

AGA KHAN UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION BOARD

SECONDARY SCHOOL CERTIFICATE

CLASS IX EXAMINATION

APRIL/ MAY 2019

English Compulsory Paper II

Time: 2 hours Marks: 45

INSTRUCTIONS

Please read the following instructions carefully.

1. Check your name and school information. Sign if it is accurate.

**I agree that this is my name and school.
Candidate's Signature**

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2. There are THREE questions. Answer ALL questions. Question 2 offers TWO choices and Question 3 offers THREE choices. Attempt any ONE choice from each.
3. When answering the questions:

Read each question carefully.
Use a black pointer to write your answers. DO NOT write your answers in pencil.
Use a black pencil for diagrams. DO NOT use coloured pencils.
DO NOT use staples, paper clips, glue, correcting fluid or ink erasers.
Complete your answer in the allocated space only. DO NOT write outside the answer box.
4. The marks for the questions are shown in brackets ().

Q.1.

(Total 17 Marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer all the questions that follow.

Civil society activists working for nature conservation and animal welfare have called upon all provincial governments to ensure enforcement of a forgotten law of 1890 — the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act — under which maltreatment of any domestic and captured animals is a punishable act.

- 5 Although these experts were speaking to a local newspaper, Dawn, about inhumane treatment meted out to animals in general, they specifically criticised the recent campaign carried out in the city in which a large number of stray dogs were killed with poisonous capsules.

The mass killing of stray dogs, they pointed out, to check transmission of deadly rabies virus to humans was not a solution and suggested vaccinating and neutering them instead.

- 10 “Presently, Punjab is the only province in the country where the Society for Prevention of Cruelty (SPCA) to Animals exists under the 1890 act and people are fined, though nominally, for maltreating animals. However, it doesn’t have a mechanism to vaccinate and neuter stray dogs and the official way to check stray dog population is to kill them,” said Dr Anwaar Hussain Rizvi, who earlier worked with the society as a senior veterinary officer.

- 15 Karachi used to have such a society in the 1970s, but right now there is no custodian of the 1890 act to implement it in Sindh. Regarding the operation of the SPCA in Punjab, he said that the society with an autonomous status functioned under the livestock and department. It has its office on the premises of the University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Lahore and is functional in 17 districts with the government support.

- 20 “Unfortunately, resources, both human and financial, are limited. The total staff strength is 90 while each district has one inspector with two workers,” he said. He further adds that the society provided treatment to injured and diseased animals and sent the offender to judicial magistrate for further proceedings under the law.

- 25 According to Dr Rizvi, such cruel practices are prohibited under the 1890 act. “Controlling stray dog population and vaccinating them against rabies to eradicate the risk of virus transmission is an achievable target and it’s just a matter of government priorities and valuing life,” he said.

Source: Adapted from, ‘*Call to Enforce Law to Stop Cruelty to Animals*’ by Faiza Ilyas published in Dawn.

- a. The author reports that experts ‘criticised the recent campaign carried out in the city in which a large number of stray dogs were killed with poisonous capsules’.

Identify the MAIN argument of the experts against the campaign. (1 Mark)

- b. Suggest any FOUR strategies that the government should take in order to protect animals in Pakistan. (4 Marks)

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Q.2. (Total 10 Marks)

Compose a response of about 200-250 words on any **ONE** of the options **a** or **b**.

EITHER

a. Your friend wants to get a part-time job after school or on weekends to earn extra pocket money.

Write a letter to your friend. In the letter, suggest

- possible jobs based on your friend's personality and situation.
- at least TWO necessary steps he/ she should take in order to get a part-time job.

OR

b. Your school holds a science exhibition each year. However, there is no exhibition for students of commerce and humanities. This year, you want your school to hold a combined exhibition representing all subjects.

Compose a letter to your Principal. In your letter, convince him/ her by giving at least THREE ways in which a combined exhibition will benefit everyone, including students, teachers and the institution.

Make your notes below. Write your final draft on pages 7 and 8.

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Q.3.

(Total 18 Marks)

Write a composition of about 200-300 words on any **ONE** of the options **a, b** or **c**.

Remember to compose the final draft in complete sentences.

EITHER

a. You reunite with your primary school friend after many years.

Narrate an account of the occasion. In your account, describe

- the importance of the friend.
- the details of the reunion, including activities and discussion.
- your feelings about the meeting.

OR

b. “The initial pain had disappeared, so had my cell phone ...”

Write a story based on the given scenario. In your story, narrate

- when, where and how did the incident happen.
- how did you react when you realised that your cell phone was missing.
- what did you learn from this incident.

OR

c. A time capsule is a container used to hold objects from the present to be reopened in a specified time in the future. The objects in the time capsule remain undisturbed for many years, providing a window into the past.

Imagine you have been given a chance to bury any ONE object in a time capsule to share with people a hundred years from now. Elaborate upon

- what that object would be.
- TWO reasons for choosing it.
- what you want to convey to the people of the future through it.

Make your notes below. Write your final draft on pages 10 and 11.

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Please use this page for rough work

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