplendent* with banners and streamers and coloured lamps. From all over the district, crowds poured into the show. Within a week of opening, in gate money, they collected five hundred rupees a day. Gaiety Land provided us with all sorts of fun and gambling and side shows. For a couple of annas, in each booth we could watch anything from performing parrots to crack motor cyclist. In addition to this, there were lotteries and shooting galleries, where for an anna, you always stood a chance of winning a hundred rupees.

There was a particular corner of the show which was in great favour. Here, for a ticket costing eight annas, you could be lucky enough to acquire a variety of articles-pin cushions, sewing machines or even a road engine. One evening they drew a ticket number 1005, and I happened to own the other half of the ticket. Glancing down the list of articles, they declared that I had become the owner of a road engine!

I looked stunned. People gathered around and gazed at me as if I were some sort of a curious animal. Some people muttered and *giggled*, “Fancy anyone becoming the owner of a road engine!”

It was not the sort of prize one could carry home at short notice. I asked the showman if he could help me to transport it. He merely pointed at a notice which decreed that all the winners should remove their prizes immediately after the draw and by their own effort. However, they had to make an exception in my case. They agreed to keep the engine at the Gymkhana Grounds till the end of the season, and then, I would have to make my own arrangements to take it out. When I asked the showman if he could find me a driver, he just smiled and said, “the fellow who brought it here had to be paid a hundred rupees for the job and five rupees a day. I sent him away and made up my mind that if no one was going to draw it, I would just leave it to its fate.”

“Can’t I sell it to some municipality?” I asked innocently. He burst into a laugh.

“As a showman I have enough trouble with municipal people. I would rather keep out of the way.”

My friends and relatives poured in to congratulate me on my latest *acquisition*. No one knew precisely how much a road engine would fetch; all the same they felt that there was a lot of money in it. “Even if you sell it as scrap iron, you can make a few thousands,” some of my friends declared. Everyday I made a trip to the Gymkhana Grounds to have a look at my engine. I grew very fond of it. I loved its shining brass parts. I stood near it and patted it affectionately, hovered about it, and returned home everyday only at the close of the show. I thought all my troubles were coming to an end. How ignorant I was! How little did I guess that my troubles had just begun!

- a. **Give the meaning of the following words as used in the passage. One word answers or short phrases will be accepted.** **[3]**

1. resplendent
2. giggled
3. acquisition

- b. Answer the following questions briefly, in your own words:**
1. What was more popular among the spectators? [2]
 2. What had the narrator won? How did he react? [2]
 3. What concession did the narrator receive from the showman? [1]
 4. What did the showman say when the narrator asked him for a driver? [2]
 5. What did the narrator think of his possession? What was he unaware of? [2]
- c. In not more than 50 words describe the thoughts that came into the mind of the narrator and his friends and relatives when he acquired the road engine. [8]**

Question 5

- a. In the following passage fill in each of the numbered blanks with the correct form of the words given in the brackets. Do not copy the passage, but write in correct serial order the word or phrase appropriate to the blank space. [4]**

Delhi's Ashok Vihar colony is set ____1____ (become) the first digital town of the national Capital as it ____2____ (develop) an online platform where one can access ____3____ (inform) about house numbers, surnames and telephone numbers of residents.

"Till now Ashok Vihar was a small place and nobody ____4____ (know) about it. But for the last many days reporters are ____5____ (queue) up at the RWA office ____6____ (know) about the project. With the ____7____ (launch) of the portal, Ashok Vihar will ____8____ (know) across the country and we are proud to be leaders in the digital world.

- b. Fill in the blanks with appropriate words. [4]**

1. Smoking is injurious _____ health.
2. He jumped _____ the river.
3. Does this book belong _____ you?
4. Himani borrowed a pen _____ me.
5. Let us divide the money _____ ourselves.
6. I have been waiting here _____ 6 o' clock.
7. Nobody cares _____ a weak, old man.
8. Rishi congratulated us _____ our success.

- c. Join the following sentences to make one complete sentence without using and, but, or so. [4]**

1. The students stopped making noise. They saw the teacher.
2. Some men help themselves. God helps such men.
3. Plague is spread by rats. It is now commonly believed.
4. God is truth. All religions teach this.

- d. Rewrite the following sentences according to the instructions given after each. Make other changes that may be necessary, but do not change the meaning of each sentence. [8]**

1. As soon as the doctor arrived, the patient felt better. (*Begin: No sooner...*)
2. No sooner did he light his cigarette than the teacher entered. (*Begin: As soon as...*)
3. As soon as I got the news, I left for Mumbai. (*Begin: Hardly...*)
4. If he does not listen to his teacher, he will suffer. (*Begin: Unless...*)
5. Unless they lodge an F.I.R, the police will not take any action. (*begin: If ...*)
6. Every man is imperfect. (*change into negative*)
7. Iron is more useful than any other metal (*begin: No other...*)
8. December is the coldest month. (*Use: colder*)