

SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT – I (2014-15)

K90MS7A

ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE

Class - IX

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:

The Olive Ridley turtle has a circumtropical distribution, living in tropical and warm waters of the Pacific and Indian Oceans from India, Arabia, Japan, and Micronesia south to southern Africa, Australia, and New Zealand. In the Atlantic Ocean, it has been observed off the western coast of Africa and the coasts of northern Brazil, Suriname, Guyana, French Guiana, and Venezuela. Historically, this species has been widely regarded as the most abundant sea turtle in the world. More than one million Olive Ridleys were commercially harvested off the coasts of Mexico in 1968 alone.

The Chennai Seacoast is a breeding ground for the endangered Olive Ridley turtles. The 'Turtle walk' is an initiative aimed at educating the fishing community and the general public living near the beach on the need to protect Oliver Ridley turtle and its turtle nests.

During the night, under normal conditions, the sea is a brighter source of light than the land. But now with urbanization and night time lighting, the shore is brighter than the sea at night. This distracts the Olive Ridley turtles that come ashore to lay eggs. Even the hatchlings get distracted. Instead of going in the direction of the sea, the hatchlings and adults stray towards human habitations.

The volunteers, during their walk, begin their enthusiastic search for turtles and their egg-laden nests. Some may be lucky enough to witness at close quarters, a large. Turtles come ashore, dig their nests in the sand, lay eggs, cover the nest, and then walk back into the sea. The volunteers trace many such nests and dig out the turtle eggs. While newborns are prone to attack by crows and dogs, adult turtles face the threat of being run over by vehicles. Eggs are collected and carried back to the hatchery where they would be kept safely for hatching, and once hatched, they are released into the sea. They also rescue love baby turtles, which could have been hatched from one of the undiscovered nests, and had strayed away on account of the distracting lights on the shore. They carry them to the sea, and let them free in the water.

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- (a) The Olive Ridley turtle is an _____ species.
- (b) Where do the endangered Olive Ridley breed in India?
- (c) What is The Turtle Walk
- (d) Why do the adult turtles and hatchlings go towards human habitation?
- (e) "enthusiastic" refers _____.
- (f) What is the danger to newborns?
- (g) After rescuing love baby turtles, what is done to them?
- (h) Find a word from the passage which means "disturbing".

Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

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$$(4 \times 2) + (4 \times 1) = 12$$

I have found that walking stimulates observation and opens one's eyes to movements and appearances in earth and sky, which ordinarily escape attention. When I reached the end of my walk, and paused for a moment before retracing my steps, I was conscious of the inexhaustible richness of the world through which I had come, of a thousand voices that had spoken to me, and a thousand sights of wonder that had moved before me; I was awake to the universe which most of us see only in broken and unintelligible dreams... through all this realm of truth and poetry men have passed and re-passed these many years, I said to myself; and I began to wonder how many of those now long asleep really saw or heard this great glad world of sun and summer! I began to retrace my steps, and as I reached the summit of the hill and looked beyond, I saw the cattle standing knee

to be far enough away from Nature to observe her; one becomes part of the deep in the brook... and heard the faint bleating of sheep borne from a distant pasturage.

One may connect with the surroundings, when one lounges by the hour in the depths of the forest, or sits, book in hand, under the knotted and familiar apple tree, on a summer afternoon, the faculty of observation is lulled into a dreamless sleep; one ceases to see the great, silent movements in the midst of which he sits, mute and motionless, while the hours slip by with the peace of eternity.

