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## SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT – I (2016-2017) ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE Class - X

Time: 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 70

### Instructions :

The question paper is divided into three sections.

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

### SECTION A : READING (Reading : 20 Marks)

- 1 Read the passage given below and answer the questions / complete the sentences that follow : (1x8) 8

Spices bring to mind images of tempting culinary art, fascinating travels and the bitter struggle for supremacy. Expressions like 'Variety is the spice of life' and 'sugar and spice and all that is nice' show how spellbound were men of letters about spices.

To Orientals, spices are indeed the soul of food. In the Western world, it evokes dreams of exotic tropical islands, exciting expeditions to find routes to the source and the rise and fall of empires. Columbus went westwards in 1492 from Europe to find a sea route to the land of spices but found the New world. Eight years later, Vasco da Gama went round Africa and touched Kozhikode on the south west coast of India. Long before that, Arabs started trading with the Orient through land routes. During 13<sup>th</sup> century Marco Polo experienced the attraction of spices in his travels. Even the European conquests and trade arrangement in India and East Indies have a lot to do with spices.

Thousands of years ago, great masters of Ayurveda (the Indian system of medicine) notably Susruta and Charaka discussed in detail the use of spices for culinary and medicinal purposes. Enterprising soldiers of fortune took the knowledge of spices to Egypt. There they used spices and aromatic herbs in food, medicine, cosmetics and for embalming. The conquest of Egypt and Asia by Alexander, the Great, made spices an article of commerce in Mediