

Summative Assessment II - (2014 - 15)

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Set - B

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ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE

Class - IX

Time: 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 70

Instructions:

The question paper is divided into three sections.

Section A	:	Reading & OTBA	20 marks
Section B	:	Writing and Grammar	25 marks
Section C	:	Literature	25 marks

SECTION A

(READING & OTBA: 20 Marks)

1(a) Read the passage given below and answer the questions/complete the sentences that follow 5

The amount of water in the world is limited. The human race, and the other species, which share the planet, cannot expect an infinite supply. Water covers about two thirds of the earth's surface admittedly but most of it is too salty for use, only 2.5% of the world's water is not salty, and two-thirds of that is locked up in the icecaps and glaciers. Of what is left, about 20% is in remote areas. Humans have available less than 0.08% of all the earth's water. Yet over the next two decades, our use is estimated to increase by about 40%. In 1999 the United Nations Environment Program reported that 200 scientists in 50 countries had identified water shortage as one of the two most worrying problems for the new millennium (the other was global warming). We use about 70% of the water in agriculture. But the world water council believes that, by 2020, we shall need 17% more than is available if we are to feed the world. So, if we go on as we are, millions more will go to bed hungry and thirsty each night than they do so already. Today, one person out of five across the world has no access to safe drinking water. Every day more than 30,000 children die before reaching their fifth birthdays, killed either by hunger or by easily preventable diseases. Adequate safe water is the key to good health and a proper diet.

- (1) In the world, the amount of water _____.
- (2) About two-thirds of the earth's surface is _____.
- (3) In 1999 the United Nations Environment Program reported that _____.
- (4) Today, one person out of, _____ across the world has no access to safe drinking water.
- (5) Find the meaning of the word 'sufficient' from the given passage.

1(b) Read the following passage carefully. 5

During the winter holidays, I visited a farm where I met Mr. James. When I arrived at the farm, the first thing I noticed was an enormous building. It was made of glass! "That's a

greenhouse, isn't it?" I asked. "Yes, it is", said the farmer. He showed me the way inside. "That's where we grow our crops", he said. "It protects them from the cold winter". The plants I admired most were the dark green tomato plants with their juicy red tomatoes. There were a large number of bees in the house and I was frightened.

"Don't be frightened", said Mr. James. "They won't sting you". He told me that he had put 30 bees in the greenhouse only two months ago, and now there were 300! "Older bees keep dying and mix with the soil", he said. "Thus they serve as a good fertilizer. I prefer natural methods instead of chemicals". Ajeet loves to work with his father at the farm. "I like being close to nature", he said to me. "I enjoy watching the life cycle of plants-how they grow and how they die". When I was leaving, Mrs. James gave me a small bottle of pure honey. She said "We always eat pure and healthy food. You know if you take care of your body; your body will take care of your mind. A healthy mind in a healthy body".

(1) On the basis of your reading of the passage, complete the following statements.

(a) A Greenhouse protects _____.

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(b) Older bees die _____.

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(2) Answer the following questions.

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(a) Why did Ajeet like being close to nature ?

(b) What gift did Mrs. James give to the author ?

(3) Find a word from the passage which means the same as 'huge'.

2 **Theme : " India's Tryst with Mars " (5+5)**

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a) Imagine you are the Chairman of India's space commission. At a press conference a reporter asked you how the MOM would benefit him in his work. Give a suitable answer on behalf of the Chairman detailing why India is proud of the achievement.

b) How is Mangalyaan an investment for the future ?

(*Please ensure that open text of the given theme is supplied with this question paper)

SECTION B

(WRITING & GRAMMAR: 25 Marks)

3 You have heard the proverb that truth is stranger than fiction but that morning was not only surprising but also shocking. Share your feelings with your diary in 100-120 words narrating the incident that surprised you.

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4 One day you dreamt that you became invisible. Write a short story based on your dream taking help from the points given below (150-200 words).

Shopping without using any money watch movies..... Travel the whole world without ticket..... Visit famous places..... Meet famous people.....disclose the planning and secrets of terrorists to police..... help them to nab the most dreaded terrorist of the world..... Rewarded a cash price of a crore.

5 Choose the most appropriate options from the ones given below to complete the following 3

paragraph.

Orville and Wilbur Wright battled depression and family illness (a) _____ starting the bicycle shop that would lead them to experimenting (b) _____ flight. After numerous attempts at creating flying machines, several years of hard work, and tons of failed prototypes, the brothers finally created a plane (c) _____ could get airborne and stay there.

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| (a) | (i) | before | (ii) | while | (iii) | during | (iv) | after |
| (b) | (i) | at | (ii) | for | (iii) | with | (iv) | by |
| (c) | (i) | which | (ii) | one | (iii) | who | (iv) | that |

- 6 The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each of the indicated lines. Write the incorrect word and the correction, against the correct blank number. 4

Error Correction

Neem is used by Ayurvedic practioners in India for years at a wide range of ailments.

In many tropical countries, Neem is referred to for 'the village pharmacy'. In India, villagers chewed the Neem twig to brush his teeth.

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| (a) | <u>ok</u> | <u>is</u> |
| (b) | _____ | <u>is</u> |
| (c) | _____ | _____ |
| (d) | _____ | _____ |

- 7 Read the conversation given below and complete the paragraph that follows. Write the answers against the correct blank numbers in your answer sheet. Do not copy the whole sentences. 3

Mother : What are you doing in the garden?

Son : I am watering the plants.

Mother : Do you know the importance of trees?

Son : Yes mom.

The mother asked her son (a) _____. In the garden. The son replied (b) _____ the plants. The mother (C) _____ the importance of trees.

SECTION C

(LITERATURE: 25 Marks)

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

- 8 *I am dotted silver threads dropped from heaven
By the gods. Nature then takes me, to adorn
Her fields and valleys.* 3

- (a) Name the poem and the poet of the above extract.
(b) Who is 'I'? Why is 'I' being compared to silver threads?
(c) What does 'to adorn' mean?

OR

"And day in and day out, he lectured us in his droning, remorseless voice on every aspect of human knowledge. At first we had a certain respect for him, but soon we lived in terror of his approach. We tried to hit back at him with clumsy sarcasms and practical jokes". 3

- (a) "At first we had a certain respect for him, but soon we lived in terror of his approach". What does this tell us about the narrator and his friends ?
(b) What made the narrator and his friends live in terror of Private Quelch's approach ?

(c) What is meant by the word, 'remorseless' ?

Answer the following questions in about 30 to 40 words each:

- 9(i) How was the convict transformed into a man again ? 2
- 9(ii) With whom did Bill have to fight his last bout and when ? 2
- 9(iii) What is the significance of the words, 'entrances and exits' in the poem, 'The Seven Ages'? 2
- 9(iv) Why were 'Bill and his wife a little afraid of their wonderful child.' ? 2

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

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- 10 With reference to the poem, "Oh, I Wish I'd Looked After Me Teeth", how can we make sure that our body is respected and treated as a gift from God ? 4

OR

The prison is meant for reformation, not punishment. Justify this statement with reference to the play, 'The Bishop's Candlesticks'. 4

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

- 11 What prompted Gulliver to go for the third voyage ? 10

OR

The Houyhnhnms seem like model citizens, and Gulliver's intense grief when he is forced to leave them suggests that they have made a great impact on him. Give a reasoned answer. 10

OR

What excuses do George, Harris and Montmorency give for not bathing in the river ? How does the author get ready to do it ? 10

OR

Write a character sketch of George. 10

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