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**SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT – I (2015-16)**  
**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 & 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 that follow : (1x8) 8
- (1) Mother Teresa was a humanitarian. This means she did things to help out other people. Her entire life was devoted to helping the poor, the sick, the needy, and the helpless.
  - (2) Mother Teresa was born in Uskub, Ottoman Empire on August 26, 1910. This city is now called Skopje and is the capital of the Republic of Macedonia. Her birth name was Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu. Her father died when she was eight and she was raised by her mother. She was raised as a Roman Catholic and decided at a young age to devote her life to God. She joined the Sisters of Loreto at the age of 18 to become a missionary in India. She first had to learn English. So she went to Ireland to learn English at the Loreto Abby.
  - (3) A year later she started her missionary work in Darjeeling, India. She learned the local language, Bengali, and taught at the local school. She soon took her first vows as a nun and took the name, Teresa. She taught for many years in India, becoming the headmistress at a school in eastern Calcutta.
  - (4) When she was 36 years old, she felt the call from God to help the poor of India. She received some basic medical training and then set out to help the sick and the needy. This wasn't an easy task in 1948 India. She had very little support and, while trying to feed and help the poorest of the poor, she herself was constantly hungry and even had to beg for food.
  - (5) Soon other women joined her and she formed the Missionaries of Charity. Mother Teresa described the purpose of the Missionaries of Charity as an organization to take care of "the hungry, the naked, the homeless, the crippled, the blind, the lepers, all those people who feel unwanted, unloved and uncared for throughout society."
  - (6) It wasn't an easy task to build such an organization and to keep the focus on the poorest people. In 1979, Mother Teresa was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for work undertaken in the struggle to overcome poverty and distress, which also constitutes a threat to peace. She was beatified in 2003, the first step on the path to sainthood, within the Catholic church. She worked almost up until her death on September 5, 1997.
- (a) Why was Mother Teresa called a 'humanitarian' ?



- (b) When and where was Mother Teresa born ? P2  
 (c) Why did she go to Ireland ?  
 (d) When did Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu change her name to 'Teresa' ?  
 (e) When did she decide to help the poor in India ?  
 (f) What hardships did she face while helping the poor ?  
 (g) What is the purpose of the Missionaries of Charity according to Mother Teresa ?  
 (h) Why was Mother Teresa honoured with the Nobel Peace Prize ?

2 Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :  $(2 \times 4) + (1 \times 4) = 12$  12

Happiness is like the sun, it is often hidden by the clouds of thoughts, worries and desires. We have to scatter and dissolve them to experience happiness. You don't have to create happiness. All you have to do is calm your mind, because when there is a quiet mind and inner peace, there is happiness. Happiness is not something far away and unattainable. Happiness does not depend on circumstances, or objects. It is an inseparable part of our consciousness, of our essence, but hidden and covered from sight, by our thoughts, desires and worries. The mind is always in a constant race from one thought to another, from one worry to another. It constantly moves from one object or task to another, never standing still. This restlessness hides the happiness that is within you. It is like a choppy sea that hides the bottom. When the sea gets calm you can see the bottom. In the same way, when the mind gets quiet, you sense the happiness that is within you.

You cannot see a treasure at the bottom of a stormy and muddy lake, though it is there. However, when the wind stops, the water becomes still, and the mud sinks, you can see the treasure. The treasure is there, whether you see it or not. So is happiness. It is always here, only hidden by thoughts, desires and worries.

You can experience more and more happiness in your life. Only your thoughts stand in the way of experiencing it. Next time you feel happy, stop for a moment and watch the state of your mind. You will be surprised to discover that it is calm, and there are almost no thoughts in your mind. Since the mind is not accustomed to stay in this peaceful state for long, it soon becomes active again, and the sense of happiness disappears.

