

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)

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

Immigration and visa issues, which have long plagued the information technology sector, could come back to hurt Indian IT services companies this year as the US heads towards presidential election in 2016.

In the US, the biggest market for the Indian IT services sector, "this will be a very, contentious election and immigration reform is right up there for discussion", said Phil Fersht, founder and chief executive of HfS Research. "The displacement of US IT and back-office jobs will be a significant issue leading up to 2016." India's \$146-billion IT outsourcing industry has been a beneficiary of the temporary US work visas that are required by skilled foreign workers to work in that country. The employees working at client locations in the US are issued H -1B visas, which have a cap of 65,000 a year.

The US Congress in recent months has been considering bills that seek to triple the cap of H-1B visas to 1,95,000. There is, however, a growing discontent about the H-1B visa process among skilled workers in the US, who say the visas are a way for big companies to hire cheaper foreign workers.

Recent examples, they cite, include electricity company Southern California Edison and entertainment company Disney, where local employees were laid off and replaced by H-1B visa holders. The layoffs have prompted some US Senators to call for investigations into the

visa process used by the companies.

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"US workers who have trained a temporary visa-holding replacement as a condition of their severance describe it as a profoundly humiliating experience. These workers see a direct connection between the US government's H-1B visa policies and their job loss, and they are furious," said Patrick Thibodeau, senior editor at Computerworld.

- (a) The US will see presidential elections in _____.
- (b) The employees working at client locations in the US are issued _____.
- (c) The US congress has been planning to introduce Bills that would _____ the visas.
- (d) Local companies like _____ and Disney laid off local employees and replaced them with H-1B visa holders.
- (e) Investigations have been initiated by some _____ into the visa process used by the companies.
- (f) The _____ would be the worst affected due to the change in the visa policy.
- (g) US workers find this laying off as a _____ experience.
- (h) In 2016 elections, the _____ reform will be taken up for discussion.

Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: $(2 \times 4) + (1 \times 4) = 12$

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1. The gap between the old people and young boys and girls is called the generation gap. While the young people are inexperienced, rash and impatient, the elders endowed with wisdom, prudence and caution. This gap between the two generations is not a new phenomenon. It has existed since time immemorial.
2. ↑The people belonging to the older generation always wonder as to what has gone wrong with the new generation. They feel that during their time, young boys and girls were better behaved, more obedient, and had greater respect for their elders. They feel that a lack of respect for the old will bring ruin and spell disaster for the young. ↓Young people, on the other hand, feel that they are capable enough to learn on their own rather than lean heavily on the older generation for any guidance. Young people do not like to be spoon-fed by their elders.
3. The generation gap has widened to such an extent that the old and the people appear to be living in two separate worlds without any interaction. In order to bridge this generation gap, ↓elders should adopt a more sympathetic approach towards the young, and try to understand the emotions, the aspirations and the problems of the young. The youth should realise that they have no experience of life. They should, therefore, value the advice and counsel of the elders. If the youth have any difference of opinion, they should put across their viewpoint before the elders in a very polite

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and respectful manner.
4. Although under the influence of the western education the problem of generation gap is also creating a lot of problems in India, yet its effect is still limited in our country due to the influence of the joint family system prevailing in India. There are definitely a lot of advantages in the joint family system. Therefore, we should not follow the western system blindly at the cost of the well-tried Indian social and family tradition.

5. But this does not mean that the youth are always at fault. The real meaning of 'Generation Gap' is the lack of understanding between old and new generations. It should be the duty of both generations to try to understand and respect one another's views. Only then this problem can be solved.

- (a) According to the old people, what is the difference between young people of their generation and the new generation ?
- (b) What can elders bridge the generation gap ?
- (c) How should the youth behave in the presence of elders ?
- (d) What has limited the influence of western education to widen the generation gap ?
- (e) Find a word in para 1 which means the same as 'alertness'.
- (f) Which word in para 3 means 'ambition' ?
- (g) Find the antonym of the word 'unblessed' in para 1.
- (h) Find the antonym of the word 'losing' in para 4.

SECTION B
(WRITING & GRAMMAR: 25 Marks)

3. Your mother usually cleans up your room when you are at school. While cleaning it up, she keeps your things at places where it is difficult for you to locate them. This frequently results in an argument. Express your feelings in your diary in about 100 - 120 words. 5

4. Develop a story in about 150-200 words with the following beginning. Also give a suitable title. 1

Raman and Seema were very busy working in a multinational company earning a very handsome salary but they didn't have the time to _____.

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.

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

- (a) but that it this
- (b) a the this that
- (c) as that for it

6 The following paragraph has not been edited. One word is missing from each line. Identify the missing word and write it along with the word before and the word after in your answer sheet. 4

Word Before Missing Word Word After

My surgery was the morning	e.g. was	in	the
and the birthday party not	a. _____	_____	_____
until late afternoon. My mom	b. _____	_____	_____
told me that I wouldn't able	c. _____	_____	_____
to go. I needed time recover.	d. _____	_____	_____

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

e.g. : outside / found / that debris / is / the atmosphere / a meteoroid

A meteoroid is that debris found outside the atmosphere.

- (a) can range / the size / of a grain / up to a boulder / of sand / from / it
- (b) composed of / they / are / iron / or a mixture / stone / of iron and stone
- (c) two types / they / of / stony / metallic / and / are

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

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

8. The new neighbour walked like a struggling mechanical giant and that he was always pushed by a rampageous dog that acted as if he owned the man.

- (i) Name 'the new neighbour' and his dog.
- (ii) Why did the new neighbour walked like a 'struggling mechanical giant' ?
- (iii) Give the meaning of 'rampageous'.

OR

"Don't be aggravating, please if you don't want the house, tell me
I will say no more about it."

so at once and we

- (a) Who spoke these words to whom ?
- (b) What does the above statement reveal about the speaker's character ?
- (c) What does the word, 'aggravating' mean ?

Answer the following questions in about 30 - 40 words:

9. (i) "It was like lighting a fuse. Duke shimmied himself U-shaped in anticipation". Explain. 2

9. (ii) "And sorry I could not travel both / And be one traveller." What was the poet's regret in the poem 'The Road not Taken' ? 2

9. (iii) Is the villa entirely furnished ? What is exceptional there according to Juliette? 2

9. (iv) "Everything was going for Hooper." Explain the statement. 2

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

10. "This long narrow path Pancha day during Dussera as the deadline", says the grandmother. What does this statement reflect about the speaker? What is the importance of being determined and persistent in our day to day life ? 4

OR

What are the values that one can learn through the journey of the brook ?

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

11 The biggest danger Gulliver faced in Brobdingnag was of animals. Describe the monkey episode in about 150-200 words. 10

OR

The emperor of Lilliput is both a satire of the autocratic ruler and a strangely serious portrait of political power. Substantiate this observation. 10

OR

'Three Men in a Boat' by Jerome is a classic example of rich humour rather than a travel guide. Give reasons to justify this statement. 10

OR

Harris is confident when he enters the maze and volunteers to lead the people out. Is he successful in this venture ? What light does it throw on his character ? 10