



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

Date: 18/3/16  
 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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Waste collectors around India work silently, often late into the night, sorting out mountains of waste, foraging for anything that can be sold. If you walk down some streets of central Mumbai after 11 at night, you will see an army of waste collectors. Men, women, and children are hard at work. They work through the night and finally manage to get some sleep on the door steps of the shops on the streets. By daylight they become invisible, having kept their belongings in boxes behind the signs of the shops on whose doorsteps they sleep. These are the people of the night, not noticed by those who inhabit the areas in the day.

What is often not entirely appreciated is that a large percentage of waste collectors are women. While women and children do the more dangerous job of sorting and separating the waste, men deal with the dry garbage, which they transport to wholesalers and factories. As a result, it is the women who are exposed to the dangerous waste - none of them wear any kind of protective gear - and also face the physical problems of constantly bending and carrying headloads of the waste. Look at any group of waste collectors and you will spot the bent old women who have been performing this function for decades. In the slums of Mumbai, waste collectors experience the most acute degree of homelessness. While poor people in other kinds of jobs somehow manage to find some shelter in a slum, irrespective of whether it is legal or illegal, waste collectors sleep next to the garbage they have sorted. This is their "wealth", something they have to protect after they have collected and sorted it until they can monetise it. Hence, near many garbage dumps, even the better off localities of cities like Mumbai, you see families of waste pickers asleep in the morning.

Millions of waste pickers in India, who play a crucial role in dealing with the perennial environmental crisis of waste, risk their lives and their health every single day. This is an ongoing environmental issue that requires as much attention from ordinary people, the media and policy makers as the larger macro issues.

- (a) Why are common people not bothered about the waste collectors ?
- (b) Why do waste collectors become invisible during daylight ?
- (c) Among the waste collectors which group is more exposed to health risks ?
- (d) Most of the old women waste collectors have bent backs. What does this show ?
- (e) Why are the waste collectors homeless ?
- (f) This is their "wealth", Which wealth is referred to here ? Why is it called their wealth?
- (g) Why are the waste collectors called silent environmentalists ?
- (h) How can we bring about a change in the life of the waste collectors ?



Read the passage given below :

High-altitude climbing is still a very dangerous task in spite of the availability of oxygen masks and other protective equipments, which modern climbers take with them. These, of course, are indispensable accessories of climbing, but more important than these is the stamina of the climber, which ultimately determines the success of his attempt. Throughout his journey, death is his constant companion, which he can keep at a distance only with his superb presence of mind. He has to tread every inch of the ground with utmost care, for a false step may not only strike him a fatal blow, but also bring disaster to the whole expedition. That is why all expeditions invariably take with them local guides who are experienced climbers and who have a thorough knowledge of the nature of the terrain.

The primary objective of a mountaineering expedition is to get to the top of a high mountain, which, in the past has withstood all attempts to conquer it. But it should not be presumed that the expedition is a complete failure if it does not reach its destination. Sometimes operations are temporarily suspended because of bad weather, loss of some valuable equipment or the sudden death of a very important member of the party. Every big expedition takes with it men who are interested in various branches of science, and these men carry with them equipment for recording their observations concerning the weather, the terrain, and different forms of life in higher altitudes. Other scientists, explorers and expeditionists utilize the fruits of their observations. The British Expedition led by Colonel Hunt would have found their way to Everest much more difficult had not earlier expeditions armed them with useful knowledge about the death-dealing weather which they had to encounter in the vicinity of the summit.

To ordinary people, mountaineering need not to be a fearful journey in the land of snowstorms, where the brave adventurer is always face to face with death. They can scale less ambitious heights, rest their weary limbs under a quiet shelter and feast their eyes in the distant landscape.

**2.1 On the basis of your reading of the above passage answer the following questions briefly. (2x4)**

- (a) What finally determines the success of a climber ?
- (b) What precautions should the climbers take during their journey? (Mention any two).
- (c) Under what circumstances can the expedition be called off temporarily ?
- (d) How is an ordinary mountaineer's experience different from that of a regular expedition ?

