

**SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT - II (2015-2016)**  
**ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE**  
**Class - IX**

Time: 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 70

**Instructions:**

The question paper is divided into three sections.

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| Section A | : | Reading & OTBA      | 20 marks |
| Section B | : | Writing and Grammar | 25 marks |
| Section C | : | Literature          | 25 marks |

**SECTION A (READING & OTBA: 20 Marks)**

- 1a Read the passage given below and answer the questions / complete the sentences that follow : 5

It was all about individual brilliance then; now it is just teamwork. Inflated egos ruled the dressing room then; now, it is genuine camaraderie. It was exuberant emotionalism then; now, it is refined professionalism. The Indian hockey team that won the gold in the 1998 Bangkok Asian Games and the one that won gold in the Incheon games on October 2 are poles apart.

The 1990s was a team of mega stars-Dhanraj Pillay, Mukesh Kumar, Ashish Ballal, Baljit Singh Dhillon. Their fight often went beyond the field-among themselves, with coaches and with the federation. It is not that the current team does not have stars. Captain Sardar Singh is among the most capped players in the world. Then there are veterans like Gurbaj Singh, Danish Mujtaba and S.V. Sunil. But the rock star among them is goalkeeper P. R. Sreejesh, who saved two penalty shots in the final against Pakistan. The team celebrated the victory with a quiet dinner at a local restaurant. Then they went back to the athletes' village and retired to their rooms.

For all of them it was the first 'real gold medal.' In fact, India had not won any big event since the Bangkok games. One man who was present then and now is a coach, is Maharaj Krishan Kaushik. The current coaching team is led by high performance director Roelant Oltmans, chief coach Terry Walsh and coaches Kaushik and Jude Felix.

- (a) The 1990's was a team of mega stars in Indian Hockey. Who are they ?  
(b) The goalkeeper P.R. Sreejesh \_\_\_\_\_.  
(c) The current coaching team is led by \_\_\_\_\_.  
(d) The Indian hockey team won the gold in the 1998 \_\_\_\_\_.  
(e) Give the word from the passage which means the same as 'enlarged'.

- 1b Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow : 5

In 1805, Major General John Pater fell in love with Arabella, the daughter of his subordinate Captain Robinson. Not only was Pater already married but he was also Protestant whereas Arabella was Catholic. Arabella left home to marry Pater. However, the

church disapproved of the relationship. At that time, Pater's battalion was stationed at Bandar Fort near Machilipatnam.

According to Rev. Ratna Rao, Pater asked the chaplain of St. John's Church in Bandar to marry them but he refused. Apparently, Pater had already purchased a dress and ring for the love of his life.

On November 6, 1809, Arabella died of malaria. Christian law then was rigid and neither St. John's Church nor the French or Dutch Churches nearby allowed Pater to bury Arabella in their graveyards. So Pater bought a 12.5 acre plot in Anandapuram, embalmed and dressed Arabella in bridal attire and buried her in a glass coffin. Today, the site is known as the Taj Mahal of the South. In 1812, he built a church there called Arabella Church with the money he raised from selling his property in London. The lid of Arabella's crypt could only be opened by a lever placed at a height to prevent misuse.

He would visit Arabella's grave twice a day for 20 years until he was transferred to Madras. Though he handed over the church to the East India Company, he continued to visit it once every month. After 1819, the church was opened to the public. Later, in 1842, the bishop of Madras, Rt. Rev George Trevor Spencer, dedicated it to St. Mary.

- (a) Why did the church disapprove of the relationship of Arabella and Major General John Pater ?
- (b) Pater had purchased a dress and ring for the love of his life. Who was the love of his life ?
- (c) What happened to Arabella ?
- (d) To whom did Pater hand over the church ?
- (e) Find the word which means the same as 'dress'.

