

SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT - II (2014-2015)
ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE
Class - IX

Time: 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 70

Instructions:

The question paper is divided into **three sections.**

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

SECTION A
(READING & OTBA: 20 Marks)

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

The deluge that submerged most of Kashmir has receded. But life is far from normal. It would remain so unless problems pertaining to shelter, livelihood, health and hygiene and education are tackled. The disaster, which struck a decade after militancy impeded development in the valley, has caused significant damage to progress made by the state. (Para 1)

According to initial estimates, 75,000 houses were destroyed by the floods. But the Chief Minister said that the numbers could be much higher. Even the houses that suffered partial damage or seem intact from outside are also unfit for living because of the poor construction techniques and material used. People should not live in the damaged houses because they could cave in any time. (Para 2)

Experts are of the opinion that all the damaged houses must be rebuilt using the latest technologies for longevity. Most of the houses that collapsed or were damaged were made of mud, brick and wood. However, the houses that were built using cement and iron survived. (Para 3)

The government has announced an aid of Rs. 75,000 for completely damaged and Rs.17,000 for partially damaged houses. Many villages have suffered massive destruction, both in terms of property and livelihood, but all the residents were saved, thanks to the timely rescue operation launched by the Army's 9 Rashtriya Rifles. (Para 4)

- (1) Approximately 75,000 houses were _____.
- (2) The opinion of the experts was that all the damaged houses must be rebuilt _____.
- (3) The government has announced an aid of _____ and Rs. 17,000 for partially damaged houses.
- (4) The massive destruction, the villages have suffered were both in terms of property and _____.
- (5) Find out the word from the passage which means the same as 'related/to belong as part' _____. (Para 1)

1(b)	<p>Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:</p> <p>In the pleasant sunlight during the cold weather, it was the family tradition for the women to sit on the roof gossiping, driving off crows and passing time. I was the only younger bother-in-law in the house, the guardian of my sister-in-law's "<i>amsatta</i>", and her friend and ally in many other trivial pursuits. I used to read to them from <i>Bangadhipa Parajaya</i>. From time to time the duty of cutting up betel-nut would delve on me. I could cut betel very finely. My sister-in-law would never admit that I had any other good quality, so much so that she even made me angry with God for giving me such faulty appearance. But she found no difficulty in speaking in exaggerated fashion of my skill in cutting betel. Therefore, the work of betel-cutting used to go on at a fine pace. But for a long time now, for want of anyone to encourage me, the hand that was so skilled in fine betel-cutting has perforce busied itself in other fine work.</p> <p>Around all this, there lingered the aroma of village life. The occupations belonged to the days when there was a pounding-room in the house, when confectionery balls were made, when the maid-servants sat in the evening rolling on their thighs the cotton wicks for the oil lamps. Modern children do not hear fairy stories from their mother's lips, they read them for themselves in printed books. Pickles and chutney are bought from the Newmarket by the bottleful, each bottle corked and sealed with wax.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(extract from the Works of Rabindranath Tagore)</p> <p>(a) How did the women pass their time ? (b) Why was the author given the duty to cut betel-nuts ? (c) Why was the author angry with God ? (d) Why do modern children not hear fairy stories from their mother's lips ? (e) Find the word similar in meaning to 'fragrance' in the passage.</p>	5
2	<p>Theme - "The Cleaning up Campaign Sweeps across the Country" (5+5)</p> <p>a) The characters in the play make use of social networking sites to launch their cleaning campaign. Explain the importance of social networking sites in bringing about a change in society.</p> <p>b) Unplanned and unauthorized development is a bane of our cities and leads to inaccessibility to clean drinking water and proper sanitation system for the people living in such areas. Discuss the importance of planned and authorized evolution of a city for the health of its people. (*Please ensure that open text of the given theme is supplied with this question paper)</p>	10
<p>SECTION B (WRITING & GRAMMAR: 25 Marks)</p>		
3	<p>You are Shan/Shyla, a member of 'Eradication Of Social Evils Forum' of your school. You visit a nearby village to speak to the villagers on how smoking is a silent killer, besides being a drain on the limited income of an average income earner. After your visit you decided to write an</p>	5

