

**SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT – I (2016-2017)**  
**ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE**  
**Class X**

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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

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**SECTION A : READING (Reading : 20 Marks)**

Read the passage given below and complete the sentences that follow: (1x8)

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Plastics form an important class of synthetics - plastics are also polymers. Since most plastics can be easily moulded into any shape after heating, they are used for making a variety of objects of different shapes and sizes. Plastics are poor conductors of heat which makes them suitable for making handles of cooking vessels, for use in refrigerators, and for making containers used in microwave ovens.

Plastics are also poor conductors of electricity and that is why they are used as covering materials in electrical appliances like cords and wiring. Plastics are insoluble in water and are, therefore, used for making bottles, buckets and other containers. Most plastics are inflammable. They cannot be used as a material for making any cooking utensil. However, they do not corrode, or rust and so are mostly used in homes and laboratories.

Despite the many different uses of plastics, there are environmental and health hazards associated with their disposal. This is because plastics are non-biodegradable. Accumulation of plastics is considered a serious problem because most of the methods used to dispose them of result in some type of damage to the environment. Though somewhere between 500 million to 1 trillion plastic bags are consumed worldwide each year, most plastic wastes end up littering roadsides and form ugly dumps that harbour many disease-causing organisms. Plastics dumped in water bodies pose a threat to aquatic life; plastics that get buried prevent rain water from seeping into the ground. This affects the growth of plants. When plastics are burnt, they produce toxic gases and smoke.

Hence, reducing the usage of plastics and recycling plastic objects and using bio-degradable environmental friendly plastics is the only solution. It is time for us to take some preventive steps and ensure a better life for future generations.

- (a) Plastic is useful because it is \_\_\_\_\_ water.
- (b) Plastics are mostly used at home and laboratories because they \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.
- (c) Plastics pose serious environmental and health problems when we try to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (d) Plastics dumped in lakes and rivers \_\_\_\_\_ life.
- (e) The word 'seeping' means the same as \_\_\_\_\_.
- (f) Burning of plastics is very risky as then \_\_\_\_\_.
- (g) This problem can be partly solved by \_\_\_\_\_.
- (h) The best and the only solution is by using \_\_\_\_\_ plastics.

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

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The 'Little Tramp', the unforgettable character Charlie Chaplin invented, was born purely by \_\_\_\_\_

accident in 1915. While rushing to a film shoot in California, he grabbed clothes other people had left behind in the changing room. And when he emerged, he found he had created a personality everybody loved. A little guy in a bowler hat, a close - fitting jacket, a cane, outsize shoes and a brush - like moustache!

Before long, Chaplin found himself a star. That puzzled him, for he saw himself essentially as a shy British Music Hall comedian. He was the very first icon of the silver screen and is one of the most recognizable of Hollywood faces, even a hundred years after his first film.

The U.S. acknowledged him as its king of silent film comedy. Soon, so did crowds all over the world.

But life wasn't always a laugh for Charles Spencer Chaplin. Both his parents were Music Hall artists, who separated when Charlie was very young. His childhood was very sad, for his mother never earned enough to look after Charlie and his older brother, Sydney. Sometimes, Chaplin had to sleep on the streets and forage for food in the garbage.

Charlie took his first bow on stage when his mother made her last appearance. It happened when her voice broke during a song. Her son stepped on stage and sang a popular song. That's when a star was born.

Through all these years of success, Charlie never forgot his troubled childhood. It made him recall a Christmas when he was denied two oranges and his bag of sweets for breaking a rule at the orphanage he went to after his mother's death. It would have broken his heart, if the other children had not offered him a share of theirs. Spontaneously, the adult Chaplin gifted the orphanage with a motion picture machine and insisted that each child should have as many oranges and sweets as they pleased.

Chaplin wrote, directed, produced, edited, starred in, and composed the music for most of his films. He was a perfectionist, and his financial independence enabled him to spend years on the development and production of a picture.

