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SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT – I (2016-17) ENGLISH 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/complete the statement that follow : (1x8) 8

Many years ago, when the art of stunting plants was quite unheard of except in remote areas of India, Buddhist monks in isolated monasteries in Tibet stunted trees like the oak, orange tree, Peepal tree, watching with excitement, the tree still flowering and bearing fruit regardless of this 'deformity.' Since the trees looked so artistically beautiful, the art was learnt by some Chinese monks who taught "Bonsai" making, an art that became most sought after in China. Every garden, among plant lovers, had atleast half a dozen 'bonsais'. China and India claimed rights of the art, till Japan followed, enamoured by its beauty. Today Japan leads in Bonsai making of plants and has derived new methodologies to make the plants look aesthetic and artistic. The most beautiful is the cherry blossom that is breathtakingly attractive. The Bonsai remains full grown for even more than ten years, although it needs constant pruning, watering, shaping and correct environment. The trees can be planted in colourful containers of your choice.

Innumerable schools have mushroomed, where the art is taught and cultivated. Best known among them is the Indian Bonsai Association. India has great demand for Bonsai and hotels, homes, garden houses, farm houses, restaurants, guest houses, invariably decorate lobbies, dining halls, drawing rooms with these exotic plants. It is aptly said, that 'a thing of beauty is joy forever.' Indeed the Bonsai lasts in one's imagination long after the plant has lived its life span.

Bonsai gardeners use methods including wiring branches, extreme pruning of roots and branches, root binding, grafting, and custom soil and cinder mixtures. But perhaps the most important element of all is patience.

Instructions for achieving the "roots over rock" effect give insight to the work of a bonsai artist: trim the roots, place the rock, bind roots, then re-pot and wait two years. Often a bonsai is created by many hands over the years - a highly prized tree is one where the hand and ego of the artist become invisible, as in the Zen concept of "artless art."

- Who first began to stunt trees and plants?
- Which Bonsai is breathtakingly attractive?
- Who leads in the art of stunting today?
- How can we take care of plants?
- What is the life span of a Bonsai?
- Where is great demand for bonsai in India?
- Why does the writer say 'a thing of beauty is a joy forever'?

(h) The word 'enamoured' means -----.

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

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Being eco-friendly is in vogue. Whether on the ramp or at home, a large number of people are emphasizing the use of eco-friendly products, thereby doing their bit to protect the environment. "Eco-friendly products are those products that inflict minimal or no harm to the environment. Made of natural elements, these products are not only safe but also add an artistic dimension to one's home", explains C.K. Nair of Home stop.

The products are made of environment sensitive material such as recycled wood, dead wood, recycled paper, bamboo, jute, natural fiber and natural or organic cotton. "Grasses like sabai grass and vetiver can be woven to make mats, screens, bags and baskets. Old textiles can be used to make recycled paper, which can be used for packaging, lampshades, notebooks and other stationery. Recycled plastic can be used for containers and furniture, says Minhazz Majumdar of the Bamboo store.

Though there's been a lot of awareness about using eco-friendly products, it is still not the first thing that people look for when buying things for their homes. Eco-friendly products not only stand out in their looks, their durability is also high. "The life cycle of these products can be up to fifty years", says Majumdar.

There are many other benefits of using eco-friendly products; by using these products, you can help decrease pollution, the destruction of forests and other ecosystems, and the amount of waste sent to landfills. A simple and yet more effective way to live eco-friendly life is to either take public transportation for your daily commuting needs or try pooling in with your office colleagues to save fuel and reduce your carbon footprint.

In addition to this, eco-friendly products are better for your health, as they don't contain any harmful chemicals that can irritate skin or eyes. Another benefit of using green products is the peace of mind that you're helping keep the planet a clean and safe place to live not only for your generation, but for generations to come!

Growing an eco-friendly community is getting easier. There are more and more community gardens, swap meets and farmer's markets that make it easier for an entire community to actively participate in eco-friendly activities.

