

# DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL, JAMMU

## ASSIGNMENT 2016-17

**SUBJECT: English**

**CLASS: IX**

### SECTION A (READING)

**Q1: Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.**

The film industry is facing the challenge of the television screen which, because of its ready availability and nearness to entertainment seekers, is becoming very popular, particularly in the West where television programmes are as indispensable to people as newspaper material. Sustained entertainment for multitudes lasting two or three hours is possible only in big cinema halls. Scenic beauty, background effects and colour techniques which have made the products of cinema industry so attractive and delightful may not be reproduced by television programme organisers, and therefore, this important invention in the field of wireless communication, in spite of having become a big rival of the cinema, may not succeed in replacing it.

The motion picture has also stepped into the international sphere as an agent of goodwill and co-operation among nations. Cultural contacts which tend to reduce tension in the world and bring harmony in international relations have been established through the medium of films. In recent years artists of the film world have been visiting foreign lands with a view to presenting before audiences in those countries the best products of their cultural heritage.

- a) Why is television more popular than films?
- b) In spite of its huge popularity, television cannot replace cinema. Why?
- c) What purpose do films serve?
- d) What role can movies play as cultural agents?
- e) Why do artists of the film world keep on visiting foreign lands?

**Q2: Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.**

### A VISIT TO A BOOK FAIR

The year 2001 was declared “The year of Books” by the National Book Trust of India. With this note the nation’s capital played host to the World Book Fair at the Trade Fair, Pragati Maidan.

On hearing this, my friends and I expressed our eagerness to go and watch this mega festival. Our principal readily agreed and students went by batches to be a part of this grand event. The inaugural day was marked with a walk from the Parliament House to the Trade Fair Ground.

The book fair was indeed a spectacle to watch. There were hoardings everywhere “All for books and books for all”. Each hall was segmented into many stalls managed by the respective publishing houses.

While the stalls had the art of finesse, each stall was a delight to watch. They displayed children's books, subject oriented books, books of language and literature, books on performing arts, science and technology books, books on finance and management, books on anatomy and medicine, books on law and income tax and so many more. To top them all was a huge collection of dictionaries.

- a) Which year was declared "The Year of Books"?
- b) Who expressed their eagerness to visit the Book Fair?
- c) The inaugural day of the Book Fair was marked with what?
- d) Which hoardings were displayed everywhere at the Book Fair?
- e) Name any five types of books displayed at the Book Fair.

### SECTION B&C (WRITING & GRAMAMAR)

Q1: You are Pranav/ Priya, the cultural secretary of ABC Public School, Mumbai. Your school is going to organize an inter-house group song competition and you are asked to inform the students of class IX and XI. Draft a notice in not more than 50 words containing all the details.

**Or**

Your school recently organised a farewell party for class XII. Write a report about it in 120-150 words. You are Ridhi/ Raman, Cultural Secretary of the school.

Q2: Complete the following story using your imagination and creativity in about 180-200 words.

Raghav was very happy that day. It was his birthday and his father got him a robot as the birthday present. . .

**Or**

It was a big day for me. I was finally going on my dream mission. . .

Q3: The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line spot the error and write the correction.

	<b>Incorrect</b>	<b>Correct</b>
Man has been used garlic since	a) _____	_____
ancient time to add flavour into food	b) _____	_____
garlic have a powerful smell	c) _____	_____
but a pungent taste. It also	d) _____	_____
have many health benefits.	e) _____	_____

Q4: In the following passage one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after it.

Before      missing      after

Rabbit is weak and timid animal  
and is usually surrounded many  
enemies. Therefore nature provided  
it with large ears enable it  
to hear even farthest sounds.

- a) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) \_\_\_\_\_
- c) \_\_\_\_\_
- d) \_\_\_\_\_
- e) \_\_\_\_\_

### SECTION D (LITERATURE)

Q1: Do any one of the following two questions.

“They caught me. I pleaded to them, I told them why I stole, but they laughed at me, and I was, sentenced to ten years in the prison, hulks (pause), ten years in Hell.”

- a) Who is the speaker? What do these lines reveal about him?
- b) Who are ‘they’? Why did they laugh at the speaker?
- c) What does the word ‘pleaded’ mean?

**Or**

“Last scene of all,  
That ends this strange eventful history  
Is second childishness and mere oblivion,  
Sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything”

- a) What is the last scene/stage of man’s life?
- b) Why the last stage of man has been called as ‘second childishness’?
- c) What does the word ‘oblivion’ mean?

**Q2: Answer any four of the following questions.**

**a:** Why does the conscience of the child gets pricked in the poem ‘Oh! I Wish I’d looked After Me Teeth’?

**b:** Why is the rain called as the ‘messenger of mercy’?

**c:** After knowing the real identity of his father did Harold behave in a way that everyone was afraid of?

**d:** How did Pescud wins over the colonel?

**e:** Why was it important for Mr Bramble to play his last fight?

**Q2:** On the basis of your reading of ‘A Man Who Knew Too Much’ what qualities should you adopt and not adopt from Private Quelch? Why?

**Q3:** What was the reality of the trout fish in the novel ‘Three Men in a Boat’? How was it revealed?

**Or**

How did the journey of the three friends come to an end?

**Or**

Comment on Gulliver’s voyage in part 3 of the novel ‘Gulliver’s Travels.

**Or**

Justify the title ‘Gulliver’s Travels’.