

SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT - II (2013-2014)

ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE [Set-A]

Class - IX

Time: 3-3½ hours

Maximum Marks: 80

Instructions:

The question paper is divided into four sections.

Section A	:	Reading	20 marks
Section B	:	Writing and Grammar	25 marks
Section C	:	Literature	25 marks
Section D	:	Open Text	10 marks

SECTION A (READING: 20 Marks)

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

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THE AIR THE DINOSAURS BREATHED

Amber is one of the oldest gemstones known to mankind. The finest pieces, flawless and without the tiny air bubbles that often mar its beauty, are worth their weight in gold. To modern-day researchers in the life sciences, however, amber is even more valuable : the information contained within the yellow jewel is literary priceless. Unlike most other gemstones, amber is organic in its origin. It consists of fossilized resin from a number of different species of tree laid down between 40 million and 120 million ago. The resin is soft and sticky when first produced, and before it hardens many objects become embedded in its surface: pollen grains, seeds, the hair of mammals, etc. Spiders and small insects often blunder into this natural fly-trap and are gradually engulfed in the resin flow. The resin slowly fossilizes into amber.

Recent research on amber has swept away many earlier theories on the evolution of specific animal groups. Recently, trapped in a piece of yellow amber collected in New Jersey USA, was what looked like a perfectly preserved bee. But this seemed to be impossible, for this piece of amber was 80 million years old. Everyone "knew", however, that the earliest bees known came from a time only 40 million years before the present day.

Years ago, Gary P. Landis of the US Geological Survey and Robert Bruce Berner of Yale University crushed amber samples from the dinosaur age. They found that compared with 21 percent for today's atmosphere-oxygen made up 30 percent of the air at that time. Landis is certain that the air trapped within amber does give an accurate representation of ancient air at the time the pre-historic tree first exuded its resin. If so, scientists will at least have found a way to sample the Earth's atmosphere. They can literally sniff the air the dinosaurs breathed

On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions :

Q. 1. _____ gemstone is not new for mankind.

- a) diamond
- b) amber
- c) ruby
- d) coral

Q. 2. How many year old amber was found in New Jersey ?

- a) 40 million
- b) 20 million
- c) 80 million
- d) 60 million

Q. 3. The trapped air in amber found by scientists revealed _____ .

- a) ancient air
- b) pre-historic fruits
- c) pre-historic oxygen
- d) preserved bees

Q. 4. Amber is _____ in its origin.

- a) unnatural
- b) scientific
- c) organic
- d) unscientific

Q. 5. Which word means the same as surrounded :

- a) compared
- b) evolution
- c) engulfed
- d) trapped

2 Read the following passage carefully.

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The Preamble proceeds to define the objectives of the Indian Republic. These objectives are four in number: Justice, Liberty, Equality and Fraternity. Justice implies a 'harmonious reconciliation of individual conduct with the general welfare of society'. The essence of justice is the attainment of the common good. It embraces, as the Preamble proclaims, the entire social, economic and political spheres of human activity. The term "liberty" is used in the Preamble not merely as a negative but also in a positive sense. It signifies not only the absence of any arbitrary restraint on the freedom of individual action but also the creation of conditions which provide the essential ingredients necessary for the fullest development of the personality of the individual. Since society is constituted by individuals, social progress depends on the progress of the individual. Hence it is in the interest of society to ensure the maximum liberty of thought and action of the individual commensurate with social conditions and circumstances.

Liberty and equality are complimentary. Equality does not mean that all-human beings are equal, mentally and physically. It signifies equality of status, the status of free individuals and equality of opportunity. Equality of opportunity implies the availability of opportunity to everyone to develop his or her potential capacities. Finally, the Preamble emphasises the objective of "fraternity" in order to ensure both the dignity of the individual and the unity and integrity of the nations.

Choose the most appropriate answer from the alternatives given.

