DEHRADUN PUBLIC SCHOOL
ASSIGNMENT (2019-20)
SUBJECT- ENGLISH (184)
CLASS- IX

Writing Section
A. Article
1. Long and hot summers along with erratic monsoons every year threaten water scarcity in many states. The best solution to this problem is harvesting and storing the rain water. Taking ideas from the notes given below, together with your own ideas, write an article for your school magazine on 'Rain water Harvesting-Today's need'. You are ABC of IX- D. Advantages (Improvement in quality of ground water, raising of water level, ideal situation to water problem, reduction of soil erosion.)
2. Eating a balanced diet is a must for proper growth of body. Junk food is creating havoc in the dietary habitat of youngsters. Write an article on the topic 'Importance of Balanced Diet.'

B. Story Writing
3. Write a short story in 150 – 200 words on the basis of the hints provided:
The doorbell rang. Atul opened the door. At first he could not recognize the tall and well-dressed man who stood before him. Then the man spoke and all of a sudden ..........
4. Write a short story in 150 – 200 words on the basis of the hints provided:
It has been 2 hours waiting for the train. Sandhya was getting restless. Suddenly she.....

C. Letter to Editor
5. There is an increasing dependence of students on coaching institutes and tuition centres.Write a letter to the editor of The Hindu, giving reasons for this over dependence. Also suggest a few measures that can be taken to check this trend. You are Arun/Aruna
F-114, Mall Road, Agra.
6. You had visited Antarctica and had an opportunity to see the polar ice caps melting and realized that the threat of global warming is very real. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper expressing your views what we can do to preserve the environment. You are Rama/Ram.

D. Formal letter of Enquiry
7. You are Rajat Kumar, a resident of 79, RK Puram, New Delhi .You are interested in joining the course in communication skills advertised by the Elite School of Language, South Extension. Write a letter of enquiry for the same.
8. You are John/Urmila, the Tour Incharge of Grant Public School, Agra. During the summer break, you are planning to organize a tour to a place of historical importance. Write a letter to The National Travel agency, Agra enquiring about the charges, facilities and all the other necessary details.

E. Formal letter of Placing order
9. You are Apoorva, Hostel warden of Wisdom Public school, New Delhi. Write a letter to the Sales Manager of Bharat Electronics Limited, New Delhi placing an order for a few fans, microwave ovens and geysers that you wish to purchase for the hostel specifying details. Also ask for the discount permissible on the purchase.
10. You are Smriti, Librarian of S.M. Public school,Kolkata. Write a letter to the Sales Manager of Usha Publications Limited, Kolkata placing an order for the books that you wish to purchase for your school library. Also ask for the discount permissible on the purchase.

F. Formal letter of Complaint
11. Write a letter to L.G. Electronics, Delhi, requesting for repair or replacement of the L.G. T.V. set which you had bought from them only 2 months ago as it has developed certain defects. You are Rayan / Riya of Daryaganj, Delhi.
12. You are Ravi/ Rani living at 62, Parmanand road, Dehradun. Write a letter to Messrs Ali and Company, 5, Colaba, Mumbai stating your complaint about a gadget, Manufactured by them, that you have bought recently.
G. Diary Entry
13. Nobody believes that you have seen and talked to an alien from a distant planet. Write a diary entry about your novel experience in about 50 words.
14. Many times you see beautiful and striking things that linger on in your mind. Last weekend you visited the Taj Mahal and were captivated by its beauty. Write your feelings in the form of diary entry in about 100-120 words.

H. Report Writing
15. As a newspaper reporter, write a report of a train accident, the site which you visited. Your Report should not exceed 150 words.
16. You are Puneet, a correspondent of THE PIONEER. While passing near Lucknow University, you saw a violent demonstration of the students. Write a report in 150 words for your newspaper.

I. Descriptive paragraph
17. Yesterday you got an opportunity to watch the live interview of Indian Cricketers, You were inspired by the captain of Indian Cricket team, Virat Kohli. Describe his success story.
18. You were reading the motivational books on famous personalities. Describe the famous personality, who inspired you the most.

Literature

BOOK-1 (BEEHIVE)
Fiction 1 THE FUN THEY HAD
Short Answer Questions.
1. What kind of teachers did Margie and Tommy have?
2. How does Tommy describe the old kind of school?
3. Why was Margie doing badly in geography? What did the County Inspector do to help her?

Long Answer Question.
1. Why did Margie hate school? Why did she think old kind of school must have been fun?

Value Based question.
1. Do you agree that schools today are better than the schools in the chapter ‘The fun they had.’

