

SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT – II (2016-17)
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 & OTBA :20 Marks)

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

1. Today, India looks like it is on course to join the league of developed nations. (It is beginning to establish a reputation not just as the technology nerve centre and back-office to the world, but also as its production centre) India's secularism and democracy serve as a role model to other developing countries. There is great pride in an India that easily integrates with a global economy, yet maintains a unique cultural identity.
2. (India is the world's largest milk producer, thanks to Operation Flood, an innovative scheme to increase milk production undertaken by the National Dairy Development Board.) We now produce 13.1% (74 million tonnes) of world milk output, which is valued at Rs. 70,000 crores. The United States comes second with 13% followed by Russia, Germany, France and Brazil. But the Indian Dairy Industry is likely to face problems because of World Trade Organization (WTO) agreement, (which has opened up trade in dairy products.) (Imported dairy products are now flooding the Indian market, affecting local producers.)
3. These imported products have prices that are lower than those of Indian products because they receive subsidies in their own countries. This gives imported dairy products an unfair advantage over the local products. The cost of milk production in India is the lowest in the world, with New Zealand coming second. These are also the only two countries, which do not subsidize milk production. In order to meet the challenge, they are facing Indian dairy companies are now concentrating on improving the quality of products.
 - 1.1 Why does India have the largest milk production in the world?
 - 1.2 Why do the imported dairy products pose a threat to local producers?
 - 1.3 Why is India expected to join the league of developed nations?
 - 1.4 What is the chief role of WTO?
 - 1.5 Pick out a word from the passage which means the same as 'featuring new methods'. (Para 2)

1b Read the passage carefully. 5

1. Schools and colleges have now become almost redundant as tuitions and coaching classes rule the day. Although the government and the judiciary have declared private tuitions illegal, they are considered vital for clearing the examination. The reasons may be many. The teachers in the schools and colleges may not be able to give individual attention to the students, which could help the students excel. The debate continues. But despite this, the undeniable fact is that students do need school and college. The years spent at school help not only in socialization but also in developing the basic level of

confidence among students. In addition, co-operation, team spirit, friendship and reciprocity, the virtues that all must imbibe, are imparted by the school. The years spent in college are equally important. The students move from the protected environment of the school to the more liberal one in the college. They learn to socialise independently and also to handle freedom and responsibility and thus move into adulthood more easily.

2. There is no denying the importance of formal educational institutions. They impart a sense of identity. Moreover, the all-round personality development and education of an individual is something that is taken care of only in formal institutions. This is so because apart from studying, students have an opportunity to participate in sports, drama, music, and other extra-curricular and co-curricular activities. This way they learn to interact on intellectual and social levels.

On the basis of your reading of the passage complete the following sentences.

- (a) _____ have posed a serious threat to the formal institutions.
(b) Tuition centres are gaining importance as students _____.
(c) Schools are important as they _____.
(d) Formal institutions are important because they _____.
(e) Find the word from the passage which means 'convey'. (Para 2)

(Open Text: 10 Marks)

(* Please ensure that open text of the given theme is supplied with this question paper)
Theme: Nurturing Compassionate Citizens

- 2a Not only does every animal need its own sound, but every animal needs to be treated in its own special way. Some of you do own animals and know exactly how to care for them. If you own a dog, what do you need to do in order to take care of it? How about other animals like cat, cow, fish, etc.? How do you care for them? 5

- 2b What are some devastating facts about poaching? Write a letter to the editor highlighting the issue and suggesting ways to curb this problem. 5

SECTION B (WRITING & GRAMMAR: 25 Marks)

- 3 Write an article in 100 - 120 words on "Green Mountains: A Distant Dream". The recent excursion to Dehradun made you realise how we litter and destroy nature thus harming the environment in our pursuit of happiness. 5

- 4 Meenu had to write a story for the Creative Writing Competition. Read the lines she's written for the story and help her complete the story in 150-200 words. 10
It was a quiet, cold and dark night, like it usually is in winters when all retire to bed early. Suddenly a shriek jerked me awake. The people in the building ran out of their beds. It was distinctly the voice of.....

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

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (a) _____ composing at the age of five, writing over 600 pieces of music that today are lauded as some of the best ever created. Yet during his lifetime, Mozart didn't (b) _____ such an easy time, and was often restless, leading to his dismissal from a position as a court musician in Salzburg. He struggled to (c) _____ the support of the aristocracy and died with little to his name.

- (a) (i) began (ii) begin (iii) begun (iv) begins
 (b) (i) had (ii) has (iii) have (iv) get
 (c) (i) keeping (ii) be kept (iii) have kept (iv) keep

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
I knew that if I trick my mom into believing		(a) _____
that I was feeling okay surgery, she'd let		(b) _____
me go to my friend's party. All I to		(c) _____
do was to find a way prove I had recovered.		(d) _____

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

- a. Mela / Kumbh / the Ardh / every / six years / is celebrated / Kumbh Mela / a smaller
 b. the / is / celebrated / years / Kumbh / Mela / normal / four / every
 c. the Maha Kumbh Mela / after / that / 12 years / occurs / Kumbh Mela / is a special

SECTION C (LITERATURE: 25 Marks)

8 Read one of the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow: 3

- 'And you don't know how sick a chap gets of having chaps call him, 'Goggles'.'
 (a) Who is the speaker?
 (b) Why is the speaker sick of being called 'Goggles'?
 (c) What does 'chap' mean?

OR

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

I am beautiful pearls, plucked from the
 Crown of Ishtar by the daughter of Dawn
 To embellish the gardens.

- (a) Why has 'I' been compared to pearls?
 (b) Who is Ishtar and why is she being referred to?
 (c) What does embellish mean?

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

- 9a What is John A. Pescud's opinion about real life marriages? 2
 9b The poet Pam Ayres repents that she had been too careless in her childhood to care for her teeth. Which two actions should she have taken in order to avoid cavities? 2
 9c What characteristics would you associate with the sixth stage? (The Seven Ages) 2
 9d Explain: "From respect to me choppers." (Oh, I Wish I'd Looked After Me Teeth) 2

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10 Answer one of the following questions in about 80-100 words
Meeting Corporal Turnbull changed the Professor's life for the worse. Comment with reference to 'The Man Who Knew Too Much' highlighting the values he should have possessed to make his life better. 4

OR

The Bishop was reluctant to part with his candlesticks but finally he did so. What characteristic features are revealed through this act of the Bishop? 4

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

11 Describe Gulliver's encounter with the spirits of great persons from Ancient and Modern History. 10

OR

Give a brief description of the inhabitants of Laputa. 10

OR

Narrate the incident when George and the author get lost at Henly Island 10

OR

The three friends bicker over who does more work during the trip. What light do their remarks throw on their nature? 10

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