

SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT - II (2014-2015)

CPS Samastipur ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE *cps*
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)

1(a) Read the following passage.

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Some people are compulsive exhibitionists. You can find them almost anywhere; they would do anything to get noticed. Julius Caesar, who was an incorrigible egotist, was kidnapped when he was a child. He was held for a ransom of 11000 gold pieces. Horrified, he exhorted his captors to raise the ransom amount to 2,50,000 gold pieces as to preserve his prestige! William Shakespeare said: "Praises are my wages". Agreeing, American writer Mark Twain said: "I can live an entire week on compliments alone".

It is said that a famous boxer once refused to tie his seat-belt aboard a plane. "Superman doesn't need a seat belt," he resisted. Tying his belt for him, the airhostess replied. "Superman doesn't need a plane either."

The truly great are those who know their weaknesses and aren't afraid to admit them. They accept their limitations and blend with the crowd because they know that when it comes to the basics, everyone's the same. Today, six billion people share equal rights-that is just one billionth per person! Yet, unable to come to terms with this reality, some people behave as though they are owners of the planet.

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

- (1) Julius Ceasar got his captors to raise the ransom from amount to 2,50,000 gold piece
- (2) Why do people try to exhibit ?
- (3) Great are those who know weaknesses and are _____
- (4) People behave as if they are the owners of the planet because _____.
- (5) Which word in 'the passage was the same as 'having bad habits that cannot be charged'.

1(b) Read the following passage carefully :

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One cannot recall any movement in world history which has gripped the imagination of entire humanity so completely and so rapidly as the green movement which started nearly twenty five years ago. In 1972, the world's first nationwide Green Party was founded in New

Zealand. Since then the movement has not looked back.

We have shifted our hopes, irrevocably from the mechanistic view to a holistic and ecological view of the world. It is a shift in human perceptions as revolutionary as that introduced by Copernicus who taught mankind in the sixteenth century that the earth and the other planets revolved around the sun. For the first time in human history, there is a growing worldwide consciousness that the earth itself is a living organism, an enormous being of which we are parts.

The earth's vital signs reveal a patient in declining health. We have begun to realize our ethical obligations to be good stewards of the planet and responsible trustees of the future generation.)

The concept of sustainable development was popularized in 1987 by the World Commission on Environment and Development. (It is an idea that is defined as development that meets the needs of the present,) without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs.

Answer the following questions briefly :

1. Name the movement started nearly twenty five years ago ?
2. Which party was founded in 1972.
3. What do the earth's vital signs reveal about it ?
4. What is the idea behind sustainable development ?
5. Give the word from the passage for 'one who manages other's property or wealth'.

2 **Theme - "The Cleaning up Campaign Sweeps across the Country" (5+5)**

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- a) (i) What does the country's ten million dollar Clean India campaign aim at ?
(ii) 'If we do not keep our backyards clean our 'swaraj' will have a foul stench" - Mahatma Gandhi. Explain with reference to the passage.
(iii) What had Mahatma Gandhi blamed for the emergence of diseases ?
- b) Economically India may be growing phenomenally, but India can achieve greatness only if we, the citizens, take pride in our surroundings and maintain clean localities. Elaborate some ways through which we can make our citizens feel proud of the nation leading to all round cleanliness.

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

SECTION B (WRITING & GRAMMAR: 25 Marks)

3 Reshu Singhal saw the following poster - 5
"Five Reasons to Stop Eating Meat".
1. It does not taste good.
2. It makes you feel guilty.
3. It is unhealthy and causes infection, sickness.
4. It adversely affects our nation's economy and environment.
5. Human anatomy is ill-suited to digest it.
Write an article in 100-120 words on the topic.

4 Read the opening line and weave a story around it in 150-200 words. 10
Col. Vishwanathan, a brave soldier, bought an old mansion though many people in the area told him it was haunted

5 Choose the most appropriate options from the ones given below to complete the following paragraph. 3

Dussehra is the most popular festival in India. It is a Hindu festival, (a) _____ is celebrated all over India to mark the defeat of Ravana (b) _____ Lord Rama. Dussehra also symbolizes the triumph of warrior Goddess Durga (c) _____ the buffalo demon, Mahishasura.

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| (a) | (i) | but | (ii) | that | (iii) | who | (iv) | if |
| (b) | (i) | on | (ii) | of | (iii) | by | (iv) | upon |
| (c) | (i) | over | (ii) | on | (iii) | upon | (iv) | at |

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

Word After
My surgery was in morning and the party wasn't until the late afternoon, but mom me that I probably wouldn't be able go because I'd need time recover from my surgery.

Before Missing

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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

John : Where did you go?
Chris : We went to Japan.
John : How long were you away?

John asked Chris (a) _____. Chris replied (b) _____. John further asked (c) _____.

SECTION C (LITERATURE: 25 Marks)

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

- 8 "No, you'll ruin your rifle, that way, old man". 3
- (a) Who is the speaker ?
(b) What is the tone of the speaker ?
(c) What does the word 'ruin' mean ?

OR

- "What, at this time of night ? A pretty business truly. Are we to have no sleep now, but to be at the beck and call of every ne'er-do-well who happens to pass" ? 3
- (a) What is the speaker talking about ?
(b) How does the speaker feel on coming there ?
(c) What is meant by 'beck and call' ?

Answer the following questions in about 30 to 40 words each:

- 9(i) Why did the Bishop sell the silver salt cellars ? 2
- 9(ii) There was a change in the attitude of the other Privates towards the Professor. Elaborate. 2
- 9(iii) What does man do at the lover's stage of life in the poem, 'The Seven Ages' ? 2
- 9(iv) How did Harold take his parents by surprise at the end of the lesson, 'Keeping It From Harold' ? 2

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

- 10 Was Corporal Turnbull's decision to assign cookhouse duties to Private Quelch a form of revenge or a just action ? Discuss the values Corporal Turnbull should have possessed in his treatment of Professor. 4

OR

It was love at first sight for John Pescud. It was his honesty and dedication that made it possible for Pescud to win the hearts of the Colonel and his daughter. Write your views on the above statement. 4

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

- 11 Describe the first meeting between Gulliver and the two horses. 10

OR

The Governor of Glubbdubdrib had amazing capabilities. How did Gulliver manage to get his desires fulfilled through the governor? 10

OR

Describe Montmorency's fight with the kettle. 10

OR

Do you think Montmorency enjoyed the company of the three friends in the story? Why do you think so? 10

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