- (a) What is common between happiness and the sun ?  
 (b) How can we enjoy moments of happiness in our life ?  
 (c) How does the restlessness of our mind come in the way of our happiness ?  
 (d) How can we detect the treasure at the bottom of a stormy and muddy lake ?  
 (e) What is meant by the word, 'scatter' ? (Para 1)  
 (i) differentiate (ii) deviate  
 (iii) take (iv) disperse  
 (f) What is meant by the word, 'hidden' ? (Para 4)  
 (i) shown (ii) reviled  
 (iii) rewarded (iv) concealed  
 (g) What is the antonym of the word, 'unattainable' ? (Para 2)  
 (i) possible (ii) achievable  
 (iii) controllable (iv) rewarding  
 (h) What is the antonym of the word, 'sinks' ? (Para 4)  
 (i) flies (ii) lifts  
 (iii) emerges (iv) floats

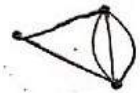


**SECTION B**  
**(WRITING & GRAMMAR: 25 Marks)**

3 Your school has an efficient system of rainwater harvesting. Write an article for your school magazine, in about 100-120 words, highlighting the advantages of the system. 5

4 Using the hints given below develop a story in about 150-200 words. 10

*Fictional characters come alive - David Copperfield meets Swaminathan - common discussion - hatred for school - loved to hang out with friends - bunked classes - emotional bonding due to loss of mother.*











5 Read the paragraph given below. Fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate words / phrases from the given options. 3

My deadline for that day's incredible, awe-inspiring column (a) \_\_\_\_\_ the Tribune was three hours away, and I was in a jam. I (b) \_\_\_\_\_ already tossed three ideas into the recycle bin and was staring at a blank screen again. The really tricky thing about (c) \_\_\_\_\_ a 'witty' column is that between Mark Twain, Oscar Wilde and Dorothy Parker, everything worth saying has already been said.

	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)
(a)	at	on	in	for
(b)	had	have	will have	am
(c)	drawing	creating	making	writing

6 The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the error and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. The first one has been done as an example. 4

The Gir National Park, also known by Gir Wildlife Sanctuary, is situated in the state of Gujarat. It was one among the major wildlife sanctuaries to north India. It was establishment on 18 September 1965, as a forest reserve primary to conserve the Asiatic Lion.

	Error	Correction
e.g.	by	as
(a)		
(b)		
(c)		
(d)		

7 Rearrange the following words/phrases to make meaningful sentences. 3

- (a) Kali/Ram's/prayers/sincere/heard/Mother
- (b) she/before him/in/appeared/glory/all her
- (c) was filled/he/when/saw her/he/with amazement

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

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

- 8 "We do many things, sir", Nicola answered seriously. He glanced at us hopefully. "Often we show visitors through the town " to Juliet's tomb and other places of interest." 3
- (a) To whom is Nicola speaking ?  
 (b) What many things do Nicola and his brother do ?  
 (c) What does the word, 'glanced' mean ?

OR

- 3
- And the foghorn of the frog  
 Blared unrivalled through the bog.*
- (a) What does the 'foghorn' refer to ?  
 (b) Which poetic device has been used here ?  
 (c) What does the word, 'unrivalled' mean ?

Answer the following questions in about 30 - 40 words.

- 9(i) What is your impression of the postmen and the postmaster in the story, "The Letter" ? 2
- 9(ii) Why has time been referred to as sluttish by Shakespeare in his sonnet, 'Not Marble, nor the Gilded Monuments' ? 2
- 9(iii) What are the three things that the grandfather planned to do on Monday ? 2
- 9(iv) Why was the grandfather so keen on changing his will ? 2

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

- 10 The story *Mrs. Packletide's Tiger* revolves around big time shooting. Though hunting is banned now-a-days, animals are still being hunted. Write an article for 'Earth Today' magazine voicing your concern over the killing of animals and its impact on the environment. 4





After reading the poem, *The Frog and the Nightingale* you are filled with compassion and sympathy for the nightingale. With reference to the poem describe how it was her timid and gullible nature that led to her downfall. 4

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

11. What restrictions had been imposed on the Jews by the Nazis in Holland? 10

OR



Write a detailed character-sketch of Bep. 10

OR

Had it not been for Helen's mother's wisdom, the long night would have lasted for ever, blocking all hope. Comment 10

OR

Give instances from 'Story of My Life' as to how nature can be regarded as a teacher. 10

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