



**SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT – I (2014-15)**  
**ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE**  
**Class - IX**

Maximum Marks: 70

Time: 3 hours

Instructions :

The question paper is divided into Three sections.

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| Section A | : | Reading                        | 20 marks |
| Section B | : | Writing & Grammar              | 25 marks |
| Section C | : | Literature & Long Reading Test | 25 marks |

**SECTION A**

(Reading : 20 marks)

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

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Corruption is rampant in our social and political life. Like cancer, it is eating into the vitals of the society. Self-serving politicians and their agents and power brokers can stoop to any extent to feather their own nest. Nobody is free from the needle of suspicion. Corruption seems to rule the roost everywhere. In government offices it percolates from the top to the bottom. "You pay the piper and call the tune" or "Money makes the mare go" are the unwritten tenets of our administrative –cum-political –set up. Corruption in India has wings, not wheels. As the nation grows, the corrupt also grows to invent new methods of cheating the government and public. The causes of corruption are many and complex. Corruption is as much a moral as a development issue. It can distort entire decision-making processes on investment projects and other commercial transactions, and the very social and political fabric of societies.

It seems that the older generation has given the go by to all that was good in India. It is the youth and specially students who have to take cudgels against the demerit of corruption and crush it altogether. A beginning can be made in the direction by holding anti-corruption drives. The ill-effects of corruption in public life should be publicized through inter-school declamations and essay-writing contests. Students should take a pledge to resist the temptation of using unfair means in the examination. They can also go a step further and persuade their friends, relatives and parents to curb this evil at all costs. The dedicated efforts of honest youth are bound to succeed in the long run in demolishing and vanquishing this social evil which has earned us a bad name.

- (a) Corruption is compared to a disease like \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) What are the unwritten tenets of our administrative and political set-up ?
- (c) What role can the youth play in fighting corruption?
- (d) How can students be made aware of the ill-effects of corruption?
- (e) What pledge should students take in connection with the examination?
- (f) Who can rope in parents, friends and relation to help fight corruption?
- (g) What will be the outcome of the dedicated efforts of our youth?
- (h) Find the word from the passage which means "defeating".

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

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

Want to feel better, have more energy and perhaps even live longer? Look no further than exercise. The health benefits of regular exercise and physical activity are hard to ignore. And



the benefits of exercise are yours for the taking, regardless of your age, sex or physical ability. Regular physical activity can improve your muscle strength and boost your endurance. Exercise and physical activity deliver oxygen and nutrients to your tissues and help your cardiovascular system work more efficiently. And when your heart and lungs work more efficiently, you have more energy to go about your daily chores.

Physical health affects the mind and vice-versa. Let us be clear that a sound mind in a sound body are prerequisites for high efficiency and good quality work in the office, factory or field, which lead to a sense of achievement and fulfilment.

Our health is, of course, important not only to us, but also to our families and even to our employers. No wonder then these companies everywhere have a stake in the health and fitness of their employees and are willing to spend considerable money towards this purpose. Japanese companies particularly excel in this and the more successful among them start off the day with a body bending and stretching session and even singing the company song designed to promote loyalty and motivation among the workforce!

It is estimated that some 20,000 American firms have established in-house health clubs. Typical of these is the soft drink manufacturer, Pepsi Cola which has spent about 2 million in setting up a health club at its head office in New York State. Such expenditure has proved to be a wise investment in achieving better efficiency and high productivity. It has indirectly also helped reduce the premium on the health insurance of staff. Hundreds of consultancies have sprung up for the management of health clubs and fitness centres.

- How is exercising the most inexpensive way to keep healthy?
- How does regular physical activity help us?
- What shows that the health of the employees is important in a company?
- Why expenditure on health is considered a wise investment?
- What is meant by 'ignore'? (Para 1)
- What is meant by 'prerequisites'? (Para 2)
- Find the word opposite to 'low-grade'. (Para 3)
- Find the word opposite to 'exact'. (Para 4)



## SECTION B

(WRITING & GRAMMAR: 25 Marks)

- Surveys conducted among school children have repeatedly revealed that the children today 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. 5
- When Latir woke up today, she found herself lying on a footpath. Passers-by were watching her. She could not understand how she reached there... 10  
  
Write a story with a proper title in 150-200 words.
- 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

When Frank and I stepped (a) \_\_\_\_\_ the post office doors, (b) \_\_\_\_\_ was a crowd gathered.

gawking (c) ... the new fixture on the wall like a chorus of wide-mouthed frogs.

- (a) (i) through (ii) by  
(iii) from (iv) against
- (b) (i) their (ii) there  
(iii) there being (iv) been
- (c) (i) on (ii) at  
(iii) by (iv) along



- 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> |
|--|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Summer always spells magic. That is the time | (a) _____             | _____               |
| when schools closed their gates and loved    | (b) _____             | _____               |
| ones - cousins, uncles or aunts - descend    | (c) _____             | _____               |
| in the spacious family home.                 | (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/complete the sentences that follow. 3  
"Duke finally couldn't take it. From a motionless coil on the floor he'd spring to his feet."

- (i) What does the narrator mean by this ?  
(j) (ii) What change did the Duke bring about ?  
(k) (iii) Write down the antonym for the word 'motionless'

OR

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



T come from haunts of coot and hern;

I make a sudden sally

And sparkle out among the ferns,

To bicker down a valley'.

(A) Who is 'T' 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) 'It was like lighting a fuse. Dake shivered himself U-shaped in anticipation'. Explain. 2
- (ii) Describe the relationship between Arva 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) Do you agree that Mrs. Al Smith is the representative of American outlook. How? 2
- 10 'I am independent.' 4
- Based on this statement of the grandmother, write a paragraph on the topic 'Education can make one independent' in about 80-100 words.

OR

Gaston has proved his cunningness in business matters, but as far as moral ethics are concerned, there is a definite lack of it in him. Discuss the values he should have possessed, with reference to *Villa for Sale*. 4

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

- 11 What was the ultimate desire of the emperor of Lilliput regarding Blefuscu? 10
- How did Gulliver react to the emperor's suggestions? Answer in 150 - 200 words.

OR

Describe the character of the Lilliputians as excellent Mathematicians. 10

(150 - 200 words)

- 12 The novel 'Three Men in a Boat' involves neither great adventure nor great humour, yet it is an amusing story that conveys a moral. Elaborate. 10

OR

Write a character sketch of the author whose name is shortened in the story to "J". 10