

MOUNT CARMEL SCHOOL
SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT - II (March 2017)
ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE Class – X

Time allowed : 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 : 8
- The name Titanic was derived from Greek mythology and means gigantic. Built in Belfast, Ireland, the RMS Titanic was the second of the three Olympic-class ocean liners—the first was the RMS Olympic and the third was the HMHS Britannic. The disaster led to the formation and international funding of the International Ice Patrol, an agency of the United States Coast Guard which to the present day monitors and reports on the location of North Atlantic Ocean icebergs that could pose a threat to transatlantic sea traffic. Further, the United States government passed the Radio Act of 1912. This act, along with the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, stated that radio communications on passenger ships would be operated 24 hours a day, along with a secondary power supply, so as not to miss distress calls. Once the Radio Act of 1912 was passed it was agreed that rockets at sea would be interpreted as distress signals only, thus removing any possible misinterpretation from other ships. Titanic has gone down in history as the ship that was called unsinkable. Just after the sinking memorial postcards sold in huge numbers several survivors wrote books about their experiences but it was not until 1955 that the first historically accurate book, A night to Remember was published. The first film about the disaster, Saved from the Titanic, was released only 29 days after the ship sank and had an actual survivor as its star—the silent film actress Dorothy Gibson. The most financially successful by far has been James Cameron's Titanic (1997), which became the highest-grossing film in history up to that time, as well as the winner of 11 Oscars at the 70th Academy Awards, including Best Picture and Best Director for Cameron. In Northern Ireland, the ship is commemorated by the Titanic Belfast visitor attraction, opened on 31 March 2012, that stands on the site of the shipyard where Titanic was built. In 2012 the centenary was marked by plays, radio programmes, parades, exhibitions and special trips to the site of the sinking together with commemorative stamps and coins.
- (a) What is the origin of the word Titanic ?
- (b) Name the three ocean liners built in Belfast ?
- (c) What is the duty of International Ice Patrol ?
- (d) What does the Radio Act of 1912 state ?
- (e) Name the first film released on the Titanic and what was special about it.
- (f) How many awards were won by the film, Titanic directed by James Cameron ?
- (g) How is the memory of the Titanic honoured ?
- (h) How was the centenary of the Titanic marked ?
2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : 12
- Should hand pulled rickshaws be banned in Kolkata

(1) Hand-pulled rickshaws came to India most likely from China during the early 20th century. Kolkata is the only city in India, and one of the few around the world where hand-pulled rickshaws are still operating. Most of people who pull rickshaws are from the neighbouring states and belong to uneducated and poor families. Most sleep, eat and live on the city's crowded pavements.

(2) In most cases they do not own the vehicles, but pay a sizeable portion of their earnings to hire them. According to the available statistics, there are 6500 registered, and a few more thousands unregistered, hand-pulled rickshaws on the streets of Kolkata. In 2006 the Government of West Bengal proposed a ban on the hand-pulled rickshaw because the sight of barefoot humans pulling other humans around the city was bad for Calcutta's image.

(3) Kolkata's emblematic two-wheeled contraption has been a long-standing symbol of oppression and has often been used to depict wretchedness, but despite the negative portrayal in films and literature, even as the city has changed its skyline, the rickshaw has continued to trundle along the lanes. "There is a large number of hand-pulled rickshaws in Kolkata," says Alapan Bandyopadhyay, principal secretary in the transport department. "At last count, we found around 2,000 still plying on the streets." He says that the government has recently held talks with representatives of the rickshaw pullers' union and has sought a detailed report on the individuals who would benefit from the government's new scheme. "In the recently concluded Bengal Global Business Summit, we held discussions with a company named Kinetic on new rickshaw models, and it looks interested. It has asked us to suggest viable models. We are looking at interesting ones," he says.

(4) Though the rickshaws have symbolised the worst in human oppression, the pullers insist that people have always considered them the preferred mode of conveyance, especially during emergencies and for the older people. In streets that are perennially crammed with heavy traffic, these contraptions prove a godsend during medical emergencies. "Yesterday, I ferried an 80-year-old woman who was running very high fever to her daughter's residence," says Yadav. There's also the infamous chaos of Kolkata streets during the rainy season. With most of the arterial roads in knee-deep water, even people opposed to this outdated mode of travel are forced to rely on them when cars are unable to cope with the deluge.

