

**BCM SCHOOL, BASANT AVENUE, DUGRI ROAD, LUDHIANA**  
**CLASS - IX**  
**ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (184)**  
**Answer Key of DECEMBER PAPER PATTERN ASSIGNMENT (2025)**

**READING**

**1. Comprehension**

1. Ans. determination, perseverance and faith
2. Ans. Everyone knows that the road to success is not straight. The road to success is said to be curved because failure can affect your determination, perseverance and faith.
3. Ans. The difference between a disaster and triumph lies in whether you are prepared to weather the storm.
4. Ans. Recognition
5. Ans. The relationship between working harder and smarter is the same.
6. Ans. To work smarter one needs to have the right skills.
7. Ans. Option (C) is correct.
8. Ans. abundance

**GRAMMAR**

**2. Grammar**

i. wish

ii.

iii. were  
driving

Error	Correction
or	and

iv. Option (C) is  
correct.

v. he had gone for cricket coaching vi. The  
teacher asked Arjun why he was talking.

**WRITING**

**3. STORY**

**DREADFUL SUNDAY**

It was Sunday. Sumita got up late in the morning and was horrified to see two dangerous looking persons talking to her father in a threatening manner. At once she concluded that they were builders, who had been forcing her father to sell the house to them at throw away prices. Then she realised that now there was no need to worry as her father had sold the house to another builder who had given him the right price and was also going to give them protection from those men. Her mother had informed him about the situation and he reached there in 10 minutes and the matter was sorted out quickly. Sumita felt relieved that her father had finished off the transactions the day before, otherwise these two men would have forced her father to sell their house. The two dangerous looking men could not do anything and they had to leave without uttering a word of defence.

**LITERATURE**

**4. Extract**

- a) It is dedicated to the poet's beloved.
- b) Lucy
- c) The poet has used rocks, stones and trees to show the diurnal course of the earth. The poet refers them in the context that they are the integral parts of the earth's daily rotation. They have no effect of anything over them.

### 5. Extract

- a) a criminal
- b) Ans. Collect more information about Gerrard.
- c) Gerrard told intruder that as a child he had been stolen by the gypsies and that is why he was living alone in the cottage.

### 6. Answer the following questions in 40-50 words each.

- a) The author saw two monkeys fighting and chasing each other, a corpse was being cremated, washerwomen at work, children bathing on the bank and he even saw withered flowers being dropped from a balcony in the river Bagmati.
- b) Maria Sharapova was a patriot. She says that though America has played a major role in her life yet she is proud to be a Russian. She says that she holds the Russian citizenship and her blood is totally Russian. She is ready to play the Olympics for Russia if they would invite her to play.
- c) The Earth unites us in many beautiful ways. We eat and drink the things that grow on the Earth. It is the earth we walk and play on and after our lives come to an end, we will all lie hidden inside it according to our destiny.
- d) After the fire broke out in the author's house, he and his mother ran out into the front yard. The house was completely burnt down. There was no trace of his cat. The author thought that it had been killed in the fire and therefore broke down in tears.

### 7. Answer any ONE of the following questions in 100-120 words.

Ans. The poet has expressed his ideas about killing a tree. He has described so many ways how to cut trees but it can never be proved to be a justified way of cutting the trees as it shows our selfish motives. But the theme of the poem is killing trees as the poet wants to convey the idea behind cutting the trees. He gives the message that we have clinical method through which we can cut trees but even then, there remains contemptible act underlying in it. The poet is not in favour of cutting trees but it is his ironical way to give expression to his thought. He is familiar with this fact that people know the utility of the trees and harms of cutting them even then, they cut trees. That is why he has employed this contrasting method of cutting trees so that people may understand his taunts and may reduce cutting or killing trees.

**OR**

All the three factors played an important role in saving Johnsy's life. If Sue wouldn't have given proper attention to Johnsy by taking care of her, giving medicines on time and boosting her up, she wouldn't have survived. Behrman's masterpiece, painting of the ivy leaf on the wall wouldn't have made Johnsy realise that how depressing and gloomy she had become as she had entirely depended on the leaf. It was because of the masterpiece that Johnsy's attitude towards life changed.