- (a) Which unforgettable character did Charlie Chaplin invent?
- (b) Describe the personality created by Charlie, whom everybody loved.
- (c) What did Charlie see himself as?
- (d) Give two reasons to show that his early life was very sad.
- (e) What does the word 'to search for food' mean? (para 3)
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| (i) stepped   | (ii) forage    |
| (iii) emerged | (iv) orphanage |
- (f) What is meant by the word 'invented'? (para 1)
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| (i) created     | (ii) wrote   |
| (iii) struggled | (iv) laughed |
- (g) Find the word in the passage opposite in meaning to 'bold'? (para 2)
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| (i) found    | (ii) shy     |
| (iii) silent | (iv) puzzled |
- (h) Find the word opposite in meaning to 'failure'? (para 5)
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| (i) troubled | (ii) share   |
| (iii) motion | (iv) success |

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

Write an article in about 100-120 words, highlighting the benefits of a balanced diet and regular exercise. 5

Write the story in about 150-200 words beginning with the following line. Give it a suitable title. 10

The moment I rose up to take the book from my table, I felt a sudden jerk...

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

At (a) \_\_\_\_\_ moment, there was a flash of light from (b) \_\_\_\_\_. Priya and Taara looked up in alarm. It was (c) \_\_\_\_\_ to discern the face but the voice was unmistakable.

	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)
(a)	the	that	a	some
(b)	the left	below	the right	above
(c)	difficult	easy	possible	rare

The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each marked 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.

The Louvre is a world's largest and old museum. It is located along the banks of the Seine River by Paris, France. Also called the Grand Louvre, it is the world's most visiting museum. It attracted tourists from all over the world.

	Error	Correction
e.g.	a	the
(a)	_____	_____
(b)	_____	_____
(c)	_____	_____
(d)	_____	_____

Read the dialogue given below and complete the paragraph that follows:

Postmaster : Why did Ali salute the post office ?

Clerk : He thinks that it houses a precious relic.

Postmaster : Is he mad like the one who will make heaps of dust ?

Clerk : He has been coming here every day for the last five \_\_\_\_\_ years.

The postmaster asked the clerk (a) \_\_\_\_\_. The clerk told him that Ali thought as (b) \_\_\_\_\_. The postmaster enquired if (c) \_\_\_\_\_ like the one who made heaps of dust. The clerk then told him that Ali had been going there every day for the last five years.

### SECTION C : LITERATURE (25 Marks)

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

"But at the foot of the staircase I drew up and begged her to tell me all she knew about these boys".

(a) Name the two boys.

(b) Why was the speaker so inquisitive about 'these boys' ?

(c) Which word in the extract means the same as 'requested' ?

OR

*I am silver and exact. I have no preconceptions.*

*Whatever I see I swallow immediately*

*Just as it is, unmisted by love or dislike*

*I am not cruel, only truthful -*

(a) What does the mirror reflect ?

(b) Why is mirror called cruel ?

(c) What does the word, 'unmisted' mean ?

Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each.

How will the monuments and statues be destroyed ?

'Mrs. Packletide's Tiger' describes how jealous Mrs. Packletide was of Loona Bimberton. Why did she have such an attitude towards Loona Bimberton ?

Why is the post office referred to as Ali's place of pilgrimage ? What trait of Ali does it reflect ?

- 9d What is 'Ring-O-Bell' ? Why does Abel go there very often ? (The Dear Departed) 2
- 10 **Answer one of the following questions in about 80-100 words:**
- 10 The grandfather had been living with his daughters turn by turn. What he needed was only love but what he received was greed and loneliness. Keeping this in view, write an article on 'LUST is all GET.... LOVE is all GIVE'. (The Dear Departed) 4
- OR**
- The Nightingale placed her blind trust in the Frog but he exploited her. With reference to the poem, elaborate the statement : 'Betrayal always comes from those whom you trust'. 4
- 11 **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**
- 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**
- Even though the odds were against them, Helen's parents left no stone unturned to restore her eyesight. Support your answer with evidence. 10
- OR**
- Write a detailed character-sketch of Helen's sister Mildred. 10

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