(5) With the government's proposal to phase out the manual rickshaw, a part of the city's history, rather a part of its colonial vestige, will be deleted forever. Yet for a city that is desperately trying to grab on to the idea of a better, new world, it would have to take human development into account. However, while there is no denying the inhuman nature of a rickshaw puller's job, the men need to be assured of a livelihood once their current means is denied to them.

(a) When and from where did the hand-pulled rickshaws originate ?

(b) How do these rickshaws prove beneficial during the rainy season ?

(c) How many registered and unregistered rickshaws are found in Kolkata as per the statistics mentioned in the passage ?

(d) Why did the government propose a ban on these rickshaws in 2006 ?

(e) What is meant by 'uneducated' (Para 1) as used in the passage ?

(i) unskilled (ii) illiterate (iii) weak (iv) incapable

(f) 'depict' (Para 3) can be best replaced by the word :

(i) delve (ii) portray (iii) peep (iv) shameful

(g) The synonym of the word 'sizeable' (Para 2) can be :

(i) major (ii) common (iii) of small size (iv) meager

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- (h) 'viable' (Para 3) means :
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| (i) practical | (ii) friendly |
| (iii) economic | (iv) amazing |

SECTION B (WRITING & GRAMMAR: 25 Marks)

3. Write an article in 100 - 120 words on 'Say No to Plastics'. Only banning of plastics won't help Mother Earth. Residents of this planet should also become concerned and conscious. You are Anu/Anup. 5

4. Using the hints given below develop a story in 150-200 words.
We were at Khajjiyar Valley near Chamba in Himachal Pradesh during the last summer break. I was so deeply engrossed in the Para Gliding mechanism that I lost track of the rest of my group. It was late afternoon and when and how I reached that desolate corner I really could not recall and then..... 10

5. Read the following passage. Fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones given below. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. Do not copy the whole passage. 3

_____ be backed by subsidies to (b) _____ who produce clean energy and the countries (c) _____ to look at the use of biofuels.

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| (a) (i) would | (ii) should | (iii) might | (iv) can |
| (b) (i) once | (ii) one's | (iii) those | (iv) these |
| (c) (i) need | (ii) ought | (iii) had | (iv) have |

6. The following paragraph has not been edited. One word has been omitted in each line. Write the omitted word along with the word that comes before and the word which comes after against the blank number. 4

	Before	Word	After
An archaeological treasure been found	(a) _____	_____	_____
buried melting snow on the Norwegian	(b) _____	_____	_____
mountains. Elsewhere ice rapidly melting	(c) _____	_____	_____
due to the action global warming.	(d) _____	_____	_____

7. Read the conversation given below and complete the passage that follows: 3

Father - What is the result of your debate competition ?

Son - I have secured the third position.

Father - Good, how many students participated ?

Son - Only three.

The father asked his son (a) _____. The son replied (b) _____. The father further asked him (c) _____. The son answered that only three students had participated.

SECTION C (LITERATURE : 25 Marks)

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

8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow 3

He holds him with his glittering eye -
The wedding-guest stand still,
And listens like a three years' child :
The Mariner hath his will

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- (a) What does 'glittering' mean ?
- (b) What was the mariner's will ?
- (c) Identify and explain the poetic device used in the third line.

OR

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow 3

I come to bury Caesar, not to praise him.

The evil that men do lives after them;

The goods is oft interred with their bones;

So let it be with Caesar.

- (i) What impact does this speech have on its listeners ?
- (ii) What does 'interred' mean ?
- (iii) How was Cassius justified in warning Brutus against him ?

Answer the following questions in about 30 - 40 words.

- 9.a. Who was Sebastian Shultz ? Where did he meet Michael ? 2
- 9.b. "Pride has no place in the scheme of nature". Elaborate with reference to the poem "Ozymandias". 2
- 9.c. How did the snake get its colour ? 2
- 9.d. What is the purpose of Antony's speech? Does he succeed in his mission? How? 2

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

- 10. After your reconciliation with John, as Lavinia write in 80-100 words what you feel about the whole episode now. 4

OR

'Patol Babu is a practical man who comes to terms with whatever life has to offer.'
Justify this statement in 80-100 words. 4

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

- 11. According to Anne, how could one be noble and good ? 10

OR

How did Anne justify being boisterous and reckless most of the time ? 10

OR

What did Helen comment about her learning of French language ? 10

OR

Attempt a character sketch of Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. 10

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