I have sometimes tried to recall in imagination the world of Nature before a human voice had broken the silence or a human foot left its impress on the soil; but when I remember that what I see in this sweep of force and beauty is largely what I myself put into the vision, that Nature without the human ear is soundless, and without the human eye colourless

- (a) What does walking simulate?
- (b) What did the writer realize when he reached the end of the road?
- (c) What did he see when he reached the summit of the hill?
- (d) How can one connect with their surroundings?
- (e) What is meant by 'stimulates'? (Para 1)
- (f) What is meant by 'inexhaustible'? (Para 1)
- (g) Find the word opposite to 'strong'. (Para 1)
- (h) Find the word opposite to 'noisy'. (Para 2)

SECTION B

(WRITING & GRAMMAR: 25 Marks)

- 3 You are Shantanu/Shikha. Taking help from the picture given below and using your own ideas write an article for the school magazine on the topic 'Saving Our Earth'. (120 words) 5



- 4 Write a story with the help of the given hints in 150-200 words. Also give a suitable title. 10

Seema – working as a maid – eager to go to school – unable to do so – family responsibilities – lend a hand to support.

- 5 Complete the following passage by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones given below. Write your answers in the answer sheets against the correct blank number. Do not copy the entire passage. 3

Kabir, (a) _____ famous saint was neither a Muslim nor a Hindu. He

(b) _____ a 'fakir' (c) _____ preached love, peace and brotherhood to mankind.

(a) (i) a (ii) one (iii) the (iv) most

(b) (i) is (ii) has been (iii) was (iv) had been

(c) (i) who (ii) which (iii) and (iv) therefore

- 6 The following passage has not been edited. One word is missing from each line. Identify the missing word and write it in your answer sheet. Remember to underline the missing word. The first one has been done as an example for you. 4

Word Before Missing Word Word After

Two hundred seamstresses employed eg seamstresses were employed

to make my shirts. They

took measurement as

(a) They are took

lay on the ground.

(b) As the my

Then measured my right thumb

(c) _____ _____ _____

desired no more.

(d) _____ _____ _____

- 7 Look at the words and phrases below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences. Write the correct sentences in your answer sheet. 3

Eg : are located / the Arctic and the Antarctica / the south / around the north / of the earth / poles / and

The Arctic and the Antarctica, are located around the north and the south poles of the earth.

(a) the / at both / atmosphere / is / cold / these places / very

(b) experience / they / extreme / solar / periods / exposure

(c) several / therefore / similarities / weather patterns / in the / there / are

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

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

“When I came back to my village, I saw my grandmother in tears. I was surprised for I had never seen her cry even in the most difficult situations”.

(a) Who is 'I' here ?

(b) Why was the grandmother in tears ?

(c) What do difficult situations refer to ?

OR

Read the extract given below and answer the questions/complete the sentences that follow. 3

'I come from haunts of coot and hern ;
I make a sudden sally
And sparkle out among the fern ,
To bicker down a valley'.

- (A) Who is "I" in these lines ?
- (B) What is this figure of speech known as ?
- (C) Why does it bicker down a valley ?

Answer the following questions in 30 - 40 words:

- 9(i) How did Sudha Murty help her distressed grandmother ? 2
- (ii) 'It was like lighting a fuse. Duke shimmied himself U-shaped in anticipation'. Explain. 2
- (iii) Explain the statement "And that has made all the difference" with reference to the poem 'The Road Not Taken'. 2
- (iv) Who hung the sign 'For Sale' and for how long had the sign been hanging ? 2
- 10 *One is often unable to taste the fruit of one's hard work.* Explain with reference to the story *A Dog Named Duke* in about 80-100 words. 4

OR

What kind of an attitude does the brook reflect in general, towards the various situations that it comes across on its journey towards the river? What message do we get from it? (80-100 words) 4

Attempt either question no. 11 or 12 (in 150-200 words) .

- 11 Describe briefly Gulliver's visit to Mildendo, the capital of Lilliput. What precautions did he have to take ? Answer in 150 - 200 words. 10

OR

The little nurse Glumdalclitch was Gulliver's Saviour. Sketch her character in 150 - 200 words. 10

- 12 Art treasures of today are the dug-up common places of yesteryears. Elaborate the observation. 10

OR

The narrator brings out a contrasting picture of 'day and night' How do day and night affect our mood ? 10