

SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT - I (2016-17)

ENGLISH (L&L)

Class - X

Maximum Marks: 70

Time: 3 hours

Instructions :

The question paper is divided into Three sections.

Section A	:	Reading	20 marks
Section B	:	Writing & Grammar	25 marks
Section C	:	Literature & Long Reading Text	25 marks

SECTION A (READING :20 marks)

- 1 Read the passage given below and answer the questions / complete the sentences that follow : 8
1x8=8

Aesop prawns start life as colourless, almost transparent infants who drift with the tide. On reaching maturity, they drift inshore, reach out to grasp the first passing seaweed and, once established upon it, they proceed to colour themselves to blend with it. After a week, their colouring is complete and they are safe from the closest scrutiny. Should disaster strike and their chosen home be destroyed, they first try to find a new home with the same colour scheme as the first. If this proves impossible, they philosophically settle for a different coloured home and restart their own colouring process. A week zips past - and they change colour to merge beautifully with their new homes once again.

Aside from taking on the colour of their homes, Aesop prawns also take on the colours of the day. Regularly at nightfall, they change to a deep transparent blue, reverting to their chosen house-colour as the sea lightens at dawn.

What are these amazing disguise kits? How do Aesop prawns paint themselves? Interestingly, the decision to adopt a particular colour is in no way an act of will on the part of the prawn. Scattered over its body surface are small pigment cells, each containing a central bag of colours - a reservoir of primary pigments: red, yellow and blue - with five branches extending from it. These pigment cells are influenced by the light that falls directly on them or enters through the prawn's eyes. Different coloured lights activate the hormones that control the flow of pigments, causing them sometimes to flood the intricate network of branches, sometimes to scurry back to the central bag depending on the colour required.

To make the animal red, for instance, only red pigments occupy the branches. When a green camouflage is required, the red is withdrawn to allow a free flow of a blue yellow mixture. And after dark, red and yellow are withdrawn to make way for the nocturnal blue 'night suit' of the Aesop prawn; a system that provides the animal, at all times, with an enviable cloak of invisibility.

- The Aesop prawns start their life as _____ infants.
- It is difficult to spy Aesop prawns as _____ the seaweeds.
- It takes the prawns a _____ to merge with their new homes.
- What makes for the blue 'night suit' of the Aesop prawn ?
- The _____ are influenced by the light that falls directly on them
- To make the animal red _____ occupy the branches.
- The word from the passage which means 'active at night' is _____.

2 (h) The word 'desirable' means _____.

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Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: (2x4)+(1x4)=12

The story of the Asian elephant once highly revered and domesticated for work and warfare is far from happy. Far from the estimated population of hundreds of thousands of elephants centuries ago, according to the World Wildlife Fund for Nature, it's estimated that between 25,000 and 32,000 Asian elephants are now left in the wild. Since 1986, the Asian elephant has been listed as endangered by the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN).

Today in Thailand, according to Boon Lott's Elephant Sanctuary (BLES), their numbers are between 3,500 to 5,000 and currently 'the notion of extinction is no longer just a concern; it's the new reality'.

In 1989, the tradition of using elephants in industry ended, mainly due to irresponsible over-logging. The collapse of the industry created huge problems for the mahouts who had to find a way to pay for the care and upkeep of their elephants.

Elephants eat upto 200 kilograms a day and on hot days need about 200 litres of water. With the ban on logging, mahouts had to find other ways to support their huge charges. This is why mahouts began begging in the streets and turned to illegal logging and to tourism via trekking, rides or entertainment.

Along the Thai-Burma border illegal logging still occurs. It is a dangerous environment where landmines are still hidden, the risk of fines is always present and injury or death could be just around the corner. To get the most from the elephants, they are often given amphetamines to reduce their appetite and increase their work output. Not only does this take a horrific toll on the elephant, it cannot continue for long also and many elephants simply die of overwork and starvation.

The tourism industry may be a viable alternative but it can be a tricky one, because there is always a risk of exploitation when animals and commercialisation meet.

The Elephant Asia Rescue and Survival Foundation says, 'it believes responsible elephant tourism can help to save the elephants throughout Asia but only if the camps maintain the highest level of elephant care, food requirements, hygiene and environmental enrichment'.

