

SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT – I (2015-16)
ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE

SDV Class - X

23.09.15

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 complete the sentences that follow : 1x8=8

A chimpanzee is one of the great apes and the nearest in intelligence to humans. Scientists have examined its mental capacities and sent it into space in anticipation of humans. Chimpanzees need little description. Being apes and not monkeys, they have no tails. Their arms are longer than their legs and they normally run on all fours. They can also walk upright with toes turned outwards. When erect they stand 3-5 ft high. The hair is long and coarse, black except for a white patch near the rump. The face, ears, hands and feet are bared and except for the black face, the flesh is coloured.

Chimpanzees exhibit great concern for each other. When chimpanzees meet after having been apart, they greet each other in a very human way by touching each other or even clasping hands. Chimpanzees have amazing social discipline. When a dominant male arrives, the rest of the chimpanzees hurry to pay respect to it. The dominant male is not allowed to wrest food from his inferiors. The members of a party also spend considerable amount of time grooming each other and themselves. Mothers go through the fur of their babies for any foreign particles, dirt, and ticks and they aid each other when they are injured.

Chimpanzees are the best tool users apart from humans. Sticks 2-3 ft long are picked off the ground or broken from branches and pushed into nests, then withdrawn and the honey or insects licked off. Stones are used to crack nuts or as missiles to drive humans and baboons away from its food. Chimpanzees are not only tool users but also toolmakers. They make their own rods by stripping the leaves off a twig or tear shreds off a grass stem. Baby chimpanzees learn all this by observing the older chimpanzees making and using them. So humans is not the only toolmakers, merely better at it than their relatives.

- Chimpanzees are as _____ humans.
- They greet each other by _____
- Like a human being, chimpanzees _____.
- Chimpanzees _____ tails.
- Baby chimpanzees learn _____.
- Chimpanzees have amazing _____
- The dominant male chimpanzee is not allowed _____.
- The word 'wrest' means _____.

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

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Justin was always prepared. His motto was, "Never throw anything out; you never know

when it might come in handy. "His bedroom was full of bent tennis rackets, deflated basketballs, and games with missing pieces. His parents pleaded with him to clean out his room.

"What use is a fish tank with a hole in the bottom?" his father asked. But Justin simply smiled and repeated his motto, "Never throw anything out, you never know when it might come in handy." When Justin was away from home, he always carried his blue backpack. He liked to think of it as a smaller version of his bedroom—a place to store the many objects that he collected. It was so worn and stretched that it hardly resembled a backpack anymore. It was full of the kind of things that seemed unimportant, but when used with a little imagination, might come in handy. Justin had earned a reputation for figuring things out and getting people out of otherwise hopeless situations. Many of his classmates and neighbours sought him out when they needed help with a problem. On the first day of school, his friend Kenny, came looking for Justin. "Do you think you have something in your bag that could help me remember my locker combination?" he asked. "I lost the scrap of paper it was written on. I have science class in two minutes and if I'm late on the first day, it'll make me look bad for the rest of the year." Kenny looked genuinely worried. "Relax," Justin said, taking his backpack off and unzipping the top. "Remember, how you borrowed my notebook in homeroom to write the combination down? Well, I know how we can recover what you wrote." He took the notebook and a soft lead pencil out of his bag. The page that Kenny had written on had left faint indentations on another page in the notebook. Justin held the pencil on its side and rubbed it lightly over the indentations. Slowly but surely, the numbers of the locker combination appeared in white, set off by the grey pencil rubbings.

- (a) Why was Justin's bedroom in a messy condition?
- (b) What was the idea behind Justin's motto?
- (c) In what sense was Justin's backpack a smaller version of his bedroom?
- (d) How did Justin help Kenny get out of his difficulty?
- (e) What is meant by the word, 'handy'? (Para 1)

- (i) useful (ii) good
- (iii) reliable (iv) profitable



- (f) What is meant by the word, 'motto'? (Para 2)
- (i) feature (ii) principle
- (iii) (golden) rule (iv) belief
- (g) What is meant by the word, 'worn'? (Para 2)

- (i) dusty (ii) ugly

(iii) shabby (iv) tired

(h) What is meant by the word, 'faint' ? (Para 2)

(i) invisible (ii) unclear

(iii) unconscious (iv) weak



SECTION B
(WRITING & GRAMMAR: 25 Marks)

3 The theme of your school magazine is "Unity in Diversity". Contribute an article in about 100-120 words, to the magazine. 5

4 Write a story in about 150-200 words using the following hints. Give it a suitable title. 10
An old man—sitting on a beach—remembering past days of life—now doesn't find life interesting—suddenly meets his long time beloved—feels a strange sort of attraction towards her—likes to start his life again with her.

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

High school is a critical time in the life of young people. On (a) _____ one hand, teenagers are eager to enjoy their freedom and independence, while on the other hand, they must be disciplined enough to keep (b) _____ priorities straight. In my opinion, the family, the peer group and the school impact high school students the (c) _____ at this vulnerable time.

	i	ii	iii	iv
(a)	a	the	an	no article
(b)	their	the	our	there
(c)	best	highest	most	max

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

Finally, one day, Sunita ran out in patience.
Enough was enough. She decide to confront
Suruchi. She asked her why she was been nasty
to her. She had done nothing to offend you. She
knew the confrontation will mean the end of their
relationship.

	Error	Correction
e.g.	in	of
(a)	decide	decided
(b)	was	has
(c)	had	has
(d)	the	that

4 6 3 1 2 5

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

- (a) is heard/ is dialed/ when/ the dial tone/ required number/ the
- (b) at/ end/ picked/ the receiver/ is/ the other
- (c) go/ as/ can/ on/ the conversation/ long/ as one likes

1 2 3 4 5

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

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

- 8 "Tortured by doubt and remorse, he sat down in the glow of the charcoal sigri to wait." 3
- (a) Who sat by the charcoal sigri ?
(b) What was he waiting for ?
(c) What is meant by the word, 'tortured' ?

OR

Mrs. Slater : Aren't they by the hearth, grandfather ? 3

Abel : I don't see them. Observing Henry trying to remove the slippers. Why, you've got 'em on, Henry.

- (a) Who is Mrs. Slater?
(b) What is Abel looking for ? Does he find them ?
(c) What does the phrase, 'got em on' mean ?

Answer the following questions in about 30 - 40 words.

- 9(i) Do you think that Louisa Mebbin was devoted to Mrs. Packletide? Give reasons for your answer. 2
- 9(ii) Why do you think has the mirror been compared to a lake ? 2
- 9(iii) What are the three things that the grandfather planned to do on Monday ? 2
- 9(iv) When the narrator asked Nicola and Jacopo about their plans, they were evasive. Why? 2

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

- 10 'When you live for a strong purpose, then hard work isn't an option. It is a necessity.' Both Nicola and Jacopo were hard working and uncomplaining. You too realised the importance of hard work after reading their story. Write an article in 120- 150 words on the 'Virtues of Hard Work' 4

OR

Our self-image is often based on what others make us believe we are. With reference to the poem, *The Frog and the Nightingale*, write an article on 'Poor self- image can be self-destructive. 4

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

- 11 The horror of the war is one of the major themes of 'Diary of a Young Girl'. Comment. 10

OR

Mr. Dussel is one of a kind. He does not miss a single opportunity to tell the girls that they are brought up all wrong. Assess his character based on Anne's diary. 10



OR

'A student cannot be educated unless he desires it'. Comment with reference to Helen. 10

OR

Ms. Sullivan was both a teacher and friend. Write an incident to illustrate the statement. 10

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