

SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT – I Code: 6U85IXV

ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE Class – IX Solved

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 :** 8

Immigration and visa issues, which have long plagued the information technology sector, could come back to hurt Indian IT services companies this year as the US heads towards presidential election in 2016.

In the US, the biggest market for the Indian IT services sector, “this will be a very, contentious election and immigration reform is right up there for discussion”, said Phil Fersht, founder and chief executive of HfS Research. “The displacement of US IT and back-office jobs will be a significant issue leading up to 2016.” India’s \$146-billion IT outsourcing industry has been a beneficiary of the temporary US work visas that are required by skilled foreign workers to work in that country. The employees working at client locations in the US are issued H -1B visas, which have a cap of 65,000 a year.

The US Congress in recent months has been considering bills that seek to triple the cap of H-1B visas to 1,95,000. There is, however, a growing discontent about the H-1B visa process among skilled workers in the US, who say the visas are a way for big companies to hire cheaper foreign workers.

Recent examples, they cite, include electricity company Southern California Edison and entertainment company Disney, where local employees were laid off and replaced by H-1B visa holders. The layoffs have prompted some US Senators to call for investigations into the visa process used by the companies.

“US workers who have trained a temporary visa-holding replacement as a condition of their severance describe it as a profoundly humiliating experience. These workers see a direct connection between the US government’s H- 1B visa policies and their job loss, and they are furious,” said Patrick Thibodeau, senior editor at Computerworld.

- (a) The US will see presidential elections in _____.
- (b) The employees working at client locations in the US are issued _____.
- (c) The US congress has been planning to introduce Bills that would _____ the visas.
- (d) Local companies like _____ and Disney laid off local employees and replaced them with H- 1B visa holders.
- (e) Investigations have been initiated by some _____ into the visa process used by the companies.
- (f) The _____ would be the worst affected due to the change in the visa policy.
- (g) US workers find this laying off as a _____ experience.
- (h) In 2016 elections, the _____ reform will be taken up for discussion.

2 **Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :** **(2x4)+(1x4)=12** 12

Modern food has become our enemy. We have become so slavish to taste and presentation that we eat food for its entertainment value, not for its nutritional benefit. Even as health awareness is increasing, the variety of junk and nutritionless food is also increasing. Each restaurant boasts of a new cuisine, which is a mixture of refined flour, oil and sugar. Pasta, noodles, white rice, white bread and maida based products like pizzas, burgers, naan and rumali roti are the main options in Italian, Chinese,

Indian or Mexican cuisines. The vegetarian dishes are either overcooked or have a lot of corn starch and fat. The non-vegetarian dishes are either white-sauce based or made in rich gravies.

People are trying to lose weight by eating less in the day, so that they can accommodate such foods in the night. They skip breakfast and lunch so that they can satisfy their taste buds in the night with a family dinner. Perfect health, however, cannot be achieved by a process of eating less and not eating. The idea is to nourish the body. You might achieve some weight loss but you will also lose out on your health.

Therefore, whilst embarking upon any weight loss programme, remember that health is so much more than just weight loss, at the same time achieving ideal body weight in a healthy way does provide a basis for achieving perfect health.

Our weight is a balancing act, but the equation is simple: If you eat more calories than you burn, you gain weight. And if you eat fewer calories than you burn, you lose weight.

All too often, we make weight loss much more difficult than it needs to be with extreme diets that leave us cranky and starving, unhealthy lifestyle choices that undermine our dieting efforts, and emotional eating habits that stop us before we get started. But there's a better way! You *can* lose weight without feeling miserable. By making smart choices every day, you can develop new eating habits and preferences that will leave you feeling satisfied – and winning the battle of the bulge.

- (a) How has modern food become our enemy ?
- (b) How do people try to lose weight ?
- (c) What should you remember while trying to lose weight ?
- (d) What equation is drawn to highlight our weight as a balancing act ?
- (e) What is meant by 'nourish' ? (Para 2)
- (f) What is meant by 'undermine' ? (Para 5)
- (g) Find the word opposite in meaning to 'happy'. (Para)
- (h) Find the word opposite in meaning to 'neither'. (Para 1)

SECTION B (WRITING & GRAMMAR: 25 Marks)

