

## SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT – II (2015-2016) ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE Class - X

Time: 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 70

### Instructions :

The question paper is divided into three sections.

Section A	:	Reading	20 marks
Section B	:	Writing and Grammar	25 marks
Section C	:	Literature	25 marks

### SECTION A : READING (Reading : 20 Marks)

1 Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

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California pitcher plant, cobra lily is a species of carnivorous plant, This plant is designated as uncommon due to its rarity in the field. The name "cobra lily" comes from the resemblance of its tubular leaves to a rearing cobra, complete with a forked leaf-ranging from yellow to purplish-green- that resemble fangs or a serpent's tongue. The small entrance to the trap underneath the swollen 'balloon', and the colourless patches that confuse prey trapped inside. The cobra lily is able to survive fire by regenerating from its roots, but despite this important role the roots are very delicate organs. The cobra lily is unique among the three species of American pitcher plants. It does not trap rainwater in its pitcher. Instead, it regulates the level of water inside physiologically by releasing or absorbing water into the trap that has been pumped up from the roots. Recent studies have indicated that *Darlingtonia* secretes at least one enzyme that digests the captured prey. The cells that absorb nutrients from the inside of the pitcher are the same as those on the roots that absorb soil nutrients. This species carefully hides the tiny exit hole from trapped insects by curling it underneath and offering multiple translucent false exits. Upon trying many times to leave via the false exits, the insect will tire and fall down into the trap. The slippery walls and hair prevent the trapped prey from escaping. A remaining mystery surrounding the cobra lily is its means of pollination. Its flower is unusually shaped and complex. The flower is yellowish purple in color and grows on a stalk with a length similar to that of the stalk. While pollinator has not yet been observed in action, it is generally expected that the pollination is either a fly attracted to the flower's unpleasant smell or some nocturnal insect, as no extensive study has been performed to observe potential nighttime pollinators.

This plant has gained the Royal Horticultural Society's Award of Garden Merit.

- What makes cobra lily unique in its genre ?
- How did the plant get its name ?
- How does it catch its prey ?
- Is the plant capable of surviving fire ? How ?
- What makes the plant unique among its genre ?
- How does it force its prey into the trap ?
- What is the mystery surrounding the Cobra Lily ?
- How is this plant honoured ?

Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

## Should hand pulled rickshaws be banned in Kolkata

- (1) Hand-pulled rickshaws came to India most likely from China during the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Kolkata is the only city in India, and one of the few around the world where hand-pulled rickshaws are still operating. Most of people who pull rickshaws are from the neighbouring states and belong to uneducated and poor families. Most sleep, eat and live on the city's crowded pavements.
- (2) In most cases they do not own the vehicles, but pay a sizeable portion of their earnings to hire them. According to the available statistics, there are 6500 registered, and a few more thousands unregistered, hand-pulled rickshaws on the streets of Kolkata. In 2006 the Government of West Bengal proposed a ban on the hand-pulled rickshaw because the sight of barefoot humans pulling other humans around the city was bad for Calcutta's image.
- (3) Kolkata's emblematic two-wheeled contraption has been a long-standing symbol of oppression and has often been used to depict wretchedness, but despite the negative portrayal in films and literature, even as the city has changed its skyline, the rickshaw has continued to trundle along the lanes. "There is a large number of hand-pulled rickshaws in Kolkata," says Alapan Bandyopadhyay, principal secretary in the transport department. "At last count, we found around 2,000 still plying on the streets." He says that the government has recently held talks with representatives of the rickshaw pullers' union and has sought a detailed report on the individuals who would benefit from the government's new scheme. "In the recently concluded Bengal Global Business Summit, we held discussions with a company named Kinetic on new rickshaw models, and it looks interested. It has asked us to suggest viable models. We are looking at interesting ones," he says.
- (4) Though the rickshaws have symbolised the worst in human oppression, the pullers insist that people have always considered them the preferred mode of conveyance, especially during emergencies and for the older people. In streets that are perennially crammed with heavy traffic, these contraptions prove a godsend during medical emergencies. "Yesterday, I ferried an 80-year-old woman who was running very high fever to her daughter's residence," says Yadav. There's also the infamous chaos of Kolkata streets during the rainy season. With most of the arterial roads in knee-deep water, even people opposed to this outdated mode of travel are forced to rely on them when cars are unable to cope with the deluge.
- (5) With the government's proposal to phase out the manual rickshaw, a part of the city's history, rather a part of its colonial vestige, will be deleted forever. Yet for a city that is desperately trying to grab on to the idea of a better, new world, it would have to take human development into account. However, while there is no denying the inhuman nature of a rickshaw puller's job, the men need to be assured of a livelihood once their current means is denied to them.
  - (a) When and from where did the hand-pulled rickshaws originate ?
  - (b) How do these rickshaws prove beneficial during the rainy season ?
  - (c) How many registered and unregistered rickshaws are found in Kolkata as per the statistics mentioned in the passage ?
  - (d) Why did the government propose a ban on these rickshaws in 2006 ?
  - (e) What is meant by 'uneducated' (Para 1) as used in the passage ?

