

## 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)

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

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Health insecurity is at an all-time high. In a time when thousands of people lose their health insurance every day, when health care is becoming elusive to even well-to-do Americans, and when any person is just one pink slip away from becoming uninsured, it becomes clear that health care for all is not just important to achieve, but imperative. At its root, the lack of health care for all in America is fundamentally a moral issue. The United States is the only industrialized nation that does not have some form of universal health care (defined as a basic guarantee of health care to all of its citizens).

While other countries have declared health care to be a basic right, the United States treats health care as a privilege, only available to those who can afford it. In this sense, health care in America is treated as an economic good like a TV or VCR, not as social or public good. Although it can be very complex and frustrating at times, it has come a long way from the health care organizations of yesterday. Previously, most health care facilities were a place where the sick were housed and cared for until death. Physicians rarely practised in hospitals and only those who were fortunate could afford proper care at home or in private clinics. Today the level of health care has excelled tremendously: presently the goal of the health care is to have a continuum of care for the patient, one which is integrated at all levels. Many hospitals offer a referral service or discharge plan to patients who are being discharged. Plans for the patient are discussed with a discharge planner. The discharge planner is a person who is trained in assessing what the patient's requirements for health care will be after discharge from the hospital.

- Why do Americans feel insecure with regard to health care?
- How is The United States different from other advanced countries in terms of health care as a basic right?
- Why does America consider health care as a privilege?
- What is today the level of health care in America?

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- (e) What is presently the goal of health care in the USA?
  - (f) What is a discharge plan?
  - (g) Supply a suitable title for the passage.
  - (h) The word 'assessing' means \_\_\_\_\_.

2 Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: 12

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

The history of medicine includes the pre-scientific stage, before it was a science and the time when it became a science. The medicine of primitive people had all kinds of strange explanations of diseases. The medicine men, whose main function was to cure diseases, based their healing methods on the assumption that most illnesses were caused by supernatural powers and that supernatural powers were required to cure them. The individual fell ill because of having offended one of the Gods or through the machinations of witchcraft or sorcery, or through the unprovoked attack of an evil spirit. The task of the curer was to diagnose the disease, usually by divinatory techniques and then to apply the spiritual remedy such as retrieving a lost soul, removing a disease-causing object or exercising an evil spirit. Medicine men also employed application of heat and cold, massage and the use of herbs.

Herbal medicine is the earliest scientific tradition in medical practice, and it remains an important part of medicine to this day. Susruta, the founding father of Indian medicine, establishes a tradition later enshrined in a classic text, the Susruta Samhita.

Indian medicine enshrines the theory that the human body consists of three substances, and that health requires a balance between them. They are usually translated as spirit, phlegm and bile. The earliest surgical operation in human history is carried out in prehistoric times in several parts of the world - in Europe, in Asia and particularly in Peru, where well-preserved mummies survive. Many of these mummies have the hole in the skull which is the result of trepanning (also known as trephining or trephination).

- (a) What explanation was furnished for the illness of an individual, in ancient times?
- (b) What was the task of a curer?
- (c) What were the healing methods based on?
- (d) What were the main techniques applied by the medicine men?
- (e) What is meant by 'assumption'? (Para 1)
- (f) What is meant by 'machinations'? (Para 1)
- (g) Find the word opposite to 'modern'. (Para 1)
- (h) Find the word opposite to 'unsteadiness'. (Para 2)

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

3 Surveys conducted among school children have repeatedly revealed that the children today 5

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are lazy and unhealthy. They love to eat out and relish only junk food. Consequently, obesity is a common problem that afflicts them. Write an article in not more than 120 words on this issue for a parenting magazine.

4 *Sunil is an over-ambitious boy. He wants to be a film hero. But doesn't get any appropriate role in the films. He approaches several Production Houses and meets Directors but couldn't manage. Depression and stress overpowers him. One fine morning he meets a man who ..... Complete the story in 150-200 words with an appropriate title.* 10

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

The history of man is replete (a) \_\_\_\_\_ crime and folly. Wars between nations, religious prosecutions, ethnic cleansing and other forms of genocide (b) \_\_\_\_\_ a heavy toll of human lives. The Spanish conquest of South America was (c) \_\_\_\_\_ by the extinction of millions of 'natives' through killings and disease.

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| (a) (i) with                 | (ii) of                     |
| (iii) as                     | ( <del>iv</del> ) at        |
| (b) (i) have taken           | ( <del>ii</del> ) has taken |
| ( <del>iii</del> ) was taken | (iv) taken                  |
| (c) (i) accomplished         | (ii) accompanied            |
| (iii) associated             | (iv) allowed                |

6 There is an error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in the answer sheet as given below : 4

	<u>Incorrect word</u> <u>Correct word</u>
The global obesity crisis or rising levels of	(a) _____

chronic disease such as diabetes and strokes (b) \_\_\_\_\_  
 has put pressure on fast food chains to cut (c) \_\_\_\_\_  
 the salt, fat and sugar content in what they (d) \_\_\_\_\_  
 sell.

- 7 **Read the conversation and complete the passage given below:** 3
- Sneha : Do you know that the school trip to Andaman has been postponed?  
 Deepti : No, I didn't know that. Why has the trip been postponed?  
 Sneha : I heard that it is due to bad weather conditions.  
 Sneha asked Deepti (a) \_\_\_\_\_ postponed. Deepti replied that she didn't know that. She  
 asked Sneha (b) \_\_\_\_\_. Sneha told her that  
 (c) \_\_\_\_\_.

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

- 8 **Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow.** 3
- “ I am touching the feet of a teacher, not my granddaughter.”
- (a) Who spoke these lines ?  
 (b) Why does the speaker say this ?  
 (c) Which quality of the speaker is highlighted here ?

OR

- Read the extract given below and answer the questions/complete the sentences that follow.** 3
- Mind you, if someone had bought it on the very day I placed it for sale, then I might have felt sorry because I would have wondered if I hadn't been a fool to sell at all.
- (a) How long ago had the speaker put up her Villa for sale ?  
 (b) Why would she have considered herself a fool if she had managed to sell it on the day she put up the notice ?  
 (c) In what way is her remark ironic ?

Answer the following questions in 30 - 40 words:

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| 9(i)  | ‘It was like lighting a fuse. Duke shimmied himself U-shaped in anticipation’. Explain.  | 2 |
| (ii)  | Describe the relationship between Avva and the narrator in the ‘lesson’ ‘How I taught my grandmother to Read’ ?  | 2 |
| (iii) | The final stanza in the poem ‘The Road Not Taken’ starts ‘with a sigh.’ Why ?  | 2 |
| (iv)  | Who hung the sign ‘For Sale’ and for how long had the sign been hanging ?  | 2 |
| 10    | Marcy goes through a complete change of character as far as Duke is concerned in the chapter <i>A Dog Named Duke</i> , after she sees Duke’s efforts to get Chuck back on his feet. What values does Marcy learn? (80-100 words) | 4 |

**OR**

How can you say that Wordsworth was truly impressed by the solitary reaper’s song? Identify the values and factors that impressed him. (80-100 words) 4

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

11 What did the emperor of Blefuscu give Gulliver before his departure ? What convinced the ship’s captain about Gulliver’s story ? 10

**OR**

Sketch the character of Lilliputians as insignificant people in 150 - 200 words. 10

12 ‘Three Men in a Boat’ is a humorous story. Describe the incident that you found the most amusing in the novel. 10

**OR**

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

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