

SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT – I (2016-17)
ENGLISH (Language and Literature) *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 : 8X1=8

(1) Till a few years ago, cyclists were a rare sight on city roads as traversing through steep climbs seemed an unimaginable task.

(2) However, cycling seems to be fast catching up among locals in the hill town. Given the steady rise in vehicle population, it is indeed a welcome change. With more people pedalling their way around the city – some taking it as a form of outdoor physical activity – vehicular traffic is bound to decrease on roads.

(3) Reminiscing his childhood day when he used to cycle around, Rajat Rajpal, owner of a cafe on the Mall Road, said, "I've consciously decided to get used to it. I have been riding my bicycle for five months now and now I'm completely hooked."

(4) Every morning, Rajpal zealously cycles his way to Company Garden or Camel's Back Road, besides the Library Bazaar whenever he wants to pick up goodies for his cafe. "I think cycling is one of the best aerobic exercises than walking. Besides, you also contribute in keeping the environment clean," said the cycling enthusiast. For some, cycling continues to be an energetic and enthralling experience.

(5) Norway – based Keshav Nruham, who has been living in Mussoorie for nearly three years, says it's the best way to stay fit and do your bit for the environment. Aged above 50 years, Keshav rides more than 15 km (one way) from Kempty Road till Lal Tibba every morning. Though traffic on the route, particularly around Kempty Road, and the steep climb from Landour to Lal Tibba, pose hurdles on the way, it has failed to deter his spirit. Despite the age factor, he cycles for almost 30 kms daily. Due to the rising number of cyclists in the city, shops have also come up wherein fitness freaks and tourists can take bicycles on rent. "We started renting cycles on an experimental basis but it has become a popular activity now. In fact, there are days when people have to wait to get cycles on rent. We received an overwhelming response from tourists," says Pitambar, owner of a cycle shop.

(6) Sandeep Jain, an advocate from Faridabad, who recently visited Mussoorie along with his three friends, told TOI, "We rented cycles for the entire day and rode to George Everest House and also the Mall Road. It was a great experience."

(a) Cyclists were not so common a few years ago as riding through steep hills was very

- _____.
- (b) The increase in the number of _____ has made cycling popular among the locals.
- (c) The owner of _____, on the Mall Road has been cycling to work for five months, now.
- (d) Cycling is not only one of the best _____ but also helps in keeping the environment clean.
- (e) _____ from Norway finds it the best way to stay fit and also do his bit to save the environment.
- (f) Due to rising trend for cycling in the city, the cycles are also now available on _____.

(g) Sandeep Jain also rented a bicycle and rode to _____ and Mall Road.

(h) 'Encourage' is an antonym to the word _____ in para 5.

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

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

(1) I have sometimes given money to beggars. On cold autumn days, when a homeless man seemed to be in need of some money to buy food or a cup of coffee, I have occasionally dropped him a few coins. Those coins, I have thought, mean much more to him than they do to me, and giving is a nice thing to do. Upon reflection, however, I have come to change my mind, and now I don't give money to beggars. Let me explain why.

(2) First, for every rupee that we give to a beggar, the more lucrative we make begging and, comparatively, the less lucrative we make working. This is bad, for we want people to work, not beg. Working is productive; begging is at best neutral and often a burden and a nuisance. Second, there is no guarantee that the beggar who receives the money will spend it in ways that increase the quality of his life. He might well spend the money on alcohol or drugs, and end up financing organized crime.

(3) First of all, you are likely to give your money to the beggars who already get the most from other givers. Depending on their location, their looks, and what they say, different beggars have different degrees of success in how much money they attract. Like everyone else, you are statistically likely to give the most money to the ones with the locations, looks, and tricks that prompt people to give.

(4) Even if you follow a well thought out strategy to eliminate this problem, however, you are still almost certainly giving your money to the wrong people. The reason why is that, presumably, you live in the developed world - and so do the beggars that you walk past on the street. The vast majority of beggars living in the developed world, moreover, have a quality of life that millions in the developing world can only dream of.

(5) In seeking to help others, we should not merely give to those who are geographically close to us and whose appearance elicits our sympathy. Rather, we should give to those who are the worst off, who can be helped the most with each rupee that we give, and who are the least responsible for the situation that they're in. To achieve this, we should consciously decide how much of our money we are willing to spend on helping others, find the most efficient charity, donate money to that charity, and say no the next time a beggar asks if we can spare a dime.

