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CBSE Sample Paper Class 9 English 2020-21

Subject: English Class: 9 Maximum Marks: 80 Duration: 3 hours

Section A: Reading (20 marks)

- 1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: [Passage]
- (a) What is the main idea of the passage? (b) Give a suitable title to the passage. (c) Identify one word from the passage that means 'difficult.'
 - 2. Read the poem given below and answer the questions that follow: [Poem]
- (a) What is the theme of the poem? (b) Identify the poetic device used in the line "And miles to go before I sleep." (c) Explain the meaning of the line "The woods are lovely, dark, and deep."

Section B: Writing and Grammar (30 marks)

- 3. You are Ravi/Raveena. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper expressing your concern about the increasing pollution in your city and suggesting measures to tackle it. (8 marks)
- 4. Rewrite the following sentences using the passive voice: (a) She is writing a letter. (b) They have completed the project. (c) Someone stole my bicycle.

Section C: Literature (30 marks)

- 5. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each: (a) Why did Anne Frank find solace in her diary? (b) What made George angry in the story 'The Sound of Music'? (c) How does the writer describe Mr. Lamb?
- 6. Answer any two of the following in about 120-150 words each: (a) Write a character sketch of Mr. Keesing based on your understanding of the story 'The Diary of a Young Girl.' (b) How does the poem 'The Snake and the Mirror'



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explore the theme of fear? (c) Describe the relationship between Jim Hawkins and Long John Silver in the novel 'Treasure Island.'

Section D: Extended Reading Text (20 marks)

- 7. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow: [Extract]
- (a) Who is the speaker in the given extract? (b) What does the speaker mean by "There is a Tide in the affairs of men"? (c) Explain the phrase "taken at the flood."