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SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT – I (2015-16)
ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE
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 that follow : (1x8)

- (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 ?
 (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 ?

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

1. There are basically two kinds of people, says Paramhansa Yogananda—those who are governed by the 'never-say-die' spirit, full of confidence, ready to face all sorts of challenges in life; and those who always see the gloomy side of things, are given to worrying, and lack the confidence to fight adversity.
2. The parable of the two frogs is illustrative of this. One big and one small frog fell into a pail of milk. The sides of the pail were too slippery and steep for the frogs to climb out. They kept battling and struggling to stay alive. Every time they raised their mouths to inhale a little oxygen, down they went. They paddled around, trying their best to find their way out. This struggle proved a bit too much for the big frog that soon gave up and drowned.
3. The small frog, however, said: 'Life is too precious and wonderful. I don't want to die. I will keep paddling and fighting for survival irrespective of what happens to my little feet'. So it kept on battling for hours, when suddenly it found something solid under its feet. As a result of constant paddling, the milk was churned to butter! Out jumped the little frog!
4. Indeed, the habit of negative thinking could shatter your confidence and impair your judgment. Negative thoughts like 'I won't be able to climb that steep hill' or 'I am not hopeful of making the grade' constantly occupy the mind of a person with a pessimistic approach to life. To such a person, success proves elusive.
5. Special effort is required to eradicate negative thoughts and to create brain patterns of positive thoughts. One way of doing this is that we strictly avoid categorizing thoughts as 'good' or 'bad'. You might not have control over what enters your brain, but you definitely have the power to remain indifferent to these and watch them like a witness.
6. Secondly, try to keep your mind constantly occupied in some constructive activity. It is said that an idle man's brain is the Devil's workshop. The time when your mind is vacant is just the time negative thoughts overpower you and wield their influence on you.
7. If you are cowed down by adverse situations in life and lose hope like the big frog, you are finished. But if you keep on battling with determination and positive approach, you will be able to surmount all difficulties and emerge victorious in life. Never give up hope. It can always be done.

- (a) People face challenges of life in two ways. What kinds of people adopt them ?
 (b) What are the consequences of having negative thoughts and a What happens when we adopt a negative attitude towards life ?

- ✓(c) How do constructive activities help us against negative thoughts ?
 ✓(d) How do determination and positive approach help us in life ?
 ✓(e) What is meant by the word, 'precious' ? (Para 3)
 (i) valuable (ii) marvelous
 (iii) dear (iv) wonderful
- ✓(f) What is meant by the word, 'adverse' ? (Para 7)
 (i) clever (ii) unfavourable
 (iii) timid (iv) unusual
- ✓(g) What is the antonym of the word, 'success' ? (Para 4)
 (i) disorder (ii) prelude
 (iii) failure (iv) pertinence
- ✓(h) What is the antonym of the word, 'pessimistic' ? (Para 4)
 (i) superior (ii) suitable
 (iii) travail (iv) optimistic

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 ✓ It was a hot day. A blind man was crossing the road. Suddenly a car came..... Complete the story in about 150-200 words. 10
- 5 ✓ Complete the following paragraph by choosing the appropriate options from the ones given below. Write your answers in the answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. Do not copy the entire paragraph. 3
 Many contemporary dancers are trained daily (a) _____ classical ballet. This helps to keep up (b) _____ the technicality of the given choreography. These dancers tend (c) _____ follow ideals of efficient bodily movements.
- | | I | II | III | IV |
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| (a) | in | for | at | of |
| (b) | to | of | with | for |
| (c) | at | to | of | as |
- 6 ✓ In the following paragraph one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the words that come before and after it. The first one has been done as an example. 4
- Panchatantra is/collection of tales and fables. e.g. is a collection
 The stories in Panchatantra are believed/have (a) _____
 been written by Vishnu Sharma as early/3rd (b) _____
 century B.C. A King/ancient India requested (c) _____
 Vishnu Sharma/teach his son morals and values. (d) _____

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

- (a) are / and gentle / the Siberian / very intelligent / dogs
 (b) spirited / they / also / very / and hard-working / are
 (c) a race / good for / across / they are / running / the snow

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

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

8 "The whole universe is built up through love and the grief of separation is inescapable". 3

- (a) When did the speaker acquire this philosophy?
 (b) What pain has the speaker gone through?
 (c) What does the word, 'inescapable' mean?

OR

Now the frog puffed up with rage. 3

"Brainless bird-you're on the stage-

Use your wits and follow fashion.

Puff your lungs out with your passion".

- (a) Why was the frog puffed up with rage?
 (b) Give the antonym of 'Brainless' ?
 (c) What happened when the nightingale puffed up her lungs?

Answer the following questions in about 30 - 40 words.

9(i) What all odd jobs were the two boys ready to do in 'Two Gentlemen of Verona' ? 2

9(ii) Why did the creatures of the bog react to the frog's song ? 2

9(iii) What are the three things that the grandfather planned to do on Monday ? 2

9(iv) Ali's had an unshakeable faith that he would receive a letter from Miriam one day, Why? 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 4

voicing your concern over the killing of animals and its impact on the environment.

OR

- ✓ The poet in the poem, *Not Marble, nor the Gilded Monuments* reveals the stark reality that everything comes to an end gradually by the impact of time. Keeping this in view, write an article on the topic 'Time is a great destroyer.' 4

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

- 11 After the S.S. sent a 'call-up' how did the Franks react? What did they plan to do? 10

OR

- ✓ Write character-sketch of Mr. Alfred Dussel. 10

OR

- Why was the arrival of Ms. Anne Mansfield Sullivan the most important day in Helen Keller's life? Discuss. 10

OR

- Helen's intelligence and talent served her well. In what ways then did Helen's intelligence and talent cause her frustration and rage? 10

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