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**DAV PUBLIC SCHOOLS, ODISHA ZONE-I
TERM-II EXAMINATION, 2021-22**

- Please check that this question paper contains **6** printed pages.
- Check this question paper contains **7** questions.
- Write down the Serial Number of the question in the left side of the margin before attempting it.
- **10 minutes** cooling time has been allotted to read this question paper. The question paper will be distributed **10 minutes** prior to the commencement of the examination. The students will read the question paper only and will not write any answer on the answer script during this period .

**CLASS - IX
ENGLISH - LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (184)**

Time Allowed: 2 Hours

Maximum Marks: 40

General Instructions:

- The Question Paper contains **THREE** sections: READING, WRITING & GRAMMAR and LITERATURE.
- Attempt questions based on specific instructions given for each part.

SECTION A - READING (10 marks)

1. Read the passage given below.

1. Attaining the state of feeling happy has a different dimension and involves conscious choices. It is not a rat race for money, achievement or power. A wise person once said, “Your only duty in life is to be happy”. Ironically, human beings often end up doing everything else except being happy.
2. Happiness is contagious. People radiating good vibes touch people with their joyful glow. It could be a cleanliness worker cheerfully greeting morning walkers or a restaurant server making people laugh with her/his witty exchanges while serving them. On the other hand, it’s possible that a stressed-out executive spreads gloom around others. People quietly walk away from the despondent vibes such people exude. Happiness draws us to

a higher purpose. Our brains are wired to seek people, situations and events that bring joy, cheer and happiness. Joyful people are fun to be with.

3. We often feel helpless and tend to get engulfed in feelings of deprivation and discouragement. Instead, why not wake up to the abundance you have been blessed with? You have plenty of resources, energy and time and everything you need. Be aware of all that has been bestowed on you and there will be no place for misery.
4. Ask yourself what it is that makes you come alive and then go out and do it. When you identify your core interest or talent, life changes. Every day you jump out of bed looking forward to one more fun day, working on something you are passionate about. Develop the attitude of giving, sharing and adding value to others. Shift from grabbing to serving, from profiteering to offering. When you give, you gain. Think of only taking and you get impoverished. Psychologists say that all givers are happy people.
5. Spiritual leaders concur that the best and the worst will come and go. What we need to remember is that happiness lies within. This is the reason your happiest moments could be as simple as relishing a delicious dessert or experiencing an intense emotion. Tap into the fountainhead of infinite happiness within and not much is likely to cause distress.

Source: <https://www.speakingtree.in/article/programme-yourself-to-feel-happy-always>

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer ANY FIVE questions from the six given below. (1x5=5)

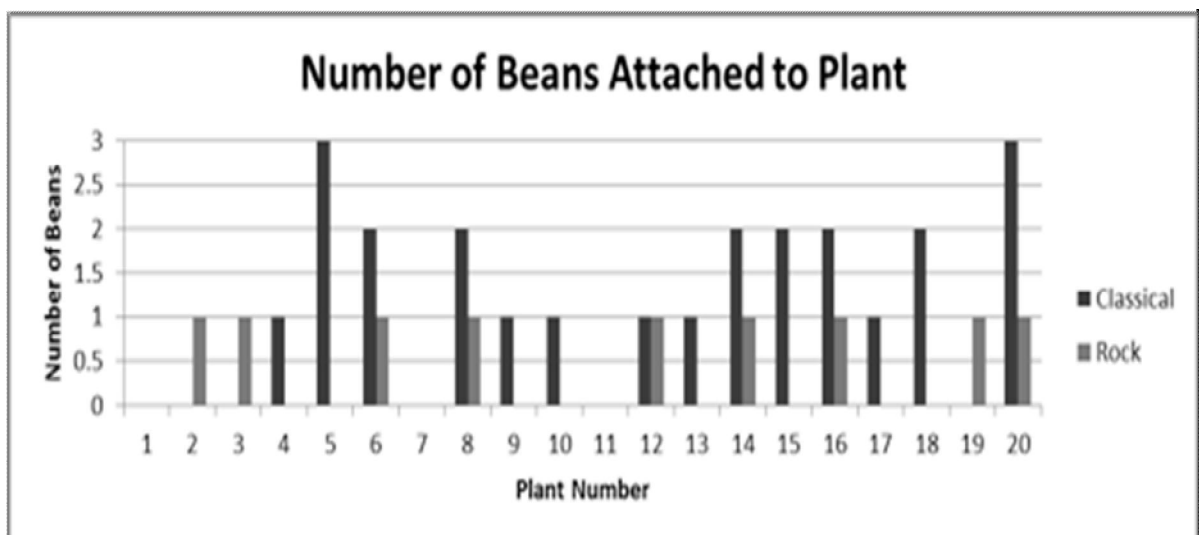
- (i) Explain the irony referred to, in paragraph 1. 1
- (ii) Cite evidence from paragraph 2 to showcase a contrast between reactions to happiness and gloom. 1
- (iii) What are the advantages of being with joyful people, according to the text? 1
- (iv) How, according to the writer, can awareness about one's abundance help overcome the feeling of misery? 1
- (v) Examine the psychology behind a happy state of mind of all givers. 1
- (vi) Rewrite the given sentence by replacing the underlined phrase with another one from paragraph 1. 1

People in developing nations are often in a competitive struggle for jobs and resources.

