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## SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT – I (2014-15) 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)

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

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Python snake, also known as Ajar, is one of the most massively built snakes of the Indian subcontinent. It belongs to the Boidae family and is dependent on water to quite an extent. One of the unique features of the Rock pythons of India is that they can raise their body temperature above the ambient level through muscular contractions.

Python snake grows to an average length of somewhere around 4 metre, and its weight varies from 70 to 129 pounds. An adult Python is white or yellow in colour, depending upon its habitat.

Rock Python of India is a lethargic creature, moving only while hunting a prey or when threatened. It shows great swimming ability and is quite at ease in water.

Python snakes can be found in dense as well as open Indian forests, mostly estuarine mangrove forest, acid scrub jungle and rain forest. They may live in abandoned mammal burrows, hollow trees, dense water reeds and mangrove thickets. However, pythons prefer to live near a permanent source of water, like rivers and lakes. Rock python of India is an endangered species, now partly protected by the Tamil Nadu Government. The reason for this is that it is killed for its fine skin, meat and even for medicinal purposes.

These snakes are carnivore animals and they feed on mammals, birds and reptiles indiscriminately, but seem to prefer mammals. Roused to activity on sighting prey, the snake will advance with quivering tail and lunge with open mouth. Live prey is constricted and killed. One or two coils are used to hold it in a tight grip. The prey, unable to breathe, succumbs and is subsequently swallowed head first. After a heavy meal, they are disinclined to move. If forced to, hard parts of the meal may tear through the body.

- How does Python increase its body temperature?
- The colour of the Python depends on its \_\_\_\_\_.
- On what is python snake largely dependent on?
- Which is the preferred habitat of Python snakes?



- (e) Where can Python snakes be found?
- (f) What made Rock Python an endangered species?
- (g) What happens if they are forced to move after a heavy meal?
- (h) Find the word from the passage which means the same as 'in danger of becoming extinct'.

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

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

We are constantly being told to watch what we eat, lest we should unwittingly damage our heart. How does the heart function and why is it so important? The heart keeps oxygen-rich blood flowing throughout the body by working as a pumping machine. All the cells in our body need a constant supply of oxygen. Our brain cells can live for only five minutes after the supply of oxygen to them is cut off. Imagine what would happen if they are deprived of oxygen for more than five minutes. The man would certainly die.

Yet it was not until 1953 that doctors feared to touch the heart. The invention of the heart-lung by-pass machine, by Dr. John Gibbon of the U.S.A., made it possible for doctors to work on a damaged heart without hindering the passage of blood. As the name suggests, the machine could temporarily take over from the heart and the lung. Dr. Christian Barnard put his patient, Washkausky, on the heart-lung machine when he carried out the world's first successful open heart surgery. He was the first person who carried out a human-to-human heart transplant on December 3, 1967 in Cape Town, South Africa. It was done on a South African grocer who would most certainly die without the heart transplant. Meanwhile, the donor was from a young woman, Denise Darvell who was killed in an accident.

The heart transplant surgery had surprised the whole world. And Dr. Christian Barnard became a well-known heart surgeon overnight. He is also attributed in mounting a new design for artificial heart valves and correcting the problem of the blood supply to the foetus during pregnancy.

- (a) What will happen if the brain cells do not get oxygen for more than five minutes?
- (b) Why is the function of heart so important?
- (c) What made Dr. Christian Barnard a household name?
- (d) Apart from heart transplant surgery what else is attributed to Dr. Christian Barnard?
- (e) What is meant by 'lest'? (Para 1)
- (f) What is meant by 'attributed'? (Para 3)
- (g) Find the word opposite to 'knowingly'. (Para 1)
- (h) Find the word opposite to 'irregular'. (Para 1)

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

3 A teacher motivates and inspires her students. Taking ideas from the following visual, write 5



an article in about 120-150 words talking about the role and importance of teacher in our lives.



Our teachers lead us to reach our goal.

Hats off to them!

**Happy Teachers' Day!**

- 4 Write a story with a suitable title using the following hints in 150-200 words. 10

*The footpath opposite to my school – an unnoticed dark corner – the beggar I meet everyday – even talked to him at times – disappears suddenly – eager and restless to know...*

- 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

Seema bought a new bedsheet but (a) \_\_\_\_\_ liked it at her home. She felt very (b) \_\_\_\_\_ and decided to (c) \_\_\_\_\_ it to her maid.

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|-----|----------------|---------------|
| (a) | (i) everybody  | (ii) somebody |
|     | (iii) nobody   | (iv) everyone |
| (b) | (i) bad        | (ii) upset    |
|     | (iii) horrible | (iv) offended |
| (c) | (i) donate     | (ii) give     |



- (iii) gave (iv) be given

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. 4

Remember to underline the missing word. The first one has been done as an example for you.

	Word	Before	Missing	Word	Word	After
The initial step making popcorn balls	eg.	step	in	making		
is popping the popcorn. Cover bottom		(a) _____				
of <u>the</u> pan cooking oil. Put the burner					(b) _____	
on a high, or, on gas stove,						(c) _____
turn flame high. Gas stoves						(d) _____
seem heat much more quickly and evenly.						

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

Eg : salty fluid / tear / is / a / filled with / water / mucus and oil / protein

Tear is a salty fluid, filled with protein, water, mucus and oil

- (a) humans / usually / excessive / tears / produce / emotional contexts / in
- (b) not all / of course / tears / are / of / the emotional / variety
- (c) three types / of / tears / with / exist / different / purposes

### 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) Why was Hooper taken to the hospital ? What ailment was he diagnosed with ? 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) Do you agree that Mrs. Al Smith is the representative of American outlook. How ? 2
- 10 With reference to Sudha Murty's story *How I taught my Grandmother to Read*, write a paragraph on the topic 'Our Best companions - Books' in about 80-100 words. 4

OR

Lord Ullin seems to be repentant at the end of the poem. Do you think his daughter or Ulva's Chief would also have repented boarding the boat? Discuss the values they should have possessed and would

have been alive. (80-100 words)

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

- 11 Blefuscu was no match for Gulliver. Explain briefly how he prevented an invasion on Lilliput. 10  
(150 - 200 words)

OR

Briefly describe the character of the king of Brobdingnag in 150 - 200 words. 10

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

OR

All the four characters in the story, 'Three Men in a Boat' have one or two admirable qualities 10  
in them. List them according to your preference.

OR