Fiction 2 THE SOUND OF MUSIC
Short Answer Questions. (Evelyn Glennie listens to sound without hearing it)
1. How old was Evelyn when she went to the Royal Academy of music?
2. Why does Evelyn remove her shoes at the wooden platform?
3. What does Evelyn give high priority to?

Short Answer Questions. (The Shehnai of Bismillah Khan)
1. When and how did Bismillah Khan get his big break?
2. Give an account of Bismillah Khan’s memorable performances abroad?
3. Bismillah Khan loved India and Benaras the most. Justify it by giving two instances from the text.

Long Answer Question.
1. How did Evelyn become a source of inspiration for the deaf children? Describe
2. Why did Emperor Aurangzeb ban the playing of the pungi and how it was improved and called Shehnai?

Value Based question.
1. How does Evelyn encourage the physically challenged children?
2. For what quality should Bismillah Khan be remembered?

Fiction 3 THE LITTLE GIRL
Short Answer Questions.
1. Why was Kezia afraid of her father?
2. Why did her father intend to punish her?

Long Answer Question.
1. What message does the author wish to convey through Kezia’s story?

Value Based question.
1. How can you say that punishments given by parents hold love for you?
Fiction 4 A TRULY BEAUTIFUL MIND
Short Answer Questions.
1. What did Einstein call his desk drawer at the patent office? Why?
2. Why does the world remember Einstein as a world citizen?
3. Why was Einstein’s mother against his marriage with Mileva?

Long Answer Question.
1. ‘Einstein was deeply shaken by the extent of the destruction’. What kind of destruction had shaken Einstein?

Value Based question.
1. What value did you notice in Einstein as a kid?

Fiction 5 THE SNAKE AND THE MIRROR
Short Answer Questions.
1. What can you say about the noise repeatedly made in the narrator’s room?
2. What made the doctor say, “Death lurked four inches away”?

Long Answer Question.
1. Describe the doctor’s feelings when the snake coiled round his arm.

Value Based question.
1. Do you think looking ourselves into a mirror has any advantages to us?

Fiction 6 MY CHILDHOOD
Short Answer Questions.
1. Who were Abdul Kalam’s school friends? What did they later become?
2. Explain the narrator’s experiences at the science teacher’s house.
3. What happened when Abdul was in fifth standard?

Long Answer Question.
1. Why did the narrator’s father say, “They are the sons and daughters of life’s longing for itself.”?

Value Based question.
1. You have read that Dr.Abdul Kalam sold newspapers in his childhood to earn some money. Do you think that a child student should do any work to earn money?

Fiction 7 PACKING
Short Answer Questions.
1. What irritated Jerome to a great extent?
2. Why could the author not find his toothbrush easily in his bag?

Long Answer Question.
1. How did George and Harris make a mess of things while packing?

Value Based question.
1. Lazy friends sometimes become a burden. Do you agree? Justify with reference to the story ‘Packing’?

Fiction 8 REACH FOR THE TOP
Short Answer Questions(S Santosh Yadav).
1. Why was Santosh sent to the local school?
2. How did Santosh begin to climb mountains?
3. What shows her concern for the environment?

Short Answer Questions(Maria Sharapova).
1. What does Maria Sharapova recall?
2. What are Maria’s interests and hobbies?

Long Answer Question.
1. What skills and qualities did Santosh develop after she took up climbing as a career?
2. How was Maria able to reach the pinnacle in women’s tennis?

Value Based question.
1. How did Santosh get inspiration to become a mountaineer?
2. How did Maria become lonely? How did she make it a boon for her?

Fiction 9 THE BOND OF LOVE
Short Answer Questions.
1. How did the author get Bruno?
2. What happened when the author’s wife went to meet Baba in the zoo?

Long Answer Question.
1. What did the bear start eating in the company of human beings?

Value Based question.
1. How can you say that love is mutual. Justify this statement with reference to the story the bond of love?

Fiction 10 KATHMANDU
Short Answer Questions.
1. Why does the author call Baudnath Stupa a haven of quietness?
2. Why could the author not move from the square?

Long Answer Question.
1. Why does the author call ‘ Febrile Confusion’ to the atmosphere at Pashupatinath Temple?

Value Based question.
1. Holy rivers are polluted by human beings. What according to you pollutes a river? Comment with reference to Bagmati river in Kathmandu.

Fiction 11 IF I WERE YOU
Short Answer Questions.
1. Why does the intruder say that Gerrard will not be pleased for long?
2. Why does the intruder desire to kill Gerrard?

