

**ENGLISH (COMMUNICATIVE)
SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT - I
Class -IX**

Maximum Marks : 70

Time : 3 hours

Instructions :

(i) The question paper is divided into **three sections.**

Section A---Reading 20 marks

Section B---Writing Grammar 25 marks

Section C---Literature 25 marks

(ii) All questions are compulsory.

(iii) You may attempt any section at a time.

(iv) All questions of a section must be attempted in the correct order.

**SECTION A
(READING: 20 Marks)**

1 **Read the passage given below and complete the sentences that follow by choosing the most appropriate options from those given :** 5

Chocolate diamonds are actually brown diamonds and compared to the well-known white diamond they aren't worth much. Diamonds are produced in mines. The best known diamond mines are in Australia, South Africa and Russia. The largest diamond mine was discovered in 1976 in the desert of Australia near a little creek named Lake Argyle. Diamonds are created under very extreme conditions of pressure and high temperature. It is a general misunderstanding that there exist only white colourless diamonds. Actually, diamonds exist in many different colours.

Of all the diamond mines in the world almost 80% of all diamonds produced are brownish in colour. Because they were found in such large quantities compared to the other coloured diamonds, they were considered as low-valued diamonds, only good for the industrial sector. But a famous man called Le Vian came with a marketing campaign to increase the popularity of the chocolate diamond. Instead of calling it a brown diamond, he gave it popular names like caramel, chocolate, cinnamon and cognac. Since his marketing campaign, chocolate diamonds are becoming very popular.

The value of a diamond is based on its shape, brightness and colour. Because white diamonds are rare, their value is based on the fact that there are not many white diamonds around. But if you look at the shape and brightness, then the brightest diamond in this world known to men is a brown diamond.

(a) The wrong notion about diamonds is that :

(i) they aren't worth much

- (i) boys
 - (ii) adults
 - (iii) girls
 - (iv) children
- (d) To overcome 'toasted skin syndrome', you should
- (i) Use a heat shield
 - (ii) Use infrared lamps
 - (iii) Water cooler
 - (iv) Cooling pads
- (e) Which word from the following means the same as 'vulnerable'?
- (i) safe
 - (ii) defenseless
 - (iii) protected
 - (iv) covered

3 Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

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Each one of us is unique. This uniqueness makes us special since we know that God has taken time to create us in such a way that we are different from the rest. Similarly, each day of our lives is unique and every experience we go through in the course of each day is unique. If we don't have this uniqueness in every day we live and every experience we undergo, life will become very mechanical and boring. The best part is that there is no way by which we can predict how a day will turn out to be or what experience will unfold to us that day.

We have to understand that every experience can either give us a boost of energy or a lesson for leading a better life.

Whether we like it or not, each day is going to be different and each experience of the day will be unpredictable. No matter how much plan, how much we resist, the future is going to unfold in the way it wants to and will not care what we feel about it or how we classify what we are going through. Is it not much better to just flow with the flow and enjoy everything that we experience ? Infinite thoughts Dec 2012

1. On the basis of your reading of the passages, complete the following statements :

- (a) Every experience we face in our life is _____.
- (b) If we are not different from each other, then life would be _____.

2. Answer the following questions.

- (a) What do you gain from our daily experiences ?
- (b) How can you make your life more enjoyable ?

3. Find words from the passage which mean the same as the following.

- (a) open up (para 1)
- (b) grade (para 3)

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Arithmetic

Carl Sandburg

Arithmetic is where numbers fly
like pigeons in and out of your head.

Arithmetic tells you how many you lose or win

If you know how many how had
before you lost or won.

Arithmetic is seven eleven all good children
go to heaven ---or five six bundle of sticks.

Arithmetic is numbers you squeeze from your
head to your hand to your pencil to your paper
till you get the right answer...

If you have two animal crackers, one good and one bad,
and you eat one and a striped zebra

with streaks all over him eats the other,

how many animal crackers will you have ?

if somebody offers you five six seven and you say

No, no, no and you say Nay, may, nay

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	<p>and you say Nix, nix, nix ?</p> <p>If you ask your mother for one fried egg for breakfast and she gives you two fried eggs and you eat both of them, who is better in arithmetic, you or your mother?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) What helps you know if you have won or lost ? (2) Identify the figure of speech in the line 'like pigeons in and out of your head'. (3) Who eats the other animal cracker _____ . (4) The writer feels that arithmetic involves squeezing of numbers as _____. (5) Find the word in the poem that is similar in meaning to 'bale'. 	
	<p>SECTION B (WRITING & GRAMMAR: 25 Marks)</p>	
5	<p>You are Rahul/Riti. Your school organised an adventure camp recently. Use the hints given below and ideas from the unit 'Adventure' and write a letter to your cousin Sumer who stays in Jaipur describing the wonderful time you had. (120-150 words)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • adventure camp in Himachal Pradesh • splendid natural beauty all around • activities like trekking, mountaineering, river crossing • exciting stay in tents 	6
6	<p>Taking help from the information given below and inventing your own details, write a speech in 120 words to be delivered by you in the morning assembly of your school on Right To Education (RTE).</p> <p>RTE an appropriate step to boost children education - born for poor children - right of children to free and compulsory education - gap between govt. and elite schools - improvement in school facilities - sincere efforts needed - future bright .</p>	5
7	<p>You are a newspaper reporter and have just covered a seminar focussing on the issue of 'GIRAL CHILD EDUCATION'. Write a report for the newspaper in not more than 80-100 words.</p>	4
8	<p>Complete the paragraph given below by filling in each of the blanks with the help of options that follow.</p> <p>Around the 1880's an American doctor George Howard Monks modified an already existing</p>	3

