

## SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT – I (2015-16)

### 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 that follow :

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For years, residents of Mudia Ahmednagar village have known about the medicinal and other benefits of the local plants that grow in the area. There were very few besides them who had the knowledge.

However, the forest department, along with other bio-diversity experts, recently decided to catalogue all plants in the area and filed a report titled the 'People Biodiversity Register'.

The report has been sent to the state biodiversity board for registration of the plants species found in the area.

"We have prepared a report detailing the local species of flora and have also mentioned special properties of the plant, if any, and how villagers have been using them for their wellbeing," said Dharam Singh, divisional forest officer. He added that 175 species of flora was found in this village which included nearly 35 medicinal herbs like *achyranthes aspera*, *adhatoda vasica* and *latjira*.

"Our ancestors used many plants for healing purposes but such knowledge became extinct with their demise. A retired teacher, Rukim Singh (68), has been using some of the herbs found in the village to cure diseases like gout, piles, leucorrhoea and blood pressure. We have discussed such things in detail in the report so that the knowledge can be passed on to others," said Singh.

Once the state biodiversity board registers the report, it will become a legal document.

"Companies across the world have been fighting to get patents on flora and fauna of a particular region. For instance, our ancestors for centuries have been using turmeric for healing purpose but in 90s, Germany had claimed its patent right for discovering the healing effect of turmeric. However, the claim of Germany was rejected when India had shown few research papers on the same topic which were conducted in 60s," said Alok Khare, head of the technical support group (TSG) of this project and a faculty member with the botany department in Bareilly College.

The national biodiversity board had initially directed that such a biodiversity report be carried out in every village of the district. However, later the orders were changed and it was conducted only in one village due to shortage of funds.

- (a) The residents of Ahmednagar village had good knowledge of the \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) The experts have decided to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (c) The various plant species found in the area will be \_\_\_\_\_ by the state biodiversity.
- (d) Divisional Forest Officer, Mr. Dharam Singh has reported of numerous species of flora which included \_\_\_\_\_ like latjira etc.
- (e) A resident of the village has been extensively using these herbs to cure \_\_\_\_\_.
- (f) The report will become a \_\_\_\_\_ once it has been registered by the state biodiversity board.
- (g) \_\_\_\_\_ claim over the patent right of turmeric was rejected when India showed the research papers on the same.
- (h) The biodiversity report can be carried out only in one village because of \_\_\_\_\_.

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

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I have found that walking stimulates observation and opens one's eyes to movements and appearances on earth and in the sky, which ordinarily escape attention. When I reached the end of my walk, and paused for a moment before retracing my steps, I was conscious of the inexhaustible richness of the world through which I had come, of a thousand voices that had spoken to me, and a thousand sights of wonder that had moved before me ; I was awake to the universe which most of us see only in broken and unintelligible dreams... through all this realm of truth and poetry men have passed and re-passed these many years, I said to myself ; and I began to wonder how many of those now long asleep really saw or heard this great glad world of sun and summer ! I began to retrace my steps, and as I reached the summit of the hill and looked beyond, I saw the cattle standing knee deep in the brook... and heard the faint bleating of sheep borne from a distant pasturage.

One may connect with the surroundings, when one lounges by the hour in the depths of the forest, or sits, book in hand, under the knotted and familiar apple tree, on a summer afternoon, the faculty of observation is lulled into a dreamless sleep; one ceases to be far enough away from Nature to observe her; one becomes part of the great, silent movements in the midst of which one sits, mute and motionless, while the hours slip by with the peace of eternity.

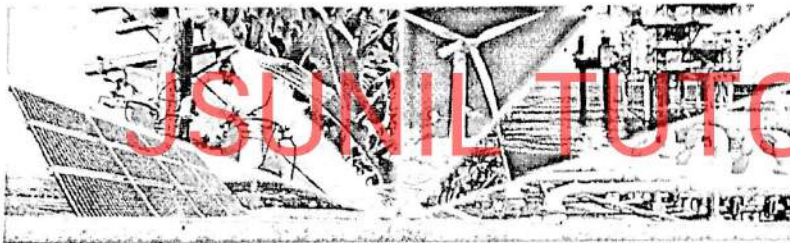
I have sometimes tried to recall in imagination the world of Nature before a human voice had broken

the silence or a human foot left its impress on the soil; but when I remember that what I see in this sweep of force and beauty is largely what I myself put into the vision, that Nature without the human ear is soundless, and without the human eye colourless.