Long Answer Question.
1. What is Gerrard’s profession? How does his speech and words reveal this?

Value Based question.
1. Why does the intruder ask Gerrard about the people who visit his place? What response does he get from Gerrard?

Poetry 1 THE ROAD NOT TAKEN
Extract Based Questions.
1. Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveller, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;
i) What do you understand by the expression yellow wood.
ii) Why did the poet regret?
iii) Write the noun form of ‘diverge”?

Short Answer Questions.
1. What was the poet’s dilemma?
2. What was the poet’s opinion about both the roads?
3. What does the roads represent?

Long Answer Question.
1. In the poem “The road not taken” what do the woods Symbolize?

Value Based question.
1. How does bad decision affect one’s life?

Poetry 2 WIND
Extract Based Questions.
1. Wind, come softly.
Don't break the shutters of the windows.
Don't scatter the papers.
Don't throw down the books on the shelf.
There, look what you did --- you threw them all down.
You tore the pages of the books.
You brought rain again.
i) What can the wind do?
ii) What did the wind tear?
iii) Find the word from the stanza which is opposite to “gather”.
2. The wind blows out weak fires.
He makes strong fires roar and flourish.
His friendship is good.
We praise him every day.
i) What does it do with strong fires?
ii) Why does the poet say his friendship is good?
iii) Write the word opposite in meaning to ‘friendship’.

**Short Answer Questions.**
1. What does the wind do with the books?
2. Who are disturbed by the winds?
3. Why should the earthly people build strong houses?

**Long Answer Question.**
1. How can you say that the poet of the poem ‘Wind’ is a great lover of mankind?

**Value Based question.**
1. What lesson do you get from the poem ‘Wind’?

**Poetry 3 RAIN ON THE ROOF**

**Extract Based Questions.**
1. When the humid shadows hover
   Over all the starry spheres
   And the melancholy darkness
   Gently weeps in rainy tears,
   What a bliss to press the pillow
   Of a cottage-chamber bed
   Of the soft rain overhead!
i) Who weeps in the form of rainy tears?
ii) What is considered as a bliss in the extract?
iii) Find the word from the stanza opposite in meaning to ‘bliss’.
2. Every tinkle on the shingles
   Has an echo in the heart;
   And a thousand dreamy fancies
   Into busy being start,
   And a thousand recollections
   Weave their air-threads into woof,
   As I listen to the patter
   Of the rain upon the roof.
i) What has an echo in the heart?
ii) What is the noun of ‘dream’?

**Short Answer Questions.**
1. When does the poet remember his mother?
2. What shows that the poet loved his mother?

**Long Answer Question.**
1. How is the rain a bliss for the poet? Explain.

**Value Based question.**
1. What virtue do you find in the sound of rains?

**Poetry 4 THE LAKE ISLE OF INNISFREE**

**Extract Based Questions.**
1. I will arise and go now, and go to Innisfree,
And a small cabin build there, of clay and wattles made:
Nine bean rows will I have there, a hive for the honeybee,
And live alone in the bee-loud glade.
i) Who does 'I' refer to in the stanza?
ii) Where does he want to go?
iii) Write the synonym of 'cabin'.
iv) What is the rhyme scheme?

Short Answer Questions.
1. When and where will the poet experience ‘peace’?
2. How does the poet describe the lake’s waves?
3. Where is the poet standing? How is it different from Innisfree?

Long Answer Question.
1. Why is the poet deeply attached with the Lake Isle of Innisfree? Explain.

Value Based question.
1. What does the nature do for mankind?

Poetry 5 A LEGEND OF THE NORTHLAND

Extract Based Questions.
1. Away, away in the Northland,
Where the hours of the day are few,
And the nights are so long in winter
That they cannot sleep them through;
(i) Which place is discussed in this stanza?
(ii) What specific qualities of the place are mentioned in the stanza?
(iii) Find the word from the stanza opposite in meaning to ‘many’?
2. Once, when the good Saint Peter
Lived in the world below,
And walked about it, preaching,
Just as he did, you know,
i) Who was Peter? What did he do?
ii) Find the word from the stanza similar in meaning to ‘virtuous’.

Short Answer Questions.
1. Do you think that the old lady would have been so ungenerous if she had known who Saint Peter really was?
2. How does the woodpecker get her food?
3. When do the cakes seem too small?

Long Answer Question.
1. A holy man should not curse the lady. Justify this statement in the context of the poem “A Legend of the Northland.”

Value Based question.
1. How is our satisfaction spoiled by greed?

