

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 / complete the sentences that follow : 8 (1x8)

A headache is usually caused due to spinal misalignment of the head due to poor posture. Sleeping on the stomach with the head turned to one side and bending over position for a long time makes it worse. It is known that any shift in the level of body hormones and chemicals, certain foods and drinks, and environmental stress can also trigger it. Modern life includes computers, driving, hand-held devices, and watching TV; all create severe stress on our neck and shoulders. While we know we should take constant breaks from these activities, we "forget!"

Holding our arms out in front of us and/or cocking our necks to see the screen properly, we put pressure on our neck and shoulders that our body wasn't built for. This results in muscle and joint strain and pain.

In migraine headaches (one-handed headaches) the pain is usually on one side of the head and may be accompanied by nausea, vomiting, irritability and bright spots and flashes of light. This headache is made worse by activity, especially bending. The throbbing pain in the head gets worse by noise and light. Certain triggers for migraines may be chocolate, caffeine, smoking or MSU in certain food items. The pain may last from 8 to 24 hours and there may be a hangover for two to three days. Migraines are often preceded by an 'aura-changes in sight and sensations. There is usually a family history of migraine.

(Work on your posture and customize the keyboard and monitor height to your needs. It will hurt at first if you are improving bad posture, but the effort will be well worth it.)

- (a) What are the various reasons that cause headaches?
- (b) If one suffers from a headache that is accompanied by nausea or flashes of light, one could be suffering from _____
- (c) The two things that can make migraine even worse are _____
- (d) A migraine can last for _____
- (e) Another word for 'usually' is _____
- (f) Name foods which can act as trigger for migraines.
- (g) What precaution should be taken while working at computers?
- (h) What advice is generally given by parents and teachers with regard to body posture?

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

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1. It is said that if we educate a man, we educate a man only, but if we educate a woman, we educate the whole family. This highlights the importance of female education. It is a fact that women are the first teachers of their children. It is in their lap that the children receive the very first lessons. Hence, if mothers are well-educated, they can play an important role in shaping and moulding of their sons and daughters. Napoleon was once asked, what the great need of France was? He simply answers, "Nation's progress is impossible without trained and educated mothers. If the women of my country are not educated, about half of the people will be ignorant".

2. Women have three major roles to perform in the course of their life. They have

to discharge their duties as good daughters, good wives and good mothers. Apart from these important duties, they have to prove themselves as good citizens of a free democracy. Hence it is necessary to give women a different kind of education from the one given to boys. Their education should be such as may enable them to discharge their duties in a proper way. From education they become fully matured in all the fields of life. Educated women are well aware of their duties and rights. They can contribute in the development of the country in the same way as men do.

3. Society runs on two wheels, both the wheels must be equally strong to run smoothly. It is a good sign that today's women are not considered a weaker sex. They are being taught properly right from their childhood. As a result we see women working in almost every field.

4. (Although legally and theoretically women are now considered as equal to men yet there are people who refuse to give them their due.) They think that the women are inferior to men and ill treat them and misbehave with them. All right thinking people should protest against it. They should try to broaden the outlook of those who have conservative feelings for women. Female education is important and all the impediments must be removed from the way of their education.

- (a) What is the writer's concern in this passage ?
- (b) What are the different roles played by a woman ?
- (c) Why should women be given a different type of education ?
- (d) What is the result of giving equal rights to the women ?
- (e) Find the antonym of the word 'literate' in Para 1.
- (f) Which word in Para 2 means the same as 'loose' ?
- (g) Find a word which means 'traditional' in Para 4.
- (h) Which word in Para 4 means the same as 'obstructions' ?

SECTION B

(WRITING & GRAMMAR: 25 Marks)

- 3 Yesterday you went to your friend's birthday party. You had a lot of fun. Write a diary entry in about 100 - 120 words expressing your feelings. 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 passage by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones given below. Write your answers in the answer sheets against the correct blank number. Do no copy the entire passage. 3

Santanu bought a new bedsheet but (a) _____ liked it at home. He felt (b) _____ bad and decided to (c) _____ it to his helper.

- (a) (i) everybody (ii) somebody (iii) nobody (iv) everyone
- (b) (i) very (ii) much (iii) so (iv) little
- (c) (i) gives (ii) give (iii) gave (iv) given

6 There is an error in each line. Write the error and the correction in the answer sheet as given below : 4

	Error	Correction
He start to complain about the wicked world,	(a) _____	_____
but is interrupted by a knock at the door.	(b) _____	_____
A girl came in and puts five hundred rupees on his desk	(c) _____	_____
I find this outside, she said.	(d) _____	_____

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

e.g. : sharing / does / rewards / naturally / come / to humans

Does sharing rewards come naturally to humans?

- (a) do / humans / their / share / rewards / with others / equitably
- (b) comes / naturally / it / to / children / involves / it / when / collaborative work
- (c) are / they / less inclined / it / when / does not / collective action / involve

SECTION C

(LITERATURE & LONG READING TEXT: 25 Marks)

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

8 "It is the story of an old lady and her ardent desire to go to Kashi or Varanasi." 3

- (a) Whom does 'It' refer to ?
- (b) Describe the character of the old lady on the basis of above mentioned lines.
- (c) What is meant by the word, 'ardent' ?

OR

*The boat has left a stormy land,
A stormy sea before her,--
When, O! too strong for human hand,
The tempest gather'd o'er her.*

- (i) Who is 'her'?
- (ii) Why is the land said to be 'stormy' ?
- (iii) Which word in the above passage means the same as 'storm'?

Answer the following questions in about 30 - 40 words:

- 9(i) What were the gifts exchanged between the grand daughter and grandmother ?
- 9(ii) To who does Wordsworth compare the solitary reaper ? Why?

- 9(iii) Why does Juliette call her house 'a wretched place'? 2
- 9(iv) How is the road a metaphor? Use examples from the poem, 'The Road Not Taken' to support your answer. 2

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

- 10 "Best Friends make the good times better and the hard times easier". Express your views on the given statement, taking examples from the story 'A Dog Named Duke'. 4

OR

"Music is the language of the spirit. It opens the secret of life bringing peace, abolishing strife". Elaborate upon this statement with reference to the poem 'The Solitary Reaper'. Answer one of the following questions in about 150-200 words.

- 11 Gulliver did not return to Lilliput as was required. Describe briefly what happened then? 10

OR

Elaborate on the character of the Emperor of Lilliput in about 150 - 200 words. 10

OR

Are men good at packing? Describe the hilarious situation created by the three men while packing things. 10

OR

Can 'face' reflect the mind? What do you think of Montmorency? 10

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