**2.2 Answer each of the following questions by choosing the most appropriate option: (1x4)**

- (a) What does the phrase, 'fatal blow' mean ? (para 1)
  - (i) serious thought
  - (ii) capable of causing death
  - (iii) seriously ill
  - (iv) accident
- (b) Pick out the word from the following which means 'indispensable', (para 1)
 

(i) crucial	(ii) valuable
(iii) memorable	(iv) unstable
- (c) Find the word from the following which is the synonym of 'suspended', (para 2)
 

(i) armed	(ii) handing
(iii) weary	(iv) postponed
- (d) What is the antonym of 'ambitious' ? (para 3)
 

(i) striving	(ii) unmotivated
(iii) pushy	(iv) go-getting

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



Share your views and recalling ideas from the MCB unit 'Environment', write a letter to the editor of a local newspaper in about 100-120 words on the topic "Environment is our Best Friend, which is now Getting Polluted. It is in our Hands to Protect our Friend."

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*Mu* Water is essential for life. Every drop counts. Resources are depleting, they are not incessant. Develop a story in about 150-200 words with a title on the given theme.

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.

Two friends were walking (a) \_\_\_\_\_ a desert. During some point of the journey they had an argument, and one friend slapped the (b) \_\_\_\_\_ one on the face. The one who got slapped was hurt, but without saying anything is (c) \_\_\_\_\_ in the sand.

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|-----|-------|---------|------|---------|
| (a) | (i)   | from    | (ii) | above   |
|     | (iii) | through | (iv) | by      |
| (b) | (i)   | another | (ii) | either  |
|     | (iii) | neither | (iv) | other   |
|     | (i)   | wrote   | (ii) | writer  |
|     | (iii) | write   | (iv) | written |

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.

Error Correction

Online shopping was launched on May 1984 (a) \_\_\_\_\_  
 with a 72 year old use her television (b) \_\_\_\_\_  
 to shop online to home seven years (c) \_\_\_\_\_  
 after the internet was commercially available. (d) \_\_\_\_\_

7 Read the conversation given below and complete the passage that follows: 3

Waiter - What would you like to have, sir?

Customer - A coffee.

Waiter - Which coffee do you like, cold or hot?

The waiter asked the customer (a) \_\_\_\_\_. The customer replied that (b) \_\_\_\_\_. The waiter further (c) \_\_\_\_\_ cold or hot.

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

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

- 8 Go bid the priest do present sacrifice and bring me their opinions of success. 3  
 (i) What does the word 'bid' mean here ?  
 (ii) Why does he say so ?  
 (iii) What does this tell you about the speaker ?  
 OR
- And yet those voices : 3  
 If you were not afraid, you would kill him!  
 (a) What does 'those voices' mean ?  
 (b) What does the 'voice' prompt the poet to do ?  
 (c) Why did he hesitate to kill the snake ?
- Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each.
- 9a Why does Caesar insist on going out to the Senate ? Which aspect of Caesar's character is revealed by his action ? 2
- 9b How does Antony use Caesar's cloak to manipulate the emotions of the crowd ? 2
- 9c What message does the poet convey through the poem, 'Ozymandias' ? 2
- 9d What is Patol Babu's impression of the people of today ? 2
- Answer one of the following questions in about 80-100 words:
- 10 The poem "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner" is based on the concept of sin and regeneration. Justify. 4
- OR
- Do you think computer games like the ones Shultz and Michael play can be used to teach or inculcate any positive values among children ? Give reasons in support of your answer in 80-100 words. 4
- Answer one of the following questions in about 150-200 words:
- 11 Why did Dussel get angry with Mr. Van Daan ? 10
- OR
- Describe the character of Peter Van Dan. 10
- OR
- How did the story, 'The Frost King' create a problem in Helen's life ? 10
- OR
- Attempt a character sketch of Mildred Keller. 10