

AGA KHAN UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION BOARD

SECONDARY SCHOOL CERTIFICATE

CLASS IX EXAMINATION 2008

English Compulsory Paper II

Time allowed: 2 hours 10 minutes Marks 35

INSTRUCTIONS

Please read the following instructions carefully.

1. Check your name and school information. Sign that it is correct.

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

2. Write the number of the seat in which you are sitting.
3. RUBRIC. There are THREE questions. Answer ALL THREE questions. Question 2 offers two choices and question 3 offers three choices. Attempt any ONE of the options in each.

4. When answering the questions:

Read each question carefully.

Use ONLY black ink.

Do not use staples, paper clips, glue or correcting fluid.

DO NOT write outside the answer box.

Complete your answer in the allocated space only.

5. The marks for the questions are shown in brackets ().

Reading Comprehension Section

Q.1. (Total 5 Marks)

In the second reading comprehension passage in Paper I, you read about how a deer happens to see a new creature. In your own words, describe the situation he is in.

Write about 70 words in complete sentences. The passage is repeated below for your convenience.

You are advised to spend about 20 to 25 minutes on this task.

The Early Creatures

For a long time after the Lord created the world, the only creatures on it were the animals. They swam the rivers, climbed the mountains, flew through the air, and lived their lives. They learned who to fear and who to greet as a friend, and they followed the fortunes and misfortunes of the seasons and the years, each day flowing from the one previous and toward
5 the one to come.

One day, the deer family was drinking at the lake at that time of the day when the sun seems to stop at the top of the sky. Suddenly, a loud noise caused the air to tremble, and the youngest deer felt at the water's edge a trickle of blood coming from its side. Frightened, the other deer ran to the safety of the woods, except for the oldest child. He, too, was frightened,
10 but his curiosity was so strong that he returned to the edge of the forest, and there hid behind a tree to see if the loud noise was going to be repeated or if anything else was going to happen.

He had scarcely hidden himself when an animal he had never seen came down to the lakeside. It was a horrible-looking creature. It walked on two legs and had no hair except for a little on its small, round head. The deer had never heard of such an animal. He could not even
15 remember his cousin— the moose, ever talking about such an animal and then moose would surely have seen such a creature, for he often went up into the high mountains and had seen many strange things.

The creature carried a long piece of wood in one of its paws. It stooped down, laid the piece of wood to one side, and magically began taking the skin off his young one with something it
20 clutched in its paw. The deer's fright became stronger than his curiosity, and he turned and bolted through the forest to tell his father what he had seen.

The father found it hard to believe what his oldest son told him. He had lived a long time, had talked to many animals, and had been to many places. He had never heard of any creature such as this.

Writing Section

Q.2. (Total 12 Marks)

Compose a response of about 125 words to any ONE of the options a or b.

EITHER

- a. Suppose one of your internet friends wants to visit you next month. Write a letter to him/her giving a brief introduction to your city.

Include the following in the letter:

- three important places to visit;
- two good shopping centres;
- two picnic points with some details of each place.

OR

- b. Suppose you are on a scholarship. On your return, one of your foreign friends will visit Pakistan with you.

Write a letter to your mother including the following in your letter:

- a brief introduction about your friend;
- his/her interests and eating habits;
- a brief plan to visit your city (name three places).

Make your notes below. Write your final draft on page 5. You are advised to spend about 30 to 35 minutes on this task.

Q.3. (Total 18 Marks)

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

Remember to compose the final draft in complete sentences.

EITHER

- a. Last week, students' week was held in your school. Describe the details of the students' week. Write at least three things students did for it.

OR

- b. Personal hygiene counts a lot in image building. It includes cleanliness of the body as well as the way one presents oneself. Write arguments in support of this view and illustrate with examples.

OR

- c. One day you went to school and found windows broken, furniture scattered, people gathered outside. Write a narrative based on the possible happenings the night before.

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

END OF PAPER