(Open Text: 10 Marks)

(\* Please ensure that open text of the given theme is supplied with this question paper)  
**Theme: Indigenous Games of India**

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| 2a | How do mental skills contribute to being successful in games and sports? | 5 |
| 2b | How important are awards and recognition in a sportsperson's life?       | 5 |

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

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| 3 | You are concerned about the growing craze for fast food among youngsters, causing obesity and other life style diseases. Write an article in about 100-120 words expressing your concern and recalling ideas from the MCB unit 'Children' on the same and giving concrete suggestions to encourage the youngsters to eat healthy and balanced food, with the help of the hints given below :<br>Children in their growing years-need nutrition-avoid junk food-cause of many diseases-replacing junk food with simple home-made recipes-the West realised it-healthy food-cheerful spirits. | 5  |
| 4 | Complete the story in 150 - 200 words on the basis of the beginning given below.<br>There are four children sitting on a log near a stream. One of them looks up at the sky and says.....   | 10 |

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

Most people are familiar (a) \_\_\_\_\_ Louisa May Alcott's most famous work, 'Little Women'. Yet Alcott faced a bit of a battle to get her work out there and was encouraged (b) \_\_\_\_\_ find work as a servant by her family to make ends meet. It was her letters back home (c) \_\_\_\_\_ her experience as a nurse in the Civil War that gave her the first big break she needed.

- (a) (i) with (ii) to (iii) on (iv) for  
 (b) (i) into (ii) to (iii) being (iv) for  
 (c) (i) that (ii) when (iii) during (iv) where

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

|  | Before    | Missing Word | After |
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| The place is quite windy and leave you covered | (a) _____ | _____        | _____ |
| with white powdery sand. Areas close the water | (b) _____ | _____        | _____ |
| have been covered hay and sand sacks to avoid  | (c) _____ | _____        | _____ |
| slush. People all walks of life visit it.      | (d) _____ | _____        | _____ |

7 Look at the words/phrases given below and rearrange to form meaningful sentences. 3

- a. Haryana, / Bihar, / people / Punjab, / of / and Uttar Pradesh / Goverdhan Puja / perform
- b. decorate / flowers / worship them / and then / with / they / cow dung hillocks
- c. this festival / commemoration / of the / mount / lifting / this / is in / of / Krishna / Goverdhan / by.

### SECTION C (LITERATURE: 25 Marks)

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

8 *I touch gently at the windows with my Soft fingers, and my announcement is a Welcome song. All can hear, but only The sensitive can understand.* 3

- (a) How do the people react to the arrival of the rain?  
 (b) Why can only 'the sensitive' people understand the rain?  
 (c) Write the word from the passage which is the opposite of the word 'indifferent'.

OR

*"At first, I thought he was going to throw me out of the window, but I kept on talking".* 3

- (a) Why did the 'speaker' expect 'him' to be thrown out of the window?  
 (b) What does the statement, 'but I kept on talking' tell us about the speaker?  
 (c) What is the opposite of the word, 'throw'?

Answer the following questions in 30 to 40 words each: (2+2+2+2)

- 9a Why did Persome feel that people pretend to be ill ? 2
- 9b How does thunder declare the arrival of the rain ? 2
- 9c Why did Colonel Allyn mention Sir Courtenay Pescud in his conversation with Pescud ? 2
- 9d How was Harold different from his parents ? What was he told about his father's profession ? 2

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

- 10 Why does the Bishop refer to the convict as his friend ? What do we learn from this behaviour of the Bishop ? 4

**OR**

Which stage of a man's life depicts him as an egoistic person ? What's the reason behind his ego ? Discuss the values a man should possess to become selfless in life. 4

**Answer one of the following questions in 150-200 words**

- 11 What were the causes of war in European countries, as told by Gulliver to the Master Horse? 10

**OR**

The ingenuous doctor, who was well-versed in the whole nature and system of government, was the only voice of sanity in the midst of illogical political projectors of Lagado. Elucidate. 10

**OR**

What happened to Jerome's friend when he went punting for the first time ? How did it turn out to be highly comic ? 10

**OR**

What light does Montmorency's encounter with the cat throw on his character ? 10

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