Poetry 6 NO MEN ARE FOREIGN

Extract Based Questions.
1. Remember, no men are strange, no countries foreign
Beneath all uniforms, a single body
Breathes
Like ours: the land our brothers walk upon
Is earth like this, in which we all shall lie.
(a) What breathes beneath all uniforms?
(b) What does the poet want to say?
(c) Find the word from the stanza, opposite in meaning to ‘rise’.
2. They, too, aware of sun and air and water,
Are fed by peaceful harvests, by war’s long winter starv’d.
Their hands are ours, and in their lines we read
A labour not different from our own.
(a) What are all people aware of?
(b) How do they get food?
(c) Find the word from the stanza opposite in meaning to noisy?

**Short Answer Questions.**
1. What message does the poet want to convey?
2. How are we responsible for war?
3. How does the poet prove that there are no foreign countries?

**Long Answer Question.**
1. How are we alike? Explain in context with the poem.

**Value Based question.**
1. All great persons tell us to live cordially and as brothers. But we people tend to fight over trivial issues. Why don’t we live with other people harmoniously? What makes us fight and hurt people?

**Poetry 7 THE DUCK AND THE KANGAROO**

**Extract Based Questions.**
1. Said the Duck to the Kangaroo,
   “Good Gracious! how you hop!
   Over the fields and the water too,
   As if you never would stop!
   My life is a bore in this nasty pond, and I long to go out in the world beyond!
   I wish I could hop like you!”
   Said the Duck to the Kangaroo.
   (a) Who is being appreciated in the second and third sentences?
   (b) What is speaker’s desire?
   (c) Find the word from the stanza similar in meaning to ‘desire?’
   (d) What is the rhyme scheme of the poem?

**Short Answer Questions.**
1. What did the Duck do for the Kangaroo’s love?
2. Why did she want to have a ride on his back?
3. How did the Duck ride on the Kangaroo’s back?

**Long Answer Question.**
1. Why does the Duck appreciate Kangaroo’s hoping?

**Value Based question.**
1. ”Our politeness and Humility compels other to accept our request”. Do you agree with this statement? Write your answer with reference to the poem ‘The Duck and the Kangaroo’.

**Poetry 8 ON KILLING A TREE**

**Extract Based Questions.**
1. It takes much time to kill a tree.
   Not a simple jab of a knife
   Will do it. It has grown
   Slowly consuming the earth,
   Rising out of it, feeding
   Upon its crust, absorbing
   Years of sunlight, air, water,
   And out of its leprous hide
   Sprouting leaves.
   (a) What does a tree absorb?
   (b) What does it consume?
   (c) What is the meaning of ‘jab’?
2. 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.
(a) What alone will not be sufficient to kill a tree?
(b) What will expand again?
(c) What does 'boughs' mean?

Short Answer Questions.
1. How does a tree become strong?
2. How does the sun and the air contribute in the killing of a tree?
3. How the tree gets killed in the end?

Long Answer Question.
1. What is the critical appreciation of the poem ‘On killing a tree’?

Value Based Question.
1. After reading the poem, what similarities can be drawn between trees and some great people of yesteryears?

Poetry 9  THE SNAKE TRYING
Extract Based Questions.
1. The snake trying
To escape the pursuing stick,
With sudden curvings of thin
Long body. How beautiful
And graceful are his shapes!
He glides through the water away
From the stroke
(a) What is the snake trying to do?
(b) How does it move?
(c) Find a word from the stanza opposite in the meaning to ‘ugly’?

Short Answer Questions.
1. How does the snake protect himself? What kind of body does it have?
2. What does the poet appeal?
3. How does the poet describe its shapes?

Long Answer Question.
1. Why does the man want to kill the snake?

Value Based Question.
1. Do you agree that a snake does not want to bite man, it bites man only when it feels that man is going to kill it.

Poetry 10 A SLUMBER DID MY SPIRITS SEAL
Extract Based Questions.
1. No motion has she now, no force-
She neither hears nor sees,
Rolled round in earth’s diurnal course
With rocks and stones and trees.
(a) What does the Earth’s ‘diurnal course’ imply?
(b) Where does he lay until observe?
(c) What is the rhyme scheme of the poem?
Short Answer Questions.
1. What happened to the poet’s beloved?
2. How does she become an inseparable part of nature?
3. How will time not affect the poet’s beloved?

Long Answer Question.
1. Give a brief analysis of the poem ‘A Slumber did my spirits seal’ in your own words.

Value Based question.
1. All of us know that nothing is ours permanently, then why do we suffer so much to have more and more.