2. Read the following given below:

1. Music is known to have a profound and nurturing effect on human beings. It is a harmonious and coherent blend of various frequencies and vibrations and has many different forms, qualities, and pitches. There are a few studies which suggest that music may impact plants in a similar manner.
2. One of the earliest studies of the effect of music on plants was conducted in 1962 by Dr. T. C. Singh, Head of Botany at Annamalai University. He exposed balsam plants to classical music and found that their growth rate increased by 20% compared to a control group, along with a 72% increase in bio-mass. He then exposed crops to raga music over loudspeakers and found that they yielded 25% – 60% more than the national average. A 1973 experiment showed that, the loud frequencies of rock-and-roll music stunted the growth of the bean plants, and the frequencies of classical music produced abundant growth in them. (Figure 1)

Fig.1



3. The findings on Marigold plant revealed that on exposure to meditation music, the number of buds and number of flowers were always higher on the musically treated plant. These plants even showed longer leaf length. So, it was maintained that in general, the growth in the plant exposed to music was faster and better than the one not. Summing up all the experimental observations of various studies, it can be stated that specific audio frequencies in the form of music, often facilitated the germination and growth of plants.

Source: https://www.researchgate.net/publication/291086163_Effect_of_Music_on_Plants_-_An_Overview

On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer ANY FIVE questions from the six given below. (1x5=5)

- (i) Summarise what the writer wishes to convey in paragraph 1. 1
- (ii) Which observations did Dr. T. C. Singh quote to prove that classical music had a productive effect on plants? 1
- (iii) State the objective of the 1973 experiment, with reference to two types of music. 1
- (iv) What were the indicators of growth on Marigold exposed to meditation music? 1
- (v) Justify the aptness of the title- 'Music- A Growth Influencer'. 1
- (vi) What does the phrase 'musically treated plant' refer to, in paragraph 3? 1

SECTION B - WRITING AND GRAMMAR (10 marks)

3. Attempt ANY ONE from i and ii. (5)

- (i) You are a student of Std IX. You went to the nearby Vaccination Centre for the first dose of vaccination against corona virus. Write a diary entry in about 120 words by sharing your experience and feelings after receiving the first dose of vaccination.
- (ii) Write a short story in about 120 words with the help of the hints given below. Suggest a suitable title for the story.

It was a late wintry evening when I boarded the train. The compartment was completely vacant except an old lady who was fast asleep. I wondered.....

4. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Identify the error and write its correction against the correct blank number. Remember to underline the correction. The first one has been done for you. (1x3=3)

	Error	Correction
A city of Venice is very attractive.	E.g. A	<u>The</u>
Many a traveller love to visit the place.	a) _____	_____
There are few beautiful gardens which	b) _____	_____
one ought to visit, if one gets a	c) _____	_____
chance to go there.		

5. Read the conversation between Grandson and Grandpa and complete the passage that follows: (1x2=2)



The grandson asked his Grandpa (a) _____ across the water. The grandpa thought and said that one time he got a rock to skip twenty- three times. The grandson exclaimed with surprise and asked(b) _____. Grandpa replied in negation that he could only skip the rock that many times when the water was frozen over.

SECTION C- LITERATURE (20 marks)

6. Answer **ANY SIX** questions in 30 to 40 words each. (2x6=12)
- (i) 'No Men Are Foreign' by James Kirkup is an anti- war poem. Comment. 2
 - (ii) 'The Snake is portrayed by the poet as a victim of the people; though it is harmless.' Do you agree? Give reasons. 2
 - (iii) Gieve Patel's poem, 'On killing a Tree' is a criticism of human callousness and cruelty. Justify. 2
 - (iv) In the story "Weathering the Storm in Ersama" the protagonist Prashant proved himself as an able leader in the times of adversity. Elucidate. 2
 - (v) How can you say that the sacrifice of Mr.Berhman ignited optimism in Johnsy? 2
 - (vi) How did Montmorency create a mess during the packing? 2
 - (vii) The meeting of the author's wife with Bruno in the zoo is a scene to behold. Explain. 2

7. Answer **ANY TWO** of the following in about 120 words each. (4x2=8)

(i) Being a playwright Gerrard could use his presence of mind and wit to outwit the intruder to save his life. Explain the statement with reference to the play 'If I Were You'. 4

(ii) Lushkoff decides to visit Olga to thank her for the change she brought in his life. Develop a conversation between the two based on your understanding of the story "The Beggar" You may begin like this: 4

Lushkoff: Hey Olga! It's so nice to see you again.

I can't thank you enough.

Olga: You have come a long way, my dear boy! I am...

(iii) Describe Maria Sharapova and Santosh Yadav's struggle to reach for the top in their respective fields. 4

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