- (a) Why did the industry stop using elephants?
- (b) What problems did it create for the mahouts?
- (c) Why is illegal logging dangerous along Thai-Burma border?
- (d) Why are some elephants given amphetamines?
- (e) What is meant by the word, 'revered'? (para 1)
 - (i) loaded
 - (ii) used
 - (iii) respected
 - (iv) killed
- (f) What is meant by the word, 'notion'? (para 2)
 - (i) idea
 - (ii) game
 - (iii) uproar
 - (iv) writing
- (g) Which word in para 3 meant the same as 'downfall'?
 - (i) upkeep
 - (ii) collapse
 - (iii) control
 - (iv) outcome
- (h) Find the word opposite in meaning to 'safe'. (para 5)
 - (i) hidden
 - (ii) output
 - (iii) dangerous
 - (iv) overwork

SECTION B (WRITING & GRAMMAR: 25 Marks)

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Write a letter to the Editor, Time in about 100-120 words expressing your views on the topic – *Pets – our true friends*-using the hints given below:

- Help us get rid of loneliness and boredom
- loyal, caring.

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Write a story in about 150 - 200 words which begins as the following :

When I was returning home from school, I got the shock of my life.

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Choose the most appropriate options from the ones given below to complete the following passage. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. Do not copy the whole passage.

In urban India the steadily bulging wallet has given (a) _____ to a certain kind of lifestyle that comes with several statutory health warnings. Hunting for food is no longer a strenuous activity _____ the _____ restaurants _____ that (b) _____ mushroomed in the cities (c) _____ a rich fare any time of the day or night.

- (a) (i) risen (ii) rise (iii) rose (iv) arose
 (b) (i) has (ii) had (iii) having (iv) have
 (c) (i) offered (ii) offer (iii) offers (iv) offering

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The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction against the correct number blank number in your answer sheet as given in the example.

	Incorrect	Correct
On the way back, one of his men fall into a coma. Soon, a blizzard hit them. Scott <u>is</u> left with <u>none</u> other alternative but to pitch his tent and <u>waiting</u> for the blizzard to pass. Unfortunately the blizzard <u>grown</u> fiercer.	e.g. fall (a) _____ (b) _____ (c) _____ (d) _____	fell <u>was</u> <u>no</u> <u>waited</u> <u>grew</u>

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Rearrange the words and phrases given below to form meaningful sentences. Write your answers in the answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. The first one has been done for you as an example.

- Eg. *The len/the retina/the normal/allows/to reach/light*
The lens allows the normal light to reach the retina.
- (a) it becomes/ we are/ to see/ when/ clearly/ opaque/ unable
 (b) cataract/ surgery/ medical/ advances/ very/ modern/ successful/ have made

(c) techniques/excellent/vision/new/in/most/surgical/can restore/cases.

SECTION C (LITERATURE & LONG READING TEXT: 25 Marks)

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

8 *It was this desire for the freedom of my people to live their lives with dignity and self-respect that animated my life that transformed a frightened young man into a bold one that drove a law-abiding attorney to become a criminal.* 3

- (i) What animated the narrator's/author's life?
- (ii) Find the antonym of 'dislike' in the given lines.
- (iii) How did 'he' become a criminal?

OR

This time he decided to try the stock of a theatrical company in the hope of finding not only clothes but also something that would hide the empty space above his shoulders. Shivering with cold he hurried to Drury Lane, the centre of the theatre world. 3

- (a) Who is 'he' in the above extract? What was his decision?
- (b) What was his main purpose?
- (c) What does the word 'shivering' mean?

Answer the following questions in about 30 - 40 words.

9a 'I take the risk.' What is the risk? Why does the narrator take it? What aspect of the narrator's character is shown here? 2

9b How does a tiger create terror among villagers? How should it be dealt with? 2

9c Describe the lady in red. (A Question of Trust) 2

9d How did Ausable show presence of mind to get rid of the intruder? 2

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

10 What are 'fire and ice' symbolic of in the poem? How does the poet very clearly depict conflict and insensitivity in life? 4

OR

Mrs. Hall found the scientist rather eccentric. How can he be helped to lead a normal life? 4 Highlight the values that can help him become a better person.

Answer one of the following questions in about 100-120 words.

11 The refusal to pray with the mother affected Anne's relationship with her parents. Did Anne repent her attitude? Elaborate. 10

OR

Misfortune brought a change in the thinking of the inmates of the Secret Annexe. How did it affect the basic character of even the simple ones? Prove it by giving examples from the diary. 10

OR

How did Helen spend her time with the pet presented by her teacher Miss Sullivan? What happened to the pet later on? 10

OR

Enumerate Mr. Anagnos's role in Helen's life, before and after "The Frost King" episode. 10

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