	game called Hoppity and called it Halma. The idea of (a) _____ (this/that/these/those) game (b) _____ (are/is/were/was) to make your way across the board from your corner and move to the opposite side (c) _____ (along/with/before/first) your opponent. Chinese Checkers originated as a spin off from Halma.																															
9	<p>The following paragraph has not been edited. One word has been omitted in each line. Write the omitted word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after in your answer sheet against the correct blank number as shown in the example.</p> <p><u>Glacier Toilet</u></p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;"></td> <td style="width: 10%;"></td> <td style="width: 15%;">Before</td> <td style="width: 15%;">missing</td> <td style="width: 10%;">after</td> </tr> <tr> <td>An environment-friendly toilet does</td> <td></td> <td>toilet</td> <td><u>that</u></td> <td>does</td> </tr> <tr> <td>not use water been developed by scientists</td> <td>(a)</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>in research wing of the Indian Army. This is</td> <td>(b)</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>one the nearly 200 inventions developed by the</td> <td>(c)</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Indian Army that be used by people. A</td> <td>(d)</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> </table>			Before	missing	after	An environment-friendly toilet does		toilet	<u>that</u>	does	not use water been developed by scientists	(a)	_____	_____	_____	in research wing of the Indian Army. This is	(b)	_____	_____	_____	one the nearly 200 inventions developed by the	(c)	_____	_____	_____	Indian Army that be used by people. A	(d)	_____	_____	_____	4
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12.3	The poet says, “I took the one less travelled by, And that has made all the difference.” What is the “difference” that the poet mentions ?	2																														

12.4	How did Duke meet his end ?	2
13.1	Opportunist and manipulative people give much importance to their personal gains, regardless of what others may suffer. Justify with reference to 'Villa for Sale'.	4
	OR	
13.2	A teacher should be respected for imparting education and inculcating values. Discuss with reference to 'How I Taught My Grandmother' ?	4
	Attempt either part (a) or part(b)	
	Part (a)	
14(A)	Describe in your own words the encounter between Gulliver and the giant reaper. (100-120 words)	5
15(A)	Comment on the character of James Bates in about 100 words.	5
	Part (b)	
14(B)	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.	5
15(B)	What is the justification given by the narrator for the people crowding the towns and cities ? What does it reveal about human nature ?	5

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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' written with 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) (iv) (b) (iii) (c) (iii) (d) (i) (e) (ii)	5
2	(a) (iii) Burns and stinging rash (b) (i) Heated reclining chairs (c) (iv) children (d) (i) Use a heat shield (e) (ii) defenseless	5
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4	<p>(1) Arithmetic (2) Simile (3) The zebra</p> <p>(4) It involves computation and calculation./ brain work</p> <p>(5) Bundle</p>	5															
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5	<p>Marking : Content - 4 marks Fluency - 1 mark Accuracy - 1 mark</p> <p>Under content credit should be given for the candidate's creativity in presenting ideas. However, some of the following points may be included.</p> <p>Value Points :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • place and duration of the camp - Himachal Pradesh • natural beauty all around • more enjoyable because of friends • activities undertaken - trekking, mountaineering, river crossing etc. • exciting stay in tents. 	6															
6	<p>Speech on RTE : Content - 3, Fluency - 1, Accuracy - 1</p>	5															
7	<p>Marking : Content - 2 marks Fluency - 1 mark Accuracy - 1 mark</p> <p>Value Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda - Education of the girl child • Date • Time • Venue • Speakers/Participants • Issues raised during the seminar • Solutions offered by the speakers 	4															
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11	<p>(a) Juliette to her maid</p> <p>(b) Villa, was not able to sell it yet</p>	3															

	(c) Fed up	
	Answer the following questions: (2x4)	
12.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • both have same desire to visit Kashi, • believe that going to Kashi is the Ultimate Punya. • both are old. • both want to worship lord Vishweshwara 	2
12.2	Witty, lively, sharp / opportunistic, unprincipled and self centred	2
12.3	The difference to his life.	2
12.4	Duke met with a car accident and had serious injuries so could not survive for long.	2
13.1	<p>He was an intelligent and a quick witted business man</p> <p>He cheated Miss Al Smith and Juliette</p> <p>Earned one lac francs without investing a penny</p> <p>He did not let his wife know the trick he has played</p>	4
	OR	
13.2	<p>Role modal</p> <p>Helps students to make society a better place to live in by imparting values</p> <p>Creates an individual personality by boosting morale.</p>	4
	Attempt either part (a) or part(b)	
	Part (a)	
14(A)	Frightened much – Gulliver hid among stalks of corn – reapers close – screamed aloud with fear – giant saw him – startled – lifted between forefinger and thumb - didn't struggle – hands in pleading gesture – spoke in humble, sad tone – groaned, shed tears – coat pocket – ran to master – Gulliver escaped death.	5
15(A)	<p>--An eminent London Surgeon.</p> <p>--Gulliver worked as an apprentice to him</p> <p>--Gives Gulliver an opportunity to set up practice with him.</p> <p>--He gave Gulliver the first job as a surgeon on the ship.</p> <p>--The main person to give much exotic adventure in the life of Gulliver</p>	5
	Part (b)	
14(B)	The moral is when you are out on a journey you must be prepared to face all the difficulties and learn not to complain; take things as they come and make the most of everything.	5
15(B)	We men and women - creatures of sun - love light and life - crowd into the town and cities - countries are deserted - when nature is alive, everything busy around us - in the night - feel lonesome - sit and sob for the gas - lit street, human voices - feel so helpless and belittled in the still silence.	5