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## 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 Find a word from the passage which means the value as natural environment of an animal or plant. 5

Read the following passage.

#### SCIENCE IN EVERYDAY LIFE

Science is a great blessing to mankind. Nothing better has happened in the history of man than the advent of science in his life. The world into which science came was a world of ignorance, suffering and hardship. Science has come to relieve us of sufferings, to remove our ignorance and to lighten our toil. Science is a faithful servant. It serves us in all walks of life. Gone are the days when only the rich could afford luxuries. Science has made them cheaper and brought them within the reach of everybody. It helps in producing goods on a large scale. They are sold at cheap rates in every market. Books, music and all other forms of entertainment have been brought to our doors. Radio, Television and Cinema entertain us. So the life of a common man is quite different from what it used to be.

It also acts as our most faithful medical attendant. It cares for our health. It has helped in curing many diseases. No longer is small-pox, cholera and plague the ravages of mankind. Science has given us the power to kill the germs which spread these diseases. It has worked miracles in the field of education. With the help of the printing press, thousands of books are printed in the twinkling of an eye, thus making the published material easily available and cheap.

However, there is another side of the picture as well. Science has done great disservice to mankind in the field of armament.

The invention of gunpowder, which was hailed as an achievement has been used and perfected into a hundred thousand destructive weapons of war. As such, science, meant for man's happiness is employed by man for his own destruction. It is not the fault of science, but the fault of mankind.

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

- (1) Science is meant for man's happiness but \_\_\_\_\_.
- (2) The invention of the printing press has \_\_\_\_\_.
- (3) How has science done great disservice to mankind ?
- (4) The advent of Science has helped the common man by \_\_\_\_\_.
- (5) 'Arrival' is a antonym for \_\_\_\_\_.

1b Read the following passage carefully.

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In his book '*Pain: The Gift Nobody Wants*', Dr. Paul Brand explores the purpose and value of physical pain. He is of the opinion that pain is a very sincere friend that warns us of some danger to the body and thus protects us. If there were no warning in the form of pain, one would not even hesitate to stick one's hand in the fire to retrieve a burning object. Our hand would get singed and we wouldn't ever know. A little pain saves us from a larger damage. Children often complain of toothache and are taken to a dentist. The dentist attends to the problem and takes steps to set it right. Had pain not been there, the entire tooth might have decayed without the child ever knowing it. Dr. Brand once had to work with some patients who had lost the sensation of pain in their limbs. He saw some of them walking with broken skin and even exposed bones. Their condition was getting worse day by day, but they were not aware of it. Had they been capable of experiencing pain, they would have taken steps to protect themselves.

- (1) On the basis of your reading of the passage, complete the following statements.
  - (a) \_\_\_\_\_ is a very sincere friend.
  - (b) Pain helps humans \_\_\_\_\_.
- (2) Answer the following questions.
  - (a) What is the theme of Dr. Brand's book?
  - (b) How is the experience of pain beneficial?
- (3) Find a word from the passage which means the same as 'destroyed'.

(Open Text: 10 Marks)

(\* Please ensure that open text of the given theme is supplied with this question paper)  
Theme: Let's Welcome, Accept and Respect

- 2a Cultural traditions are necessary to be preserved as they instill national pride amongst the youth. How can the youth be brought closer to the culture and traditions? Comment. 5
- 2b India's north eastern states embody amalgamation of tradition and modernity. Express your views on the above statement. 5

### SECTION B (WRITING & GRAMMAR: 25 Marks)

- 3 Write a diary entry on your feelings after watching the movie 'Bhaag Milkha Bhaag' in 100 - 120 words. 5
- 4 You've been having strange dreams for the last few months. You observe that whatever your dream comes true and soon you realize that you are having premonitions. Convert one such dream, which helped in saving a toddler from getting kidnapped into a short and interesting story in 150-200 words. 10
- 5 Choose the most appropriate options from the ones given below to complete the following paragraph. 3  
Stan Smith the tennis player was rejected (a) \_\_\_\_\_ even being a lowly ball boy for a Davis Cup tennis match because event organizers felt he was too clumsy and uncoordinated.

Smith went (b) \_\_\_\_\_ to prove them wrong, showcasing his not-so-clumsy skills (c) \_\_\_\_\_ winning Wimbledon, U.S. Open and eight Davis Cups.

- (a) ~~(i)~~ from (ii) of (iii) on (iv) at  
 (b) (i) through ~~(ii)~~ above (iii) on (iv) over  
 (c) (i) at (ii) and ~~(iii)~~ for (iv) by

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
The sudden accident/my	(a) _____	<u>is</u>	_____
dear ones/me reflect on the human	(b) _____	<u>act</u>	_____
desire safety. But/unfortunately	(c) _____	<u>am</u>	_____
we follow traffic rules our/selves	(d) _____	<u>then</u>	_____

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

On the way from the market a mother and son see beggars on the sidewalk.

Son : Why are they asking for money, mummy?

Mother : It is because they are poor, darling.

Son : Can't we give them the fruits we have bought?

Mother : We will give them money to buy whatever they choose.

On seeing the beggars the son (a) Why they was. When the mother replied that it was because they were poor, the boy wondered (b) \_\_\_\_\_. The mother replied that (c) \_\_\_\_\_.

### SECTION C (LITERATURE: 25 Marks)

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

8 "My dear sir, do nothing hasty. Think before you speak. Don't go and be so silly as to act like a mutton-head. I'd be ashamed to be so spiteful. Respect a father's feelings". 3

- (a) Why would Bill be ashamed of being spiteful?  
 (b) What do you come to know about Mr. Bill's character?  
 (c) What does the phrase 'to act like a mutton-head' mean?

OR

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

The voice of thunder declares my arrival :

The rainbow announces my departure.

I am like earthly life, which begins at

The feet of the mad elements and ends

Under the upraised wings of death.

- (a) How are the arrival and departure of rain announced?

(b) How is the rain like 'earthly life'?  
What is the opposite of 'earthly'?

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

- 9a Why did Persome feel that people pretend to be ill? 2
- 9b Justify the title : "Oh, I Wish I'd Looked After Me Teeth" 2
- 9c What was Turnbull's reaction to Privates Quelch's answer? 2
- 9d What was the 'Professor's' ambition in the army and what did he do to achieve it? 2

Answer one of the following questions in 80-100 words

- 10 Persome quoted 'Charity begins at home.' With reference to 'The Bishop's Candlesticks', do you feel that the Bishop was doing the same? Reflect on the values that are highlighted through the Bishop's character. 4

OR

'One must do a great deal for the devil in order to do a little for God.' The Bishop's concern for the convict was nothing but a reflection of his own belief. Comment 4

Answer one of the following questions in 150-200 words

- 11 Adversities made Gulliver stronger. Prove it with examples from the novel "Gulliver's Travels". 10

OR

How does Gulliver describe the humours and dispositions of the people of Laputa? 10

OR

Describe the narrator's experience with the steam launches. 10

OR

'Fox terriers are born with about four times as much original sin in them as other dogs have.' Justify this statement with reference to the incident of the fox terrier creating a nuisance at Haymarket Stores. 10

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