- (a) Why did the writer stop giving money to the beggars ?
- (b) How will you decide that you are giving money to the right person ?
- (c) Why should people living in the developed countries not give money to the beggars of their countries ?
- (d) What considerations must be kept in mind while giving money to the beggars ?
- (e) What is the antonym of the word 'lucrative' ? (para-2)
- (f) What is meant by the word 'presumably' ? (para-4)
- (g) What is meant by the word 'illicit' ? (para-5)
- (h) What is meant by the word 'prompt' ? (para-3)

SECTION B (WRITING & GRAMMAR: 25 Marks)

- 3 You are Reena/Rithik, the Environment Secretary of Sunshine Public School. Write an article for your school magazine on how we, as individuals, can contribute to save our planet. (100-120 words) 5
- 4 Write a story with the help of the given hints in about 150-200 words. Also give a suitable title. 10
Seema – working as a maid – eager to go to school – unable to do so – family responsibilities – lend a hand to support.
- 5 Complete the passage given below by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones that follow. Write your answers in the answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. Do not copy the entire passage. 3
 In Uganda, small pox was a fatal disease. Once it struck a village, it (a) _____ through it like a plague, destroying hundreds, blinding and disfiguring the rest. There (b) _____ no known remedy. It was the custom to put the sick into little huts outside the village and abandon them to (c) _____
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| (a) | (i) spreads | (ii) spread |
| | (iii) had spread | (iv) has spread |
| (b) | (i) was | (ii) had been |
| | (iii) has been | (iv) have been |
| (c) | (i) death | (ii) dying |
| | (iii) die | (iv) dies |
- 6 The following paragraph has not been edited. One word is missing from each line. Identify the missing word and write it along with the word before and the word after in your answer sheet. 4
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| | Word before | Missing word | Word after |
| The Prince decided, ^{to} take a | e.g. decided | to | take |
| world-wide trip ^{to} visit many | (a) _____ | _____ | _____ |
| foreign lands. He took a | (b) _____ | _____ | _____ |
| large number of servants and | (c) _____ | _____ | _____ |
| slaves, ^{to} ensure his comfort. | (d) _____ | _____ | _____ |
- 7 Read the conversation given below and complete the paragraph that follows : 3
- Radha : I went to see an English play last night.
 Pixie : Was it good ?
 Radha : It was marvellous.
- Radha told Pixie (a) _____ an English play the previous night. Pixie asked her (b) _____ Radha replied (c) _____.

Q8. Read the given extract and answer the questions that follow : (3 marks)

By mid-April neighbours saw a daily struggle in front of Marcy's house. Out on the sidewalk they saw the dog pull his leash taut, then stand and wait.

- (i) What was the struggle the neighbours witnessed ?
- (ii) Why did the dog stand and wait ?
- (iii) What was the final outcome of the struggle ?

Or

*Then took the other, just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as far that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same.*

- (i) Which of the two roads did the poet take ?
- (ii) Which road, according to the poet, had the better claim ?
- (iii) How were the two roads almost similar up to the point where the poet stood ?

Q9. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each : (2×4=8 marks)

1. How do we know that Lord Ullin forgave his daughter for eloping with her lover ?
2. What are the guesses the poet makes with regard to the Solitary Reaper's song ?
3. Why was Sudha Murty surprised when her grandmother touched her feet ?
4. How does Wordsworth describe the song of the Highland lass in his poem, 'The Solitary Reaper' ?

Q10. After Duke's death, Marcy was asked to write an article for the local newspaper. She decides to write on the topic, 'A dog is man's best friend'. Write it for her in 80-100 words. (4 marks)

Or

You are Juliette. You feel duped and cheated by Gaston. You decide to take legal action against him. Write a letter to your friend in 80-100 words, sharing this incident and the action you plan to take against him.

OR

Grandfather realized that the monkey was not happy with the Tonga-driver. The animal 4
looked out of place. Analyze and bring out the reasons for the creature's forlorn state.

Answer one of the following questions in about 100-120 words.

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| Mention the effects of the hectic schedule of Gulliver's exhibition by his master. | 10 |
| OR | |
| Write a note on the captain of the ship, Mr. Thomas Wilcocks. | 10 |
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| Jerome and his friends decided they required 'rest and a complete change'. Give reasons. | 10 |
| OR | |
| What was Harris's 'fixed idea' ? What did his friends think of his singing ability ? | 10 |

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