

SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT - II (2015-2016)
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)

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

Happy is the man who acquires the habit of reading when he is young. He has secured a life-long source of pleasure, instruction and inspiration. So long as he has his beloved books, he need never feel lonely. He always has a pleasant occupation of leisure moments, so that he need never feel lonely. He always has a pleasant occupation of leisure moments, so that he need never feel bored. He is the possessor of wealth more precious than gold. Ruskin calls books, "King's Treasures" - treasuries filled with riches like knowledge, noble thoughts and high ideals. Poor indeed is the man who does not read, his life is empty.

Reading gives the highest kind of pleasure. Some books we read simply for pleasure and amusement. Novels and books of imagination must have their place in everybody's reading. When we are tired, or the brain is weary with serious study, it is healthy recreation to lose ourselves in some absorbing story.

To read the books of fiction is like eating nothing but cakes and sweetmeats. As we need plain, wholesome food for the body, so we must have serious reading for the mind. And here we can chose according our taste. There are many noble books on history, biography, philosophy, religion, travel, and science which we ought to be read, and which will give us not only pleasure but also education. Nor should poetry be neglected, for the best poetry gives us noble thoughts and beautiful imaginings.

Books are the most faithful friends. Our friends may change, or die; but our books are always patiently waiting to talk to us.

- (a) The man who acquires the habit of reading when he is young is always happy.
- (b) What gives the highest kind of pleasure? life long.
- (c) We must have serious reading for our mind.
- (d) We ought to read serious books.
- (e) Find from the passage the synonym of 'fatigued.'

1b Read the following passages carefully.


King Arthur of Britain is well known for his adventures. One day his friend Merlin told him that in one of his adventures, he would come across a dwarf who would challenge him to fight. "Wisdom lies in killing the dwarf in the very first encounter. If you spare his life, you may have to repent later", said Merlin. On the following day, the king met the dwarf, who brandished his sword and challenged him to fight. King Arthur hesitated to accept this unequal fight, for the dwarf was such a puny fellow. But ultimately he dismounted and accepted the challenge. The king won the challenge but when the dwarf begged mercy of him, he let him go. Sure enough, when King Arthur went out, the dwarf was again there, and he had now gained height by a couple of inches. In another fierce battle, King Arthur won but again yielded to the dwarf's plea for mercy and spared his life. This incident was repeated on ten consecutive days and everyday the dwarf was a couple of inches taller. On the last day, he had turned into a giant. He killed Arthur's horse and wounded Arthur seriously. The king was carried back to the palace. Later Merlin explained to the king that the dwarf represented our evil desires. We should curb them as soon as they raise their head.

- (1) Answer the following questions.
 - (a) What made King Arthur hesitant to accept the dwarf's challenge?
 - (b) What is the moral of the story?
- (2) On the basis of your reading of the passage complete the following statements.
 - (a) One day King Arthur would confront _____.
 - (b) Merlin advised _____.
- (3) Find a word from the passage which means the same as 'to get down'

(Open Text: 10 Marks)

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

Theme: Indigenous Games of India

- 2a Trace the development of indigenous games and their importance.  JSUNIL TUTORIAL Chase Excellence 5
- 2b Games and Sports are important for physical and mental health. Elucidate. 5

SECTION B (WRITING & GRAMMAR: 25 Marks)

- 3 Write a diary entry in 100 - 120 words on how you enjoyed being part of the Republic Day celebration. 5
- 4 While playing "Hide and Seek" with your friends, you decide to hide in an old, secluded and abandoned house. Minutes later you overhear a conversation and learn about a plan to spread terror in the city. Make up a short story on this incident giving it a triumphant end. (150-200 words) 10
- 5 Choose the most appropriate options from the ones given below to complete the following paragraph. 3
- (a) _____ wizard said, "Oh, very well. (b) _____ to the end of the lane and turn (c) _____ three times; look down the magic well and there you will find three pennies.

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| (a) (i) A | (ii) An | (iii) The | (iv) One |
| (b) (i) go | (ii) went | (iii) gone | (iv) going |
| (c) (i) on | (ii) in | (iii) around | (iv) from |

6 In the following passage one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the words before and after against the correct blank number. 4

Before Missing Word After

At home she sits in her chair and stares the cages.
 In cage, the animals-her pets - stare back. She
 looks at them, they look her, for a while.
 And then she the animals free.



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| (a) | | | |
| (b) | the animals | and | her |
| (c) | they | at | look |
| (d) | she | made | the |

7 Look at the words/phrases given below and rearrange to form meaningful sentences. 3

a. fourth / celebrated on the / Sunday / Mother's day is / of Lent

b. 16th Century / festival / celebrated / this / is / the / since

c. time / mothers / gifts / cards / and / them / by giving / honour their / it is a / when children

SECTION C (LITERATURE: 25 Marks)

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

8 *In pursuit of his ambition he worked hard. We had to give him credit for that. He borrowed training manuals and stayed up late at nights reading them. He badgered the instructors with questions.* 3

(a) What was the Professor's ambition ?
 (b) How did he want to achieve his ambition ?
 (c) What is meant by the word, 'badgered' ?

OR

Read the passage given below carefully and answer the questions that follow: 3

So I lay in the old dentist's chair,
 And I gaze up his nose in despair,
 And his drill it do whine
 In these molars of mine.

"Two amalgum", he'll say, "for in there".

- (a) Why was the poet lying in the old dentist's chair in despair?
 (b) Explain the line. 'And his drill it do whine, in these molars of mine'.
 What does 'amalgum' mean ?

Answer the following questions in 30 to 40 words each: (2+2+2+2)

9a 'I think one who has suffered much'. About whom is the Bishop talking ? Why has he suffered ? 2

9b Explain the line- 'the lean and slippred pantaloon'. 2

9c What was John A. Pescud's opinion about his own business ? 2

9d What did Mrs. Bramble mean when she said to her husband, "Bill, we must keep it from Harold." 2

Answer one of the following questions in 80-100 words

10 You are John A. Pescud. Write an informal letter to your friend telling him how things changed for good as far as your meeting with Jessie and Colonel was concerned resulting in a happy ending. 4

OR

Corporal Turnbull tried to teach the Professor a lesson by assigning him permanent cookhouse duties. Did he succeed ? Comment on the Professor's attitude in the cookhouse in the chapter, 'The Man Who Knew Too Much' reflecting on the values he should have possessed to avoid such duties. 4

Answer one of the following questions in 150-200 words

11 What does the Master Horse say about the character of the leader among the Yahoos to Gulliver ? 10



OR

Captain William Robinson is instrumental in setting Gulliver forth on his third adventure. Describe Captain William Robinson in the light of the given statement. 10

OR

Describe the incident when George tries to learn to play his Banjo. 10

OR

What light does the writer throw on the behaviour of veteran boatmen and anglers ? 10

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