

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

Time: 3 hours

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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 following passage carefully :

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Coorg is the heart of India's coffee country. (Coffee is the world's most heavily traded commodity after crude oil.) Coorg *boasts* of a land area four times larger than Hong Kong and seven times the area of Singapore. Most of it is under tree cover because unlike tea plants, the coffee bush *requires* shade.

② India is acknowledged as the producer of the finest mild coffees. Coorg and the neighbouring Chickmangalur districts in Karnataka have *consistently* produced and exported high quality coffee for over 150 years. The coffee *output* of these two districts accounts for 70 per cent of the total coffee produced in the country. (Coorg coffee is valued for its blue colour, clean beans and fine liquoring qualities and hence is in great demand in the international markets.)

③ (In March and April, the coffee blossom time in Coorg, when blossoms transform into berries, the bushes are *cropped*. The cherry-red fruit is then *pulped*; the seeds separated, dried and sent for *curing*.) (Coorg or Kodagu is the district which is one of the largest producers of *pepper, cardamom* and honey in the world.)

Not much is known about the early history of Coorg. Recorded history is available only from 1600 A.D. onwards when Kodava Rajas ruled over the region and established their capital at Mercara by constructing a mud-walled fort. The *martial* Kodavas troubled Hyder Ali and his son Tipu Sultan, who ruled the Mysore region in the 18th century, by way of sporadic rebellions. But in 1785, Tipu's large army marched into Kodagu and devastated the kingdom. Fourteen years later, with the help of the British, who defeated Tipu Sultan following the historic siege of Srirangapatana in 1799, Coorg regained independence and under the leadership of Raja Veerarajendra rebuilt the capital. Later in 1834, the British exiled its ruler Chikkaveera Rajendra and *assumed administrative charge* of the district. (The British left India in 1947) (leaving behind a legacy of coffee plantations, colonial buildings and well-planned road networks.)

On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions briefly.

1. Name the world's most heavily traded commodities.

2. Where in the world is the finest coffee produced ?
3. What is Karnataka famous for over hundreds of years ?
4. What makes Coorg internationally popular ?
5. Describe the month of March and April in Coorg.
6. What is Kodagu famous for ?
7. When did the British leave India ?
8. What are the parting gifts left by Britishers ?

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

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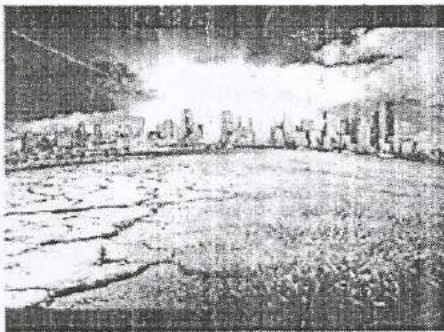
Music helps to distress ? **ABHISHEK**

- (1) Music can have a profound effect on both the emotions and the body. Faster music can make you feel more alert and concentrate better. Upbeat music can make you feel more optimistic and positive about life. (A slower tempo can quiet your mind and relax your muscles, making you feel soothed while releasing the stress of the day.) Music is effective for relaxation and stress management.
- (2) Research confirms these personal experiences with music. Current findings indicate that music around 60 beats per minute can cause the brain to synchronize with the beat causing alpha brainwaves (frequencies from 8-14 hertz or cycles per second). (This alpha brainwave is what is present when we are relaxed and conscious. to induce sleep) (a delta brainwave of 5 hertz), a person may need to devote at least 45 minutes, in a relaxed position, listening to calming music.) Researchers at Stanford University (press release 2006) have said that "listening to music seems to be able to change brain functioning to the same extent as medication." They noted that music is something that almost anybody can access and makes it an easy stress reduction tool.
- (3) So what type of music reduces stress the best? (A bit surprising is that Native American, Celtic, Indian stringed-instruments, drums, and flutes are very effective at relaxing the mind even when played moderately loud.) Sounds of rain, thunder, and nature sounds may also be relaxing particularly when mixed with other music, such as light jazz, classical (the "largo" movement), and easy listening music. Since with music we are rarely told the beats per minute, how do you choose the relaxation music that is best for you? The answer partly rests with you: You must first like the music being played, and then it must relax you. You could start by simply exploring the music on the web. Some may relax you, some may not. Forcing yourself to listen to relaxation music that irritates you can create tension, not reduce it. If that happens, try looking for alternatives on the internet or consult with Counseling Service staff for other musical suggestions. It is important to remember that quieting your mind does not mean you will automatically feel sleepy. (It means your brain and body are relaxed, and with your new calm self, you can then function at your best in many activities.)
 - (a) What is the effect of slow music on a person ?
 - (b) What are alpha brainwaves ?
 - (c) According to research, what type of music reduces stress the best ?
 - (d) What is meant by quieting your mind ?
 - (e) Which of this is not a synonym of 'profound' (as used in para 1)