BOOK-2 (MOMENTS)

Fiction 1 THE LOST CHILD

Short Answer Questions.
1. How did the boy try to catch the dragon fly?
2. Why does the lost child lose interest in the things that he had wanted earlier?

Long Answer Question.
1. Justify the title ‘The Lost Child’?

Value Based question.
1. How does the behaviour of the child before and after his separation from the parents show that he has great love for his parents?

Fiction 2 THE ADVENTURES OF TOTO

Short Answer Questions.
1. “Toto was a pretty monkey.”In what sense is Toto pretty?
2. Why does grandfather take Toto to Saharanpur and how?
3. Why does the ticket collector insist on calling Toto a dog?

Long Answer Question.
1. Why did Toto run away with the dish of pullao?
2. Describe the adventures of Toto.

Value Based question.
1. How was Toto an expensive deal for grandfather?

Fiction 3 ISWARAN THE STORYTELLER

Short Answer Questions.
1. How does Iswaran describe the uprooted tree on the highway? What effect does he want to create in his listeners?
2. Why did Mahendra enjoy his stories? What was his reaction to the story relating to a ghost?

Long Answer Question.
1. What happened to Mahendra during the full moon night?

Value Based question.
1. Children should learn the art of telling stories from Iswaran. What quality do you find in his art of storytelling?

Fiction 4 IN THE KINGDOM OF FOOLS

Short Answer Questions.
1. What are the two strange things the guru and his disciple find in the kingdom of fools?
2. How did the merchant defend himself?
3. What mystery did the guru create before the king?

Long Answer Question.
1. Why did the people choose and crown the Guru and his disciple?

Value Based question.
1. ‘Greed leads to Grave.’ Explain.
**Fiction 5 THE HAPPY PRINCE**

**Short Answer Questions.**
1. Why do the courtiers call the prince ‘The Happy Prince’? Is he really happy? What does he see all around him?
2. For whom does the prince send the sapphires and why?

**Long Answer Question.**
1. Describe the swallow as a nice bird.
2. The two most precious things in the city were the Happy Prince and the Swallow. Discuss.

**Value Based question.**
1. It should be our aim to help the suffering humanity. Discuss.

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**Fiction 6 WEATHERING THE STORM IN ERSAMA**

**Short Answer Questions.**
1. Describe the scene after storm and heavy rain. When did the rain cease? What was its result?
2. What were the two important things Prashant did after deciding to be the leader of the village?
3. How did Prashant pass his time of two days of the super cyclone?

**Long Answer Question.**
1. What are the needs of the victims of a natural calamity? How did Prashant able to fulfill them?

**Value Based question.**
1. Describe the desperate situation in the shelter.

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**Fiction 7 THE LAST LEAF**

**Short Answer Questions.**
1. What kind of friend was Sue to Johnsy?
2. What did the doctor tell Sue?
3. Why did the last leaf not fall?

**Long Answer Question.**
1. Write a character-sketch of Behrman.

**Value Based question.**
1. What is the role of our thought to make our life happy? Give your answer with reference to the story, ‘The Last Leaf’.

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**Fiction 8 A HOUSE IS NOT A HOME**

**Short Answer Questions (Santosh Yadav).**
1. What did the author and his mother do on seeing the fire?
2. Why did the author keep visiting the remains of his house?
3. What did the author get from his new schoolmates?

**Long Answer Question.**
1. Describe the role played by the author’s friends in rebuilding his life.

**Value Based question.**
1. Do you agree that one can lead a happy life even after losing all things like the author? Give your answer with reference to the story ‘A House is not a Home.’

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**Fiction 9 THE ACCIDENTAL TOURIST**

**Short Answer Questions.**
1. How does Bill Bryson end up in a “Crash position” in the aircraft?
2. Why does Bill Bryson fill with wonder?
3. The author is not entitled to air miles. Why?

**Long Answer Question.**
1. Write a character-sketch of Bill Bryson.

**Value Based question.**
1. Write down the worst experiences of the author on a plane flight.

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**Fiction 10 THE BEGGAR**

**Short Answer Questions.**
1. When did the beggar get embarrassed?
2. What did the beggar say to Sergei?
3. What happened when Sergei threatened the beggar?

**Long Answer Question.**
1. Write a note on Lushkoff’s personality.
2. How did Olga change Lushkoff?

**Value Based question.**
1. “Society has power to reform a man”. Elucidate.

**NOTE- Also practice the exercises of Editing, Omission, Sentence Reordering, Gap filling and Sentence Transformation.**