

**ENGLISH (COMMUNICATIVE)  
SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT - I 2014  
Class -IX**

**Maximum Marks : 70**

**Time : 3 hours**

**Instructions :**

(i) The question paper is divided into **three sections.**

**Section A---Reading** **20 marks**

**Section B---Writing Grammar** **25 marks**

**Section C---Literature** **25 marks**

(ii) All questions are compulsory.

(iii) You may attempt any section at a time.

(iv) All questions of a section must be attempted in the correct order.

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

**1 Read the passage given below and complete the sentences that follow by choosing the most appropriate options from those given : 5**

Corruption is rampant in our social and political life. Like cancer, it is eating into the vitals of the society. Self-serving politicians and their agents and power brokers can stop to any extent to feather their own nest. Nobody is free from the needle of suspicion. Corruption seems to rule the roost every where. In government offices it percolates from the top to the bottom. "You pay the piper and call the tune" or "Money makes the mare go" are the unwritten tenets of our administrative-cum-political-set up.

It seems that the older generation has given the go-by to all that was good in India. It is the youth and specially students who have to take cudgels against the demo of corruption and crush it altogether. A beginning can be made in the direction by holding anti-corruption drives. The ill-effects of corruption in public life should be publicized through inter-school declamations and essay-writing contests. Students should take a pledge to resist the temptation of using unfair means in the examination. They can also go a step further and persuade their friends, relatives and parents to curb this evil at all costs. The dedicated efforts of honest youth are bond to succeed in the long run in demolishing and vanquishing this social evil which has earned us a bad name.

(a) Corruption is compared to a disease like :

(i) Aids (ii) Cancer

(iii) T. B (iv) Brain fever

(b) The expression, "rule the roost means" \_\_\_\_\_ :

(i) influence everyone

(ii) dominate and overpower everywhere

- (iii) being most noticeable
- (iv) strong rule
- (c) The real step to crush the evil of corruption is :
  - (i) to start from oneself
  - (ii) not to preach
  - (iii) anti-corruption drives and awareness
  - (iv) not to make any effort
- (d) The students can contribute to eradicate it by :
  - (i) talking
  - (ii) refusing to cheat in the examination
  - (iii) by spending money and time
  - (iv) contributing their money
- (e) The phrase "Money makes the more go" means :
  - (i) the mare follows its master
  - (ii) money can get all work done
  - (iii) money has lots of benefit
  - (iv) money cannot get all work done

2 **Read the passage carefully :**

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Peace and order are necessary, not just in our own country but also at the international level, if we are to secure national progress and development. The different countries in the world are coming closer today due to faster means of transport and communication. Economically, they are becoming increasingly interdependent. If peace is disturbed in one part of the world, it has adverse effects in other parts of the world as well. Nuclear weapons have already threatened the world with nuclear war. If the conflicts between different nations are not settled in time, they might culminate in a nuclear war destroying the whole world. If at all there are any, they must be settled promptly and peace should be restored. That is why we have declared the establishment of international peace and understanding as an objective of our foreign policy.

We need the help and co-operation of other countries for our scientific, industrial and economic development, especially in those fields where we have yet to achieve self-sufficiency. We obtain the latest machinery, technology and financial aid from the developed countries.

On our part we, too, offer help to the underdeveloped countries. We are keen on maintaining friendly relations with other countries. Such friendly relations foster international understanding.

