

	BCM SCHOOL, BASANT AVENUE, DUGRI ROAD, LUDHIANA ASSIGNMENT 1 CLASS – IX SUBJECT – ENGLISH	
	SECTION A- READING	
1	Read the given passage and answer the questions.	
	<p>1. Have you ever thought about how you view your own intelligence and abilities? According to Stanford psychologist Carol Dweck, our beliefs about our own potential profoundly shape our lives. She identifies two core mind-sets: a ‘fixed mind-set’ and a ‘growth mind-set’. A fixed mind-set is the belief that qualities like intelligence or talent are static, inborn traits that cannot be changed. In contrast, a growth mind-set is the belief that abilities can be developed and strengthened through dedication, hard work, and learning.</p> <p>2. Individuals with a fixed mind-set tend to avoid challenges, as they see them as risks that might expose their perceived lack of ability. When they encounter an obstacle, they are more likely to give up easily, believing that if they are not good at something immediately, they will never be. For them, effort is a negative sign; they think that if you need to work hard, you must not be smart. They often feel threatened by the success of others and ignore useful negative feedback.</p> <p>3. On the other hand, those with a growth mind-set thrive on challenges, viewing them as exciting opportunities for self-improvement. They understand that failure is not a sign of unintelligence but a natural part of the learning process. They persist in the face of setbacks, believing that effort is the path to mastery. They learn from criticism and find lessons and inspiration in the success of others.</p> <p>4. One of the most powerful tools for cultivating a growth mind-set is the simple power of the word “yet.” When a student with a fixed mind-set says, “I can’t solve this maths problem,” they are stating a permanent condition. But by adding “yet” – “I can’t solve this math problem yet” – the statement transforms. It implies that with more time, effort, or a different strategy, a solution is possible. This small linguistic shift reframes failure as a temporary state on the journey towards success.</p> <p>5. This concept is not just applicable to academics. Whether it’s learning to play a musical instrument, mastering a new sport, or navigating social relationships, a growth mind-set is crucial. It allows us to embrace the learning process, with all its ups and downs, and encourages the resilience needed to achieve long-term goals.</p> <p>6. Ultimately, the mind-set we adopt is a choice. It is not about denying our current weaknesses but about understanding that our potential is not a predetermined limit. By choosing to cultivate a growth mind set, we empower ourselves to learn, grow, and unlock our true capabilities throughout our entire lives.</p>	
	<p>Answer the following questions, based on the above passage:</p> <p>i. What is the fundamental difference between a fixed and a growth mind set?</p> <p>(a) Growth mind-sets possess more natural intelligence.</p> <p>(b) Fixed mind-sets believe abilities are unchangeable.</p> <p>(c) Fixed mind-sets never achieve any form of success.</p>	

	<p>(d) Growth mind-sets ignore the reality of all failure.</p> <p>ii. Contrast the way individuals with fixed and growth mind-sets perceive the concept of “effort.”</p> <p>iii. Based on the passage, how does a person with a growth mind-set respond to the success of others?</p> <p>I. They feel deeply threatened by it. II. They find inspiration in the success. III. They ignore the success of others. IV. They find lessons within that success.</p> <p>Choose the correct option:</p> <p>(a) I and III only (b) II and IV only (c) I and II only (d) III and IV only</p> <p>iv. The author introduces the power of the word “yet” as a tool to:</p> <p>(a) Finalise a negative conclusion (b) Reframe a permanent failure (c) Make excuses for any inability (d) Show that a task is impossible</p> <p>v. Explain the linguistic shift caused by adding the word “yet” to a negative statement and how it impacts a student’s perspective.</p> <p>vi. The word ‘cultivating’ in paragraph 6 most nearly means:</p> <p>(a) Neglecting (b) Developing (c) Concealing (d) Finalising</p> <p>vii. Complete the following analogy based on the passage: Fixed Mind-set : Static Traits :: Growth Mind set : _____</p> <p>viii. State whether the following statement is True or False: According to the passage, a person with a growth mind-set is often threatened by the success of others.</p> <p>ix. Complete the following sentence: The psychologist credited with developing the theory of the two mind-sets is_____.</p> <p>x. How does a growth mind-set apply to learning a new skill, such as playing a musical instrument?</p>	
SECTION B- WRITING		
2.	As librarian of Crescent International School, Gwalior, draft a notice in not more than 50 words asking all students and teachers to return the library books they have borrowed, two days before the commencement of the examination.	
3.	You are Amit/Amita, a student living at 12, Rajpur Road, Civil Lines, New Delhi. With the onset of the wedding and festival season, the residents of your locality are suffering from sleepless nights due to the loud music from nearby banquet halls and late-night processions. This is severely affecting your preparation for the upcoming final exams. Write a letter to the Editor of The Hindustan Times drawing attention to the violation of noise pollution norms.	
SECTION C- GRAMMAR		
4.	<p>Do as directed.</p> <p>a).Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option .</p> <p>I.We have exciting news to share! Our school _____ first place in the regional science fair.</p> <p>(a) awarded (b) was awarded (c) had awarded (d) has been awarded</p>	

II. The morning dew captures your essence, the flowers and grass ____ your colour, the Sunrise embraces your arrival, as the dawn welcomes a new day.

(a) reflect

(b) reflects

(c) reflected

(d) shall reflect

b). Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction.

I. The father divided his property among his three sons lest they will quarrel afterwards.

II. I remember my promise. I would help you in the hour of your need.

C). Fill in the blank with suitable determiner.

Could you bring me ____ books I left in the garden?