(i) deep	(ii) intense
(iii) insightful	(iv) apprehension
 - (f) The word that can best replace the word 'indicates' as used in (para 2) is _____.

- (i) shows (ii) teaches
 (iii) reveals (iv) analyses
 (g) Which word used in (para 3) is an antonym of 'increases' ?
 (i) reduces (ii) shortens
 (iii) heightens (iv) elevates
 (h) 'Upbeat music' as used in (para 1) means : _____
 (i) fast music (ii) buoyant music
 (iii) rock music (iv) sad music

SECTION B : WRITING AND GRAMMAR (25 Marks)



Write a letter to the editor of a national daily in about 100-120 words expressing views on the topic- 'Our future depends on our present actions', taking ideas from the MCB unit 'Environment'.

Using the hints given below develop a story in 150-200 words :
 These days I enjoy being alone. It seems someone listens to me in this new house, especially from behind the mirror. My father had brought this mirror from an auction. One day I heard.....

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.
 We are often discouraged by others not to dream. People say dreamers are (a) _____ in their own world and don't do anything worthwhile. They are right (b) _____ but to a certain extent only. A person, who only dreams and (c) _____ not do anything to fulfill them, will be called a failure in life.

- (a) (i) lose (ii) loss (iii) ~~lost~~ (iv) loose
 (b) (i) and (ii) but
 (iii) or (iv) ~~also~~
 (c) (i) ~~does~~ (ii) did (iii) done (iv) do

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.

It is generally ~~generably~~ not a strongest of the species those survives, nor the who Error Correction
 (a) _____
 (b) _____

most intelligent ^{but} and the one who
is the most responsive ^{to} at change.

- (c) _____
(d) _____

7 Look at the words/phrases given below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences as given in the example 3

Example : a/house/home/becomes/love/with/a

A house becomes a home with love.

- (a) love/parents/always/their/children
(b) also/reciprocate/they/manner/in/the/same
(c) love/care/and/a/is/take/give/and/process

SECTION C : LITERATURE (25 Marks)

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

✓ 8 'What are you saying, Grandpa? You think that's nothing? Why this is a regular speaking part?' 3

- ✓ (a) What does 'That's nothing' mean?
✓ (b) Who is Grandpa and why is he called so?
✓ (c) What is the speaker trying to convey?

OR

The wedding-guest he beat his breast,
Yet he cannot choose but hear :
And thus spake on that ancient man,
The bright-eyed Mariner.

- (a) Why did the wedding-guest beat his breast?
(b) Why was the wedding-guest forced to hear the mariner?
(c) What does 'ancient' mean?

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

✓ 9a Why does Decius Brutus interpret Calpurnia's dream the way he does? 2

9b How did Caesar respond to Cassius's plea to forgive Publius Cimber? 2

9c How does the snake appear to be harmless? 2

✓ 9d To what extent do you agree with the narrator calling the assembly of women "manipulators"? Support your answer with reasons. 2

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

✓ 10 Antony was Caesar's best and most trusted friend. Express your views in the form of an article on 'True friends are a blessing'. 4

OR

Getting motivated by Patol Babu's story, you decide to write a letter to your sister telling her about the value of putting in one's best in everything one does, be it at work, home or play because the quality of one's work is a measure of the quality of the person himself. Write the letter in 80-100 words. 4

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

✓ 11 What were Anne's views about the futility of War? What did she express about the life and times during the war? 10

OR

Do you think that Otto Frank had a strong character and was clearly the head of the Frank household? Express your views briefly. 10

OR

How did Mr. Irons help Helen? 10

OR

✓ Helen possessed fine traits of personality. Attempt a character sketch of Helen Keller. 10

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