**Answer the following questions by selecting the most appropriate options from the ones**

given below :

- (a) Which of the following statements is not true in the context of the passage ?
- (i) International conflicts must be settled promptly
  - (ii) We try to maintain friendly relations with our neighbours
  - (iii) We participate in many international conferences
  - (iv) Each country can be considered isolated and insulated from the effects of other countries
- (b) According to the passage, maintaining friendly relations with other countries facilitates :
- (i) Developing international understanding
  - (ii) Exchange of scientists and technologists
  - (iii) Strategic planning in defence matters
  - (iv) Import and export of several vital commodities
- (c) If the conflicts between nations do not cease :
- (i) International bodies will have to take up these issues
  - (ii) International understandings will not be fostered
  - (iii) Nuclear war will destroy the whole world
  - (iv) The means of transport and communication will be disrupted
- (d) Which of the following is obtained by us from the developed countries, according to the passage ?
- (i) Fertilizers
  - (ii) Food grains
  - (iii) Leather products
  - (iv) Technology
- (e) Which of the following words is largely similar in meaning of the word 'culminate' as used in the passage ?
- (i) Reach the highest point

- (ii) Stretch to the maximum
- (iii) Absolute standards
- (iv) Total destruction

3 **Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :**

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Forensic experts have always believed that every individual's handwriting is unique. Forensic experts look at the handwriting, especially when examining forged cheques, ransom notes, or a rewritten will. Hand writing experts have a bag of tricks for extracting information from words on paper that you and I would normally not look at. They examine the paper, the pen, pencil or even the machine that laid down the ink; they also the wording and punctuation! A person can be identified based on the peculiar use of punctuation, language or even phrases.

Most handwriting experts are convinced that handwriting reveals personality. Can your scribbles actually reveal something about your personality ? Experts like Gerald Brown say that if a person is speaking the truth, then the writing comes from the mind and it flows. But if the subconscious know that you are about to lie, then there are slight psychological changes that affect the writing - either in the slant, the spacing or the pressure.

Brown goes on to add that the writing of Ted Bundy, the most destructive serial killer in US history, showed resentment and a deeply negative trait which was revealed by the little break at the bottom of the letter d.

Even today many people are unsure about whether handwriting analysis can be called a science.

**1. On the basis of your reading of the passage, complete the following statements :**

- (a) Every individual's handwriting is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) Handwriting experts study and extract information from \_\_\_\_\_.

**2. Answer the following questions.**

- (a) Handwriting has variation at different points. Why is it so ?
- (b) Handwriting has its own significance ? How ?

**3. Find words from the passage which mean the same as the following.**

- (a) weird (para 1)
- (b) dislike (para 3)

4 **The Four Friends**  
-A.A. Milne

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Ernest was an elephant, a great big fellow,  
Leonard was a lion with a six foot tail,  
George was a goat, and his beard was yellow,  
And James was a very small snail.

Leonard had a stall, and a great big strong one,  
Earnest had a manger, and its walls were thick,  
George found a pen, but I think it was the wrong one,  
And James sat down on a brick.

Earnest started trumpeting, and cracked his manger,  
Leonard started roaring, and shivered his stall,  
James gave a huff of a snail in danger  
And nobody heard him at all.

Earnest started trumpeting and raised such a rumpus,  
Leonard started roaring and trying to tick,  
James went on a journey with the goat's new compass  
And he reached the end of his brick.

Ernest was an elephant and very well intentioned,  
Leonard was a lion with a brave new tail,  
George was a goat, as I think I have mentioned,  
but James was only a snail.

- (1) Who were the four friends ?
- (2) Identify the rhyme scheme of the poem.
- (3) Earnest's manger was \_\_\_\_\_.
- (4) None could hear the cries of James because \_\_\_\_\_.
- (5) Find the word in the poem that is similar in meaning to 'blod'.

