

**TERM II**  
**QUESTION PAPER (2021-22) ENGLISH – Language and Literature (184)**

**CLASS-IX**

Time allowed: 2 Hrs.

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**5 Marks**

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habitat of the Rafflesia species so future generations can experience the sight and smell of the largest flower on Earth.

**On the basis of your reading of the passage answer the following questions:  
(any five)**

1. Why is Rafflesia called the largest flower in the world?
2. What is the nickname given to Rafflesia and why?
3. Why cannot Rafflesia be used as a gift for someone?
4. How is its smell useful for the flower?
5. Where are the flowers Rafflesia generally found?
6. Why is rafflesia called a parasite?

**Q.2. Read the passage given below:**

**5 Marks**

According to a survey, out of the world's hundred richest people today, 27 are heirs and 73 are self-made. Of the self made 18 have no college degrees and 36 are children of poor parents, but some billionaires had neither a degree nor wealthy parents. In other words, super-achievers are not born, they are self-made people. It is not external favour that makes one a super-achiever, but one's own struggle. Super achievement is not got through inheritance, but is self-acquired success.

No one is a born billionaire, but everyone is a potential billionaire. It is the unfolding of one's own potential that makes one a billionaire or super achiever. Nature does not discriminate between one person and another. Nature's gifts come to everyone equally. It is the receiver himself who either utilizes them or not. So called deprived persons are in fact privileged persons. Their state of deprivation serves as inner motivation when they see others are progressing, it creates a strong incentive in their mind. It is this incentive that makes a person super. It inculcates strong urge in the individual to make something of his life.



Any state of deprivation brings about a kind brainstorming which enhances inner spirit. They enter the world of competition working to their full capacity. They develop the spirit of do or die. It is this spirit that leads them to success.

There are numerous examples of one rising to a high position through one's own struggle, while one's children might have turned 'dull'. The reason is simple. The parent started his life with the spirit of discontent; while his children started their lives with contentment. This reason is responsible for the difference between parents and children.

One who is born into a poor family and achieves success by way of struggle achieves one more thing, which is more important than wealth i.e. intellectual development. His circumstances automatically develop an intellectual struggle in his mind. This struggle unfolds his inner capacity, and consequently he emerges an intellectually developed person. The laws of nature are greater than everything else. They are eternal they cannot be changed.

The law of nature in this regard says that it is not ease but difficulty, effort not facility makes achievers out of ordinary people. So the future is full of hope and opportunity!

**On the basis of your reading of the passage answer the following questions:**

**(any five)**

1. Identify the meaning of the word 'potential'. (para 2)
  - a. Latent qualities
  - b. prospective
  - c. possible
  - d. probable
2. Identify a word which means same as 'incentive'. (para 2)
  - a. motivation
  - b. enticement
  - c. consideration
  - d. temptation
3. Identify a word which means the same as 'discontent'? (para 4)
  - a. struggle
  - b. dissatisfaction
  - c. deprivation
  - d. discrimination
4. How can deprived people become privileged people?
5. Why does intellectual development take place faster in children of 'poorer parents'?



6. How do the children of some successful parents become 'dull' according to the writer?

## SECTION B

### WRITING

Q3. While going home you come across many children at the crossroads with begging bowls in their hands. You are shocked and disgusted by this unflattering picture of a country which boasts of being a major economy in the world. Record your experience in a **diary**. 5 MARKS

OR

**Write a story in about 120 – 150 words based on the clues given below:**

A boy was waiting for the bus on the bus stop. He saw an old man who was just crossing the road. Suddenly a car was coming towards him from the opposite side. Then he rushed to..... 5 MARKS

### GRAMMAR

Q4. 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. 3 MARKS

	ERROR	CORRECTION
Have you ever learn from a mistake you have made?	E.g. learn	learnt
a) Many shouldn't admit doing so. For those who do,		
b) there was no need for guilt. We often make mistakes .....		.....
c) while taking risks, but all brush them aside and learn .....		.....
With that, they usually don't make mistakes the next time . ....		.....

Q5. Change the following from direct to indirect speech. 2 MARKS

Electrician: When did your electricity go?