- What are eco-friendly products?
- What are the benefits of using eco-friendly products?
- Why Eco-friendly products are considered environment friendly?
- How are these products good for our health?
- What is meant by 'vogue'? (Para 1)
- What is meant by 'inflict'? (Para 1)
- Find the word opposite in meaning to 'artificial'. (Para 2)
- Find the word opposite in meaning to 'soothe'. (Para 5)

SECTION B (WRITING & GRAMMAR: 25 Marks)

- You are a member of the Eco Club of your school. A few weeks back, your school celebrated Earth Day. Various informative programmes were showcased in the morning assembly. Write a diary entry in about 100 - 120 words, expressing what you learnt through those activities. 5
- Sunil is an overambitious boy. He wants to be a film hero. But doesn't get any appropriate role in the films. He goes to several Production Houses and meets Directors but to no avail. One fine morning he meets a man who Complete the story in about 150-200 words with an appropriate title.* 10
- Complete the following paragraph by choosing the appropriate options from the ones given below. Write your answers in the answer sheets against the correct blank number. Do 3

not copy the entire paragraph.

Sandalwood is the name of a class of fragrant woods (a) _____ trees. Unlike many other aromatic woods, they retain their fragrance (b) _____ decades. Essential oils (c) _____ also extracted from these woods.

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| | (i) | (ii) | (iii) | (iv) |
| (a) | from | at | at | for |
| (b) | at | of | for | from |
| (c) | can | are | could | will |

- 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. 4

	Word Before	Missing Word	Word After
While making popcorn, cover bottom	eg. cover	<u>the</u>	bottom
of the pan cooking oil. Put	(a)	_____	_____
the burner, on gas stove	(b)	_____	_____
and turn flame to high. Gas stoves		(c)	_____
heat more quickly evenly.	(d)	_____	_____

- 7 Read the conversation given below and complete the passage given below : 3

Teacher : What happened Ramesh?
 Student : Madam, I lost my book.
 Teacher : Don't worry, it can be in your bag.

Student : Madam, I can't find my bag.
 The teacher asked Ramesh(a)_____
 Ramesh told his teacher that (b) _____
 The teacher told him not to worry as (c) _____
 The student replied that he couldn't find his bag.

SECTION C (LITERATURE & LONG READING TEXT: 25 Marks)

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

- 8 ".....there was a young orphan girl who falls in love but there was no money for the wedding. In the end, the old lady gives away all her savings without going to Kashi." 3

- (i) Who is the orphan young girl mentioned in the extract ?
 (ii) Why does the old lady give away all her savings without going to Kashi ?
 (iii) Write the part of speech of the word 'orphan' here.

OR

'Oh, I kept the first for another day!
 Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
 I doubted if I should ever come back.'

- (i) Whom does 'I' refer to ?
 (ii) Which road does the poet choose and why ?
 (iii) Which word in the above passage means the same as 'to be uncertain'?

Answer the following questions in about 30 - 40 words:

- 9a Do you think that Duke fulfills the meaning of 'Dogs are the most faithful friends of Man' ? How ? 2
- 9b At Juliette's house Gaston acquires two things by taking advantage of the situation. Which are the two things he gets? 2
- 9c Why did the chieftain want to cross Lochgyle with his bonny bride in the dark and stormy weather ? 2
- 9d Why do you think Wordsworth has chosen the songs of the nightingale and the cuckoo bird to 2

compare with the song of the reaper ?

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

- 10 In what ways can ignorance lead one into a trap and cause losses beyond one's imagination? 4
What values should one imbibe in oneself to be able to escape such traps? Give your answer in reference to Villa for Sale.

OR

Often we match our life with natural things, and sometimes we find them to be too close to our emotions. Taking ideas from the poem, 'The Brook', write a paragraph on the topic, 'Nature appears to be a symbol of life'.

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

- 11 Describe briefly the incident in which Gulliver shows mercy to the Lilliputians who climbed onto his body and its outcome. 10

OR

Write a character sketch of Gulliver's old comrade Peter William. 10

OR

We sometimes find ourselves caught in the typical situation in which the three friends found themselves at the Waterloo station. Elucidate. 10

OR

George's peaceful sleep disturbs the other two friends. What do you think of their behaviour? 10

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