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

5	<p>You read the following newspaper item and then decide to write a letter to the editor of a national daily in 120-150 words, expressing your views on increasing incidents of chain snatching and how it can be dealt with.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px auto; width: 80%;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Article</p> <p>Despite the city police claiming reduction in incidents of chain snatching this year, two incidents of chain snatching were reported in the last three days in the city. Unidentified persons riding on motor bikes targeted two women in different areas.</p> </div>													
6	<p>When the examinations approach, many students get into severe depression. At times this could result in disastrous consequences. Write an article in about <b>120</b> words for your school magazine on the topic "How to cope with the Examination Stress? You may use the information given below.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>TO COPE WITH STRESS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Manage your time effectively by working out a time table</li> <li>● Maintain balance between all subjects.</li> <li>● Practise regularly</li> <li>● Relax and meditate</li> <li>● Take failure in your stride</li> <li>● Set realistic goals</li> <li>● Try again and don't give up</li> </ul>	5												
7	<p>You are Sameer/Saara of DAV public School, New Delhi. You found a mobile in the school premises. Draft a notice in 50 word describing the mobile.</p>	4												
8	<p><b>Complete the following passage by choosing the 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.</b></p> <p>When Wangari Maathai (a)_____ a child more than 50 years ago, the environment was very pristine, very beautiful and very green. When she (b)_____ up she found all the local biological diversity, flora and fauna (c) _____ disappeared.</p> <p>(a) (i) Was (ii) Is (iii) Am (iv) Were          (b) (i) Grown (ii) Grew (iii) Grow (iv) To grow          (c) (i) Had (ii) Has (iii) Have (iv) Will have</p>	3												
9	<p>There is an error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in the answer sheet as given below :</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 40%;"></th> <th style="width: 10%;"></th> <th style="width: 15%; text-align: center;">Incorrect</th> <th style="width: 15%; text-align: center;">Correct</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>People finding maths very difficult</td> <td style="text-align: center;">(a)</td> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; width: 100px;"></td> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; width: 100px;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Most of it fear studying maths</td> <td style="text-align: center;">(b)</td> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;"></td> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;"></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			Incorrect	Correct	People finding maths very difficult	(a)			Most of it fear studying maths	(b)			4
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	<p>It can becoming fun (c) _____</p> <p>If I practice it daily. (d) _____</p>	
10	<p>Eg : 35 million / digestive glands / there are / in the stomach</p> <p>There are 35 million digestive glands in the stomach.</p> <p>(a) the / strongest muscle / is / the tongue / the human body / in</p> <p>(b) sensitive finger / the most / the index finger / on the human body / is</p> <p>(c) jawbone / the hardest bone / is / the / in the / human body</p>	3
<p><b>SECTION C</b></p> <p><b>(LITERATURE: 25 Marks)</b></p>		
11	<p>Those who saw it said the dog knew instantly. He never jumped on Chuck again. From that moment, he took up a post beside his master's bed around the clock. But even Duke's presence didn't reach Chuck. The once - iron muscles slacked on the rangy frame.</p> <p>(a) What does 'rangy' frame mean here?</p> <p>(b) Why did Duke never jump on Chuck again?</p> <p>(c) Why even Duke's presence didn't reach Chuck?</p>	3
<p><b>Answer the following questions: (2x4)</b></p>		
12.1	Duke was an extraordinary dog. What special qualities did he exhibit to justify this?	2
12.2	Do you agree that Mrs. Al Smith is the representative of American outlook. How ?	2
12.3	In the poem, "The Road Not Taken" where is the poet and what did he see in front of him.	2
12.4	Why was the grandmother so upset when her granddaughter went away to attend a wedding ?	2
13.1	Good music and a good poem is always appreciated. Give reasons for your answer?	4
<p><b>OR</b></p>		

13.2	Music converts a pensive mood into a jocund mood. Discuss with reference to 'The Solitary Reaper'.	4
	<b>Attempt either part (a) or part(b)</b> <b>Part (a)</b>	
14(A)	Mention some of the qualities needed for getting government employment in Lilliput. (100-120 words)	5
15(A)	What charges were framed against Gulliver? Elaborate in about 100-120 words.	5
	<b>Part (b)</b>	
14(B)	George was assigned a task by Jerome and Harris after reaching the boat. Describe the task briefly and analyse if he was eventually successful in carrying it out ?	5
15(B)	The narrator's creative personality comes to the fore when he undertook 'running the boat past Hampton Court. Elaborate.	5
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