- (1) One of the Indian Republic objectives is _____
(a) Fraternity (b) Employability
(c) Superiority (d) availability
- (2) The attainment of the common good is _____
(a) the essence of liberty
(b) the essence of justice
(c) the essence of right
(d) the essence of dignity
- (3) The social progress depends on the progress of the _____
(a) society (b) individual
(c) population (d) brotherhood
- (4) Maximum liberty of thought and action answers the interest of _____
(a) society (b) people
(c) citizen (d) community
- (5) Find the correct synonym for the word, 'arbitrary' from the given options:
(a) freedom (b) chronological
(c) random (d) settle

3 Read the following passage carefully.

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Kamla was seven and smart. She was already very conscious that she was one of the short girls in the class. Now having to wear spectacles would be an added misery as other girls will stare and giggle at her. When Kamla went to school the next day, wearing the horrid spectacles, all that she had feared really did happen. She asked her best friend to hide her spectacles. When her class teacher entered the class, Kamla was all jittery. She pulled her spectacles off her nose and shove them into the desk. Now Kamla felt good. She realized that the spectacles made the bridge of her nose hurt, they hurt her behind her ears as well and that made her temples throb. But the problem soon began. Kamla could not read what was written on the black board.

During the short break, her spectacles were gone. Soon there was commotion. Word got around that Kamla's spectacles were missing. Kamla stood up and spoke in a trouble voice. "Please teacher, my spectacles are gone from my desk". "I have good news for you Kamla", said her teacher. "I saw you pushing the spectacles into your desk. During the short break I took them and kept them here", she said pointing to her own desk. Kamla promptly put the spectacles on and never thought of taking them off, again.

- (1) On the basis of your reading of the passage, complete the following statements
- (a) Kamla was always _____.
- (b) _____ would add to Kamla's misery.
- (2) Answer the following questions.
- (a) Why did Kamla remove the spectacles ?
- (b) What was the commotion all about ?
- (3) Find words from the passage which mean the same as :
- (a) Nervous (b) Swiftly

4 Read the given poem carefully.

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THE RELEASE

To-day within a grog-shop near
I saw a newly captured linnnet
Who beat against his cage in fear
And fell exhausted every minute;
And when I asked the fellow there
If he to sell the bird were willing
He told me with a careless air
That I could have it for a shilling.

And so I bought it, cage and all
(Although I went without my dinner)
And where some trees were fairly tall

And houses shrank and smoke was thinner

The tiny door I open threw

As down upon the grass I sank me :

Poor little chap! How quick he flew...

He didn't even wait to thank me.

Life's like a cage; we beat the bars

We bruise our breasts, we struggle vainly;

Up to the glory of the stars

We strain with fluttering ungainly.

And then -God opens wide the door,

Our wondrous wings are arched for flying

We poise, we part, we sing, we soar ...

Light, freedom, love ... Fools call it-Dying

1. Based on the given poem, complete the summary by filling in with suitable word/ words in each blank.

The poet sees a (a) _____ in a cage in a nearby shop. He buys it though he has to sacrifice his (b) _____ for it. He takes it to an open area and

(c) _____ it. The poet conveys that human life is also like a cage from which we are all released by (d) _____ one day.

2. Find a word from the poem which means 'tired'.

SECTION B
(WRITING & GRAMMAR: 25 Marks)

5 Recently P. Jayanti saw the following newspaper advertisement for a new gadget. She feels strongly about the misuse of modern technology, so she decides to write a letter in about 120-150 words.

Laser light show in your home now only

Rs. 18,000

You can now enjoy all the excitement of a laser light show in your own home. The Supa-Laser XL 600 is an electronic miracle, and will produce a multi-coloured light show, linked to your favourite music.