3	You feel that today's tech savvy environment is a necessary evil. You cannot do without it even think. It has created unending problems for today's generation. Write a diary entry in about 100 - 120 words expressing your thoughts about it.	5
4	Develop a story in about 150 - 200 words with the following beginning. Also give a suitable title. The afternoon was hot and humid. The girl sitting next to me in the local bus was fast asleep. Suddenly the conductor blew the whistle and the driver quickly applied the brakes _____ .	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. Throughout the greater part (a)_____ Bertrand Russell's childhood, (b)_____ most important hours of his days were those (c)_____ he spent alone in the garden. (a) (i) of (ii) to (iii) off (iv) from (b) (i) in (ii) the (iii) these (iv) this (c) (i) which (ii) when (iii) this (iv) that	3
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 along with the word that comes before and after it. Remember to underline the missing word. The first one has been done as an example for you. <u>Word Before</u> <u>Missing Word</u> <u>Word After</u> Two hundred seamstresses employed eg. Seamstresses were employed to make shirts. They took my (a) _____ _____ _____ measurement as lay on the ground (b) _____ _____ _____ Then measured my right thumb (c) _____ _____ _____	4

	and left they desired no more (d) _____	
7	<p>Rearrange the given words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. Write the correct sentences in your answer sheet.</p> <p>e.g. : are located / the Arctic and the Antarctica / at the / of the earth / poles The Arctic and the Antarctica are located at the poles of the earth.</p> <p>(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 / thereare</p>	3
<p>SECTION C (LITERATURE & LONG READING TEXT: 25 Marks)</p>		
<p>Read one of the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow.</p>		
8	<p><i>"Many times I rubbed my hands over the pages wishing they could understand what was written".</i></p> <p>(a) Who said these words and to who ? (b) Why did she rub her hands over the pages ? (c) Which word in the extract means , 'learn' ?</p>	3
<p>OR</p>		
	<p><i>I listened , motionless and still And, as I mounted up the hill The music in my heart I bore Long after it was heard no more</i></p> <p>(a) What did 'I' listen to ? (b) What was 'I' doing at that time ? (c) What does the word, 'still' mean ?</p>	3
<p>Answer the following questions in about 30 - 40 words:</p>		
9(i)	<i>'It was like lighting a fuse. Duke shimmied himself U-shaped in anticipation'. Explain.</i>	2
9(ii)	Why has the poet used the word, 'babble' for the brook ?	2
9(iii)	Who is better in business , Juliette or Gaston ? Why?	2
9(iv)	Lord Ullin's daughter is terribly afraid of meeting her father. Give reasons for her fear.	2
<p>Answer one of the following questions in about 80-100 words</p>		
10	"Helping hands are better than praying lips". Do you agree with this statement ? Justify, your answer with reference to 'Kashi Yatre.'	4
<p>OR</p>		
	"Anger is a vice that mars a person's sanity" ? Comment with reference to 'Lord Ullin's Daughter'.	4
<p>Answer one of the following questions in about 150-200 words.</p>		
11	How do the Lilliputians gain favour at court? What is Swift targeting through this episode?	10

	OR	
	Was Mr. Thomas, the captain of the ship greedy ? Explain. What made him finally believe Gulliver ?	10
	OR	
	How did the friends reach Kingston to begin their holiday trip ?	10
	OR	
	Do you think Jerome is a hypochondriac ? What makes you think so ?	10
6U85IXV Marking Scheme		
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General Instructions:		
1.The Marking Scheme provides general guidelines to reduce subjectivity and maintain uniformity. The answers given in the marking scheme are the best suggested answers.		
2.Marking be done as per the instructions provided in the marking scheme. (It should not be done according to one’s own interpretation or any other consideration).		
3.Alternative methods be accepted. Proportional marks be awarded.		
4.If a question is attempted twice and the candidate has not crossed any answer, only first attempt be evaluated and ‘EXTRA’ be written with the second attempt.		
5.In case where no answers are given or answers are found wrong in this Marking Scheme, correct answers may be found and used for valuation purpose.		
SECTION A (READING:20 marks)		
1	(a) 2016 (b) H-1B visas (c) Triple (d) Southern California Edison (e) US senators (f) IT sector (g) Humiliating (h) Immigration	8
2	(a) Modern food has become our enemy. We have become so besotted by taste and presentation that we eat food for its entertainment value, not for its nutritional benefit. (b) People are trying to lose weight by eating less in the day, so that they can accommodate such foods in the night. They skip breakfast and lunch so that they can satisfy their taste buds in the night. (c) One should remember that health is so much more than just weight loss; at the same time achieving ideal body weight in a healthy way does provide a basis for achieving perfect health. (d) The equation - If you eat more calories than you burn, you gain weight. And if you eat fewer calories than you burn, you lose weight. (e) feed/foster/nurture (f) weaken/demoralize (g) miserable (h) either	12
SECTION B (WRITING& GRAMMAR: 25 Marks)		
3	Expected Answers/Value Points of Test item (a) Expression(Grammatical Accuracy/Fluency and Coherence)	5