- (i) unskilled (ii) illiterate  
 (iii) weak (iv) incapable
- (f) 'depict' (Para 3) can be best replaced by the word :  
 (i) delve (ii) portray  
 (iii) peep (iv) shameful
- (g) The synonym of the word 'sizeable' (Para 2) can be :  
 (i) major (ii) common  
 (iii) of small size (iv) meager
- (h) 'viable' (Para 3) means :  
 (i) practical (ii) friendly  
 (iii) economic (iv) amazing

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### SECTION B : WRITING AND GRAMMAR (25 Marks)

- 3 In 100-120 words, write a letter to the editor of 'The Daily Express', expressing your views and recalling ideas from the MCB unit 'Environment' on the given subject : 5  
**There are many ways by which we can reduce pollution; recycling, reusing, waste minimization, etc. We must start doing them before it is too late.**
- 4 Develop a story in 150-200 words on the basis of the following hints : 10  
 My new play station..... busy playing Call Of Duty. I was almost inside the game and then there was a pat on my back.....
- 5 Read the following passage. Fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones given below. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. Do not copy the whole passage. 3  
 Read the life stories of real persons and you will (a) \_\_\_\_\_ that they had a dream and turned it (b) \_\_\_\_\_ a reality. When the Wright Brothers thought of a machine that could fly, people made fun of them and (c) \_\_\_\_\_ it was impossible. But Wright Brothers did not give up.
- (a) (i) found (ii) find  
 (iii) founded (iv) finds
- (b) (i) into (ii) in  
 (iii) as (iv) for
- (c) (i) say (ii) said  
 (iii) told (iv) asked
- 6 The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line against which a blank has been given. Write the error and correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. Remember to underline the word that you have supplied. 4
- |                                       | Error     | Correction |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| We live in an information age,        | (a) _____ | _____      |
| here technology is God with modern.   | (b) _____ | _____      |
| science of God's agent in all         | (c) _____ | _____      |
| matters, fact have becomes our idles. | (d) _____ | _____      |
- 7 Read the conversation given below and complete the passage that follows: 3

Max : I have a brother. He is bigger than you.  
Girish : Go get your brother and I will teach him a thing or two.  
Max : I will call my brother. He is very strong.  
Max told Girish that (a) \_\_\_\_\_ and that he was bigger than him. Girish asked Max to go and get his brother and further added that (b) \_\_\_\_\_. Max then said that (c) \_\_\_\_\_ and added that he was very strong.

**SECTION C : LITERATURE (25 Marks)**

Read one of the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow:-

- 3 Most high, most mighty, and most puissant Caesar, 3  
Metellus Cimber throws before thy seat  
An humble heart,--  
(i) Why does Cimber refer to him in the manner ?  
(ii) What effect does it have on Caesar ?  
(iii) What does 'puissant' mean ?

OR

'My hero !' she squealed. 'Take me away from all this.' Behind me I could hear the dragon 3  
roaring. 'Rescue me now,' the princess said urgently.  
'Never mind her,' came a voice, and a second knight appeared from the wardrobe 'It's me  
who needs rescuing.'  
(a) What is the name of the game being played ?  
(b) Who is the second knight ?  
(c) What does 'knight' refer to ?

Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each.

- 9a How does Caesar remain 'constant' against the pleas of Metellus Cimber ? How does it cost 2  
him dearly ?  
9b What is so significant of the feat of Lupercal which comes to the rescue of Caesar's dignity 2  
after his death ?  
9c Why didn't the snake wait to thank the poet after drinking water ? 2  
9d Where does John Hallock's mind begin to wander off when he's not able to write ? 2

Answer one of the following questions in about 80-100 words:

- 10 The rich and powerful cannot be immortalized in statues and monuments but acts of kindness 4  
leave behind a legacy. Elucidate with reference to the poem 'Ozymandias'.

OR

Hard work never goes unrewarded. Elucidate with reference to the lesson "Patol Babu". 4

Answer one of the following questions in about 150-200 words:

What did Anne and Mrs. Van Daan think about each other? 1

OR

Attempt a character sketch of Franz Liszt. 1

OR

What was Helen's friends' role in her learning? Helen was lucky to have a very co-operative and supportive faculty at Cambridge School. Elucidate citing examples from the text. 1

OR

Give a brief character sketch of Arthur Gilman. 1

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