

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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After getting the government's green signal, some schools in Nepal are gearing up to restart classes on Sunday, albeit in temporary structures. Textbook lessons are set to be replaced by group activities for now to provide psychological relief for kids.

In the wake of two earthquakes that killed 9,000 and left millions homeless, the government of Nepal had ordered that schools remain shut for May. A recent circular allowed them to reopen by Sunday, but with a few safety caveats. More than 25,000 classrooms were damaged, according to preliminary data with the department of education. Structural audits have found few buildings to be safe in the capital. In badly hit mountainous areas like Sindhupal Chowk and Gorkha, over 90% of schools were levelled. In such a scenario, the ministry of education (MoE) has advised schools to set up quake-resilient Temporary Learning Centres (TLCs).

"We have sent sample designs to district education officers. These semi-permanent structures will have to do for the next two years, in which time the buildings should be restored," says Lavadeo Awasthi, joint secretary, planning division, MoE. Each TLC, to be constructed out of bamboo, wood, steel or tarpaulin depending on local availability of materials, will have two classrooms. The money and designs have not reached all schools yet, but some have begun preparations. Durbar high school, the oldest in Nepal, is setting up two TLCs for its 225 students. To start with, a school day will be just 3 hours long.

Tap Raj Pant, UNESCO's chief of education in Kathmandu, feels the move will send an important message to the masses. "The community needs to feel it's functioning again. Parents have often inquired about our reopening plans in the last one month," says Mahato.

- (a) In earthquake devastated Nepal, textbooks lessons will be replaced by group activities to provide _____ to kids.
- (b) The two earthquakes in Nepal killed around _____ and left million homeless.
- (c) In the mountainous area like Sindhupal Chowk over _____ of schools were completely damaged.
- (d) In Nepal, the ministry of education has advised schools to set up quake-resilient _____ Centres.
- (e) Despite limitations of _____ and design the rebuilding work has begun.
- (f) _____, the oldest school in Nepal is setting up 2 TLCs for its students.
- (g) The school buildings would be restored in two years time but by then _____ structures will have to do.
- (h) A word in para 2, which means the same as 'warning' is _____.



2

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

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- Ask a dying man in a hot desert, and he would somehow enable himself to utter, "I wish I could get some water.....". Without being poetic or philosophic, we must realize that 'water' which is generally taken for granted might be the most precious commodity in future if we do not mend our ways in the present.
- There can't be a safe tomorrow if we are not ready to act today. It becomes one of our prime responsibilities to save our precious water supplies. In our daily chores we might have observed that we ourselves forget to turn off the tap early in the morning when we go to freshen ourselves up. We, at the moment, do not realize that our carelessness might be one of the reasons for the water crisis for the future generation. "Many a drop makes an ocean". Our most small efforts can contribute to the conservation of the water in one or the other way. Each one of us has the ability to make a difference.
- The ground water supply is reducing over time. Due to lack of irrigation of water, or the mismanagement of water, in India the farmers do the over-extraction which is thought to be one of the shocking facts that affects the health of the cultivable agricultural lands. It is essential to adopt several water conservation techniques. It is necessary to launch several intensive awareness campaigns regarding the importance of water and its conservation so that it can make people aware about the wise management of water supply. The unwise use of water is not only the problem for the water crisis but the pollution of the water resources is also a considerable fact which is the reason for the deterioration of water. So, water should be meticulously harnessed and carefully conserved.

4. Installation of the water meter can help you save water. Growing grass appropriately outside your house or the lawn can be helpful. Keeping your water supplying taps and showers tight and repairing the water leakage can contribute to the conservation of water. Collect water for re-use anytime you are running the water. Simply run into a bucket, watering can, or pitcher. Several plans, policies and promises are made by the government, several announcements are made on the electronic media but the problem is still the same because we do not make our sincere efforts.

- (a) What is the writer's major concern in this passage?
- (b) How do farmers affect the health of the agricultural land?
- (c) How can water be meticulously harnessed and conserved?
- (d) Give some effective measures to conserve water.
- (e) Which word in Para 1 means the same as 'valuable'?
- (f) Find a word in Para 2 which means the same as 'emergency'.
- (g) Which word in Para 3 means the same as 'begin'?
- (h) Find a word in Para 4 which means 'genuine'.



SECTION B
(WRITING & GRAMMAR: 25 Marks)

3 The increasing pollution, number of vehicles and concrete buildings are adversely affecting our environment. Our future generation will have to struggle for existence. Using ideas from the unit 'Environment' and your own ideas, write an article titled 'Save Mother Earth' in about 100 - 120 words. 5

4 'The night was dark and I was walking alone on a lonely road. Suddenly...' Begin your story with the given prompt and supply a suitable title to it. (Word limit: 150-200 words) 10

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 not copy the entire passage. 3

Like many Indian children, I grew (a) _____ listening to the vast, varied and fascinating tales of the Mahabharata. Set (b) _____ the end of what the Hindu scriptures term Dwapar Yuga or the third age of the man, a time (c) _____ the lives of the gods and men still intersected.

- (a) Up/on/in
- (b) At/by/in
- (c) W/en/then/nor

6	There is an error in each line. Write the error and the correction in the answer sheet :		4
	Dear Rajni		
	This is to informed you that you have	(a) _____	_____
	successfully <u>complete</u> your requirements	(b) _____	_____
	about <u>participate</u> in the International	(c) _____	_____
	Spellathon Competition going to being	(d) _____	_____
	held on Sunday, October 7, 2015.		

7	Rearrange the given words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. Write the correct sentences in your answer sheet.		3
	e.g. : are one of / Mudpuppies / that make noise / the few salamanders		
	Mudpuppies are one of the few salamanders that make noise.		
	(a) their / sound like / squeaky vocalizations / a dog's bark		
	(b) they / live / at the / bottom of / lakes / never / and / leave the water		
	(c) flat heads / wide tails, / they have / stubby legs / and / four / feet with / distinct toes		

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

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

8	<i>'I listen'd , motionless and still</i> <i>And , as I mounted up the hill,</i> <i>The music in my heart I bore,</i> <i>Long after it was heard no more '.</i>		3
	(a) What is the rhyme scheme of the stanza?		
	(b) What does 'I listen'd motionless and still' show?		
	(c) Why does the sound of music linger on ?		



OR

"You see, Madame, film acting is rather looked up to round here. Everybody wants to do it. Yesterday the butcher did not open his shop. He was being shot all the morning."

- (a) Who liked to act in films ?
 (b) Why did the butcher not open his shop ?
 (c) What does the phrase, 'looked up to ' 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) Explain the statement : "And that has made all the difference" with reference to the poem 'The Road Not Taken'. 2
 9(iii) Why was Mrs. AI Smith not interested in going over the house ? 2
 9(iv) What is the message conveyed by the poem 'The Brook'? 2

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

- 10 Does Sudha Murthy's story 'How I Taught My Grand Mother To Read' sensitize its readers to family bonding especially to the needs of elders ? Explain with suitable examples from the story. 4

OR

In a fit of rage, we become impulsive and irrational. Decisions taken at this moment are normally regretful. Justify this viewpoint in reference to 'Lord Ullin's Daughter' highlighting the values required to be more thoughtful in taking decisions. 4

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

- 11 The narrator pretends to know German and seems to enjoy the song of the German Professor. What does he want to convey through such an act ? Elaborate. 10

OR

Write a character sketch of George from the novel, 'Three men in a boat'. 10

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