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CLASS IX**

SET B

Marking Scheme – ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

Q.N O.	Answers	Marks (with split up)
1. A	Choose the best answer	1X4=4
	1.a shortage of donors 2.d locating donors quickly after death 3.d of emotional reasons 4.a upset	
B	5. The people in need of transplant surgery far outnumber the available organs. 6. The British 7. Organ transplants have to take place quite soon after the death of the donor. 8. Increasing the number of donors is made more difficult because it is such an emotive issue.	
2.1	On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions in 30-40 words each :	2x4=8
	1. Jack Hills, an astronomer at New Mexico's Los Alamos National Laboratory.	
	2. 30-year-old prediction was that the stars can be flung out of a galaxy by the supermassive black hole at its centre.	
	3. Astronomer Brian Marsden, at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics had just announced that a newly discovered asteroid 1.6 km wide was headed for Earth and might pass as close as 48,000km in the year 2028. "The chance of an actual collision is small," Marsden reported, "but not entirely out of the question."	
	4. XF11 was discovered last Dec. 6 by astronomer Jim Scotti, a member of the University of Arizona's Spacewatch group, which scans the skies for undiscovered comets and asteroids.	
2.2	Choose the correct answer	1x4=4
	1. b. it was noticeable in an unpleasant way 2 .c. it might be hit by an asteroid 3.d. catastrophe 4. c. it would cross the earth at a safe distance	
3.	ARTICLE / DESCRIPTIVE PARAGRAPH Content -4 , Fluency -2, Accuracy -2	8Marks
4.	STORY WRITING Title - 1, Content - 5, Fluency -2, Accuracy-2	10Marks
5.	Fill in the blanks choosing the most appropriate words from the given options.	1x4=4
	i. b) led ii. b) in iii. a) on iv. c) to	

6.	EDITING	1x4=4
	<p>INCORRECT CORRECT</p> <p>a. was <u>were</u></p> <p>b. after <u>though/ if / when</u></p> <p>c. most <u>more</u></p> <p>d. since <u>is</u></p>	
7.	Rearrange the given words and phrases into meaningful sentences	1x4=4
	i) One day a farmer's donkey fell down into a well.	
	ii) The animal cried and the farmer did not know what to do.	
	iii) He invited all his neighbors to help him.	
	iv) The donkey did not realize what was happening.	
8.	Read the extract given below and answer the following question. (Any One)	1x4=4
A	i. 'They' refers to the soldiers (Army People)	
	ii. No Men are Foreign / Don't Hate brothers / or any other relevant answers	
	iii. It means that the people of foreign countries also feel the sunlight and drink water. And they too take food like us.	
	iv. James Kirkup	
	(or)	
B	i. A slumber did my spirit seal - William Wordsworth	
	ii. Earth's daily rotation on its axis	
	iii. Lucy / Close Friend of poet	
	iv. She is dead / passed away / No more present	
9.	Answer any FIVE of the following questions in 30-40 words	2x5=10
a.	Maria paid the price in the form of loss of her mother's love at the tender age of 10. Her father, Yuri took her to America for tennis training; unfortunately, her mother, Yelena had to stay back in Siberia because she was not issued visa. Even in America, she had to face lots of challenges. But Maria Sharapova paid the price and emerged as a tennis star when she won the Wimbledon women's crown in 2004.	
b.	George and Harris offered to pack the hampers for carrying food. Harris said that they would want to start in less than twelve hours' time and therefore, it was better that he and George did the rest of the packing	
c.	When Santosh informed her parents about her plan to do a part time job in order to support her education, they agreed to pay for her schooling in Delhi. This incident shows that Santosh was a strong and determined girl who knew her way towards her dream and was not afraid to achieve it. Also she was confident enough to pursue her goal.	
d.	The author notes that the flute seller was not at all bothered about selling his wares. He was more engrossed in playing his flutes and sometimes talking to fellow vendors. The sale was incidental for him.	
e.	Ishwaran was a cook of Mahendra when Mahendra was not at home, he spent his time by cooking food, praying, taking bath, bringing things from market and reading books. At evening, after dinner, when Mahendra come from his work, he spent his work by telling stories to him.	
f.	When Prashanth went to visit his friend's house a huge cyclone had taken up which destroyed many houses in villages and killed many people and animals. The cyclone created a huge destruction in the nearby village including his friend's village.	
10.	Answer ONE of the question in about 100-150 words	1x8=8
a.	On the first occasion, the narrator had put poison (barium carbonate) to kill rats	

	<p>and mice that had got into his library. Bruno, unaware of the poison (as he was supposed to be) entered the library and ate some of it. Consequently, he got paralysed so badly that he could not even stand on his feet. As he weakened rapidly due to the effect of the poison and some vomiting, he barely managed to drag himself and floundered about on his stumps. Heavy breathing with heaving flanks and gaping mouth, his condition remained quite unstable for a while.</p> <p>On the second occasion, Bruno nearly drank one gallon of the old engine oil that the narrator had drained from the sump of the Studebaker and was keeping as a weapon against the inroads of termites. However, the engine oil, fortunately, did not have any detrimental effects on the sturdy bear.</p>	
b.	<p>The doctor was so engrossed in his day dreaming that he did not realize that a snake had wriggled over the back of the chair and landed on his shoulders and could round his left arm with its hood spread out. The doctor sat there without moving an inch, he was afraid lest the snake might strike. He thought of various medicines he had and if any one of them was good enough to save him if the snake struck him. He realized the presence of God and felt that it was a punishment for being proud and arrogant.</p>	
11.	Answer ONE of the question in about 100-150 words	1x8=8
a	<p>Behrman, a 60 year old painter, lived on the ground floor of the building and had lifelong dreamt of painting a masterpiece. When Johnsy fell ill and lost all hope Sue decided to discuss it with the old man to get some advice. To save Johnsy's life the painter painted the leaf of the creeper which was so real that Johnsy was convinced that the leaf did not fall even in the violent storm. It made her realize that things are not always how they seem to be. It is the grit and determination that makes a person healthy.</p> <p>Behrman's dream of painting a masterpiece came true with this incident.</p>	
b	<p>In the latter part of the story, Sergei found Lushkoff doing well in life. He was earning 35 Russian roubles. While leaving the house, Sergei referred Lushkoff for a copying work and advised him to give up on drinking in order to lead a successful life. On seeing him do well in his life, Sergei felt happy that he had made a difference in someone's life and that his words moved Lushkoff and he gave up on bad things and worked hard to earn his bread.</p>	
	The End	