	(b) Content	
4	Expected Answers/Value Points of Test item (a) Content (b) Language and Expression (c) Title	10
5	Marking : 3 marks -1 mark for each correct answer (a) (i) of (b) (ii) the (c) (iv) that	3
6	Omission (a) make <u>my</u> shirts (b) as <u>I</u> lay (c) Then <u>they</u> measured (d) left <u>as</u> They	4
7	Eg : are located / the Arctic and the Antarctica / at the / of the earth / poles The Arctic and the Antarctica, are located at the poles of the earth. (a) The atmosphere at both these places is very cold. (b) They experience extreme solar exposure periods. (c) Therefore, there are several similarities in the weather patterns.	3
	SECTION C (LITERATURE& LONG READING TEXT: 25 Marks)	
	Read one of the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow.	
8	(a) Grand mother to the narrator. (b) To know what was written. (c) understand	3
	OR	
	(a) the song of a solitary reaper (b) climbing a hill (c) quiet, not moving	3
	Answer the following questions in about 30 - 40 words:	
9(i)	Line refers to the effect Chuck had on the dog – hooked the leash onto the dog's collar – dog jumped in anticipation master would take him for a walk – dog excited as master showed no reaction to nudging for weeks.	2
9(ii)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It passes over pebbles and stones. • It makes a lot of noise, seems to be talking in a cheerful way. 	2
9(iii)	Gaston – intelligent ,ingenious, has presence of mind – an opportunist – knows the art of exploiting situation.	2
9(iv)	Lord Ullin's daughter defies her father and elopes with her lover. Her father is very angry and wants to kill her lover. Hence she's afraid of meeting her father.	2
	Answer one of the following questions in about 80-100 words	
10	Expected Answer/Value Points of Test Item : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Yes, real practice of religion is to practise humaneness. •Triveni's 'Kashi Yatre' talks about an old lady who wants to visit Kashi- worshipping Lord Vishweshwara - ultimate Punya but old lady finds happiness of the young girl more important than her visit to Kashi. •Religion teaches us to first be a human and help people in distress. 	4
	OR	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A person loses his mental balance - power to think logically - peace of mind when in anger. • Lord Ullin wanted to kill chieftain for eloping with daughter. 	4
	Answer one of the following questions in about 150-200 words.	
11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When Gulliver is finally trusted/allowed into court-one of the first things he observes - way in which candidates obtain those offices. <p>"When a great office is vacant.....five or six.....candidates petition the emperor to entertain his</p>	10

	<p>majesty/court with a dance on the rope".</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political offices are filled by people who may/may not always be of noble birth, or liberal education - judged by their ability to dance on a tight rope - person who jumps the highest without falling becomes the new office holder. • Swift satirizing the tendency of the British court to appoint ministers based not upon their governing skills /intellect but upon their status and social connections. • Gulliver also observes another ceremony in which the candidates perform a kind of Limbo "leap over the stick, sometimes creep under it, backward and forward, several times", those who succeed- rewarded with silks of different colors - clearly a reference to different levels of honour in aristocratic British society. 	
	<p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No, the captain Mr. Thomas was not greedy. He was a kind hearted fellow who went out of his way to help Gulliver. When he sighted the box in water, he thought it was a vessel. He himself went to take a look at it and decided to help Gulliver when he saw him trapped in it. He gave his own bed to Gulliver to rest in and was kind and gentle. Initially suspected him of being a criminal-but gave him food and a place to rest-treated him an equal. • He was also not a greedy person-refused to accept the things Gulliver wished to gift him-trusted Gulliver and sympathised with him-lend him five shillings to go back home. 	10
	<p>OR</p> <p>Three friends and their so called illness – holiday trip planned – decided to reach Kingston-George was to reach separately due to his attending office on Saturday – Jerome and two others – Harris and Montmorency-catch train from Waterloo-no train to Kingston from there, bribe driver to reach there-George joins them at Weybridge on River Thames.</p>	10
	<p>OR</p> <p>He was a hypochondriac-imagined he suffered from all the ailments to which mankind is prone; the doctor’s prescription proves beyond doubt that he is a confirmed hypochondriac.</p> <p>-o0o0o0o-</p>	10