

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 following passage.

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Most scientists feel that a world population of between one and two billion can live on the Earth in a sustainable manner and with a reasonable standard of living (Southwick 161). As it stands, the world's population is at least three times that of the recommended level. Combined with what is a reasonable standard of living, that is to say that everyone would have an acceptable job, sufficient housing, a varied diet without fear of food and water shortages, adequate health care, education - all of the typical middle-class family values. Obviously, most people do not enjoy this standard of living (Southwick 161). If the six billion people presently populating the earth cannot attain such a standard of living, the population swells between eight and ten billion, how can they attain a middle class standard of living with the scarce resources available? A flaw in Southwick's argument that Simon would probably argue is that with more people, comes more human capital. With more human capital, the likelihood that our innovation will discover a technological solution to the overpopulation problem increases. Other scientists compare population growth to the growth of a cancerous tumor. Both are characterized by rapid, uncontrolled growth, invasion and thus destruction of adjacent areas, spread to other, and loss of differentiation between individual components. Any two or more of these symptoms are indicative of cancer in the body; the human population currently displays all five symptoms (Southwick 161). Uncontrolled human population growth will not necessarily kill the earth, but civilization in its present form could collapse, as in the case of Easter Island.

On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions :

- (1) Scientists believe that world population can survive with _____.
- (2) A reasonable standard of living means availability of food & water.
- (3) Scientists compare population growth to a cancerous tumor as _____.
- (4) Easter Island came to an end due to popu.
- (5) The word which means the same as 'PROBABLILITY' in the above passage _____.

1b

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

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I told my mother all that I knew. We found ourselves in a difficult and dangerous position. Some of the captain's money was certainly due to us, but his shipmates Black Dog and the blind beggar were not the kind to give up their booty in payment of a dead man's

debts. I could ride over to Dr. Liversey for help but that would have left my mother alone. It seemed impossible to stay in the house any longer. The fall of the coals in the kitchen fireplace, the ticking of the clock, and the fear of the blind beggar coming back filled us with terror. We decided to go and seek help in the neighbouring village.

The village lay only a hundred yards away though it could not be seen as it was on the other side of the inlet. It was dark when we reached the village and I felt happy to see the lights shining through the doors and windows. We told the villagers about our troubles but not one of them was willing to leave the shelter of their homes and return with us. They had all heard of Captain Flint and just the sound of his name filled them with terror.

Their fear seemed to make my mother bold, "If none of you men dare to come back with us, Jim and I will dare to go back alone. We'll open that chest, even if we die doing it, for I don't plan to lose money that rightfully belongs to us. (a) Whom did the narrator appeal for help ?

- (b) What made the narrator afraid ?
- (c) How far was the village from the speaker's house ?
- (d) Who were villagers scared of ?
- (e) Give one word for 'an amount of money that somebody owes'.

(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 How important are awards and recognition in a sportsperson's life? 5
- 2b One doesn't need to be a professional sportsperson or an Olympian to be a successful athlete. Discuss with reference to Dr. Jack Lesyk's nine mental skills for successful athletes. 5

SECTION B (WRITING & GRAMMAR: 25 Marks)

- 3 Write a diary entry in 100 - 120 words on your helplessness of being a girl child in a middle class family. Mention what kind of problems you are facing. 5
- 4 **Complete the following story in 150 - 200 words in any suitable way making it interesting. Also give it a suitable and meaningful title.** 10
There was just enough light in the darkened room for Deven to notice two large orange eyeballs staring right at him!...
- 5 **Choose the most appropriate options from the ones given below to complete the following paragraph.** 3
Most of us (a) _____ Albert Einstein's name as synonymous with genius, but he didn't always show such promise. Einstein did not (b) _____ until he was four and did not read until he was seven, (c) _____ his teachers and parents to think he was mentally handicapped, slow and antisocial.

(a)	(i)	takes	(ii)	took	(iii)	are taking	(iv)	take
(b)	(i)	spoke	(ii)	speak	(iii)	speaks	(iv)	spoken
(c)	(i)	cause	(ii)	causing				
	(iii)	caused	(iv)	is causing				

- 6 The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each of the indicated lines. Write the incorrect word and the correction, against the correct blank number. 4

Be respectful and appear motivated even if the topic is very boring. There's nothing that an teacher doesn't like then a student ignoring him/her. Try looking on the teacher directly, and smile when he/she looks for you.

Error Correction

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| (a) | _____ | _____ |
| (b) | _____ | _____ |
| (c) | _____ | _____ |
| (d) | _____ | _____ |

- 7 Read the conversation given below and complete the paragraph that follows. Write the answers against the correct blank numbers in your answer sheet. Do not copy the whole sentences. 3

Androcles stood in the arena in dismay. The king was watching the hungry lion coming to eat Androcles.

King : The lion is going to kill and eat you.

Androcles : Oh God! Please help me.

King : Why didn't the lion kill you?

Androcles : We are old friends.

The King told Androcles that the lion (a) _____ kill and eat him. Androcles prayed to God (b) _____. The King asked him (c) _____ him to which Androcles replied that they were old friends.

SECTION C (LITERATURE: 25 Marks)

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

- 8 'Really, I must protest against this abominably unscientific and unhygienic method of peeling potatoes'. 3
- (a) Who is being addressed in the above line ?
- (b) Why was 'I' addressing them ?
- (c) What is meant by the word, 'abominably' ?

OR

*Last scene of all,
That ends this strange eventful history,
Is second childishness and mere oblivion,
Sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything.*

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- (a) Why is this stage called a 'second childishness' ?
- (b) What is meant by "that ends this strange eventful history," ?
- (c) What is meant by the word, 'oblivion' ?

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

- 9a Why were the doors and windows of the Bishop's house always left open ? 2

- 9b What did the poet recall after spotting the perils beneath ? (Oh, I Wish I'd Looked After Me Teeth) 2
- 9c What was Bill Bramble's profession in the lesson, 'Keeping It From Harold' ? What did Harold know about his father's profession ? 2
- 9d What were the different names Mr. Bramble thought of for his would - be child ? 2

Answer one of the following questions in 80-100 words

- 10 The Bishop's philanthropic nature is highlighted by his act of selling the salt-cellars for Mere Gringoire, giving the candlesticks to the convict and the comforter to Marie. What is your opinion of him as a benefactor ? 4

OR

Disobeying elders/parents can result in serious problems. The stubborn and negligent attitude of the poetess Pam Ayres led to serious dental problems. Explain. 4

Answer one of the following questions in 150-200 words

- 11 Gulliver was extremely happy on hearing about immortals. But looking at the other side of the coin, his joy turned into sorrow. Why ? 10

OR

Attempt a character sketch of the Emperor of Japan. 10

OR

How is the incident of preparing the Irish stew humorous ? 10

OR

Bring out the comic aspect of George's character giving instances from the novel. 10

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