- (a) What does walking simulate ?
- (b) What did the writer realize when he reached the end of the road ?
- (c) What did he see when he reached the summit?
- (d) How can one connect with one's surroundings ?
- (e) What is meant by 'stimulates' ? (Para 1)
- (f) What is meant by 'inexhaustible' ? (Para 1)
- (g) Find the word opposite in meaning to 'strong'. (Para 1)
- (h) Find the word opposite in meaning to 'noisy'. (Para 2)

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

- 3 Taking ideas from the MCB unit 'Environment', your own ideas and the clues in the given picture, write an article in about 100 - 120 words on 'Be Solar: Save Environment'. 5



- 4 Develop a story in about 150 - 200 words with the following beginning. Also give a suitable title. 10

Whenever John goes to uncle Sam's house, he feels something different. He feels that Neil, uncle Sam's son, has some supernatural powers. Whenever he is around \_\_\_\_\_.

- 5 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 not copy the entire paragraph. 3

ABC Company's first product was a rice cooker (a) \_\_\_\_\_ didn't cook rice so much as burn it. It sold less than 100 units. (b) \_\_\_\_\_ setback didn't stop the ABC's team (c) \_\_\_\_\_ they pushed forward to create a multi-billion dollar company

(i) (ii) (iii) (iv)

(a) but that it this

(b) a the this that

(c) as that for it

- 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. 4

Remember to underline the missing word. The first one has been done as an example for you.

	Word Before	Missing Word	Word After
Ulhas Mandlik, 35, is power-loom owner Maharashtra. He and his mother going home one evening when rain forced them take shelter beneath a bridge little distance away	eg. Is	a	power-loom
(a)	_____	_____	_____
(b)	_____	_____	_____
(c)	_____	_____	_____
(d)	_____	_____	_____

7 Rearrange the given words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. Write the correct 3 sentences in your answer sheet.

e.g. : filled with / balloons / hot air / or / hydrogen / float up

Balloons filled with hot air or hydrogen float up.

- (a) aero planes / but / are not / filled / gaseous substances / with / such  
 (b) curved / air plane wing / is / on top / at the bottom / and / flat / the  
 (c) called / this / is / shape / aerofoil

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

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

8 "We are well-off, but what use is money when we can't be independent"

- (i) Who is the speaker?  
 (ii) Why is the speaker not independent?  
 (iii) What does the word 'well-off' mean?

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*'I come from haunts of coot and hern ;*

*I make a sudden sally*

*And sparkle out among the fern ,*

*To bicker down a valley'.*

- (a) Who is " I" in these lines ?  
 (b) How does the poet describe the movement of 'I' ?  
 (c) Why does the phrase, 'coot and hern' mean ?

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Answer the following questions in about 30 - 40 words:

- 9(i) Why was Hooper taken to the hospital? What was the diagnosis? 2
- 9(ii) Does the poet seem happy about his decision in 'The Road Not Taken'? 2
- 9(iii) Does Sacha Guitry's 'A Villa for Sale' define human behaviour through the character of Gaston? Give reasons. 2
- 9(iv) What mistake was made by Mrs. Al Smith on seeing Gaston at Juliette's Villa? What is the result of this mistake? 2

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

- 10 With reference to Sudha Murty's story, *How I taught my Grandmother to Read*, write a 4 paragraph on the topic, 'Our Best companions are Books'.

OR

Both Jeanne and Juliette were duped by Gaston in the play *Villa for Sale*. How could this have been prevented? Describe the values Gaston should have possessed, that would have shown him in a positive light. 4

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

11. Who is Reldressal? How does he help Gulliver? 10

OR

What is your impression of the Emperor of Lilliput? Elaborate on his character. 10

OR

'George and Cheese' enjoyed the whole compartment to themselves in each other's company in spite of the great crowd. How was it possible? 10

OR

What is your opinion of the 'two men' who fooled the writer and his friends when the Professor sang his tragic song? Give a reasoned answer. 10

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