6 In India, we face a common problem of people living in unhygienic and unhealthy conditions. Draft a speech to be delivered in the morning assembly on how increase in population leads to reduced availability of health services and deteriorating sanitary conditions. You may use the following inputs: (120 words) 5

- Control on population is the need of the day
- Or else India will overtake China in 30 years
- We produce an Australia every year
- Forests and green belts are disappearing
- Environment and ecology are being systematically destroyed
- India needs to freeze the population like China
- Anyone having more than two children must be debarred from public services

7 Nargis recently attended a 'Film Festival on films with a Social Message'. On her return she was asked to write a newspaper report on it. (80-100 words) You may use the following notes: 4

- Include her experience, chance to meet eminent celebrities of art films like Om Puri, Shabana Azmi, Pankaj Kapoor etc
- Importance of films with a local message, especially for the youth of today
- Need for such films to be released at prominent theatres
- Tax free tickets to encourage a large section of people to watch them

8 Choose the most appropriate option from the ones given below to complete the following passage. 3

Bill Gates didn't (a) _____ like a shoe-in for success after dropping out of Harvard and starting a failed first business with Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen (b) _____ Traf-O-Data. While this early idea didn't work, Gates' later, (c) _____ the global empire that is

Microsoft.

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|----------------|--------------|----------------|------------------|
| a) (i) seemed | (ii) seems | (iii) seerring | (iv) seemn |
| b) (i) called | (ii) calls | (iii) calling | (iv) call |
| c) (i) created | (ii) creates | (iii) creating | (iv) is creating |

9 In the following passage one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the correct blank number.

Before	Missing	After
The lively Tanya has a knack for collecting pets.	(a) _____	_____
While walking down a road, she saw a toad.	(b) _____	_____
While looking for a mitten, she found a kitten.	(c) _____	_____
When she pushes a wheelbarrow, she ends with a little sparrow. The little girl puts every animal she catches in a cage.	(d) _____	_____

10 Read the conversation given below and complete the paragraph that follows. Write the answers against the correct blank numbers in your answer sheet. Do not copy the whole sentences. 3

Gopal : Dear Sham! Who is addressing the meeting?

Sham : He is the MLA of the Congress party.

Gopal : When will the election be held?

Sham : On Sunday 12th March.

Gopal asked Sham (a) _____. Sham informed him (b) _____ of the Congress party. He further asked when the election would be held. Sham replied (c) _____.

SECTION C (LITERATURE: 25 Marks)

11 Read the passage given below carefully and answer the questions that follow: 3

When I cry the hills laugh;
When I am humble myself the flowers rejoice;
When I bow, all things are elated.

- (a) Name the poem and the poet of the above extract
- (b) What is the connection between 'I' crying and the hills laughing?
- (c) Explain the line 'when I bow all things are elated'.

Answer the questions in about 30 to 40 words each:

- 12 (A) Why did Mrs. Bramble address her son as "dearie" ? 2
- 12 (B) How did John A. Pescud succeed in impressing Jessie's father in the lesson 'Bestseller' ? 2
- 12 (C) What is second childishness ? 2
- 12 (D) How do you think the song of the rain is the song of the soul. 2
- 13 The convict asks the Bishop to bless him. Evaluate this turning point in the play. 4

OR

The Sergeant knows that the Bishop is lying still he chooses to leave the place without the convict. Why ? 4

Attempt either Part A or Part B

Part A

14 (A) What profound truth of 'Human Life' has come to light after reading the account of Struldbregs? Explain. 5

15 (A) Give an account of the King of Luggnagg. 5

Part B

14 (B) Describe the experience of the three friends preparing the Irish stew. 5

15 (B) The novel is a series of comic characters and their experiences. Elaborate with any two examples. 5

Section-D

(Open Text -10 Marks)

(* Please ensure that the open text of the given theme is supplied with this question paper)

16 **Theme-i (Information Technology and Values) (5+5)** 10

(a) Information technology has brought the moral paradox also. Explain.

(b) 'Words on the computer screen are often considered 'truth' by the public'. What are the implications of this in the long run?