	<p>article against smoking. You are also aware that even passive smokers are harmed. Write the article suggesting some measures to fight this menace. (100-120 words)</p>																					
4	<p>Mr. Verma is a writer. But his new neighbours are so noisy that he can neither work nor sleep. He decides to take action but in a creative way..... Complete the story in your own words. (150 - 200 words)</p>	10																				
5	<p>Choose the most appropriate options from the ones given below to complete the following paragraph. Isaac Newton was undoubtedly a genius when it came to math, (a) _____ he had some failings early on. He never did particularly well in school (b) _____ when put in charge of running the family farm, he failed miserably, so poorly in fact that an uncle took charge and sent him off to Cambridge (c) _____ he finally blossomed into the scholar we know today. (a) (i) and (ii) since (iii) when (iv) but (b) (i) but (ii) and (iii) since (iv) when (c) (i) when (ii) and (iii) where (iv) but</p>	3																				
6	<p>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.</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;"></td> <td style="text-align: center;">Before</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Missing Word</td> <td style="text-align: center;">After</td> </tr> <tr> <td>On the banks of the Ganga, where it emerges of the Himalayan foot hills, there are long stretches forest. There are villages the fringe of the forest inhabited by bamboo cutters and farmers. This area an ideal hunting ground.</td> <td style="text-align: center;">(a)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">(b)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">(c)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">(d)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> </tr> </table>		Before	Missing Word	After	On the banks of the Ganga, where it emerges of the Himalayan foot hills, there are long stretches forest. There are villages the fringe of the forest inhabited by bamboo cutters and farmers. This area an ideal hunting ground.	(a)	_____	_____		(b)	_____	_____		(c)	_____	_____		(d)	_____	_____	4
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7	<p>Look at the words/phrases given below and rearrange to form meaningful sentences.</p> <p>a. an axon / that sends / messages / every cell / has b. communication / every / cells / to / transmits / cell / other c. these cells / there are / within / dopamine / and / serotin levels.</p>	3																				
<p>SECTION C (LITERATURE: 25 Marks)</p>																						
<p>Read one of the extracts given below and briefly answer the questions that follow:</p>																						
8	<p><i>Then a soldier. Full of strange oaths, and bearded like the pard, Jealous in honour, sudden and quick in quarrel, Seeking the bubble reputation. Even in the canon's mouth.</i></p> <p>(a) What are the characteristics of the role played in the above lines ?</p>	3																				

	(b) Why is reputation described as 'bubble' ? (c) What is the antonym of 'honour' ?	
	OR	
	<i>"One chap's got a snapshot of Jimmy Wilde. At least, he says it's Jimmy Wilde, but I believe it's just some ordinary fellow. Anyhow, it's jolly blurred, so it might be anyone. Pa, can't you give me a picture of yourself boxing ? I could swank like anything. And you, don't know how sick a chap gets of having chaps call him, 'Goggles'".</i>	3
	(a) Why is Harold not sure that the person in the photograph is Jimmy Wilde ? (b) What does Harold want to do with his father's picture ? (c) What do you mean by the word, 'swank' ?	
	Answer the following questions in about 30 to 40 words each:	
9(i)	Who was Marie ? Why did the Bishop give the silver salt-cellars to her ?	2
9(ii)	The girl knew all the while that Pescud was following her. How did she react to the first attempt made by him ?	2
9(iii)	Why are all things elated when the rain falls ?	2
9(iv)	What was the attitude of the privates towards Corporal Turnbull ?	2
	Answer one of the following questions in about 80-100 words	
10	It is difficult to walk on the path of righteousness and be good to everyone. But the Bishop has truly exemplified such traits in the play. What impression do you form of the Bishop ?	4
	OR	
	Life is all about selfless giving. Justify this statement in the modern context keeping in mind the values taught to us in the 'The Bishop's Candlesticks.'	4
	Answer one of the following questions in about 150-200 words.	

11	According to Gulliver, what three skills were required to become a Chief Minister in Europe ?	10
	OR	
	Laputian are a race of absent-minded scientists and philosophers. Illustrate.	10
	OR	
	Describe what happens between Montmorency and the cat in detail.	10
	OR	
	'Three Men in a Boat' is a humorous account of a boating holiday on the Thames undertaken by the narrator and his two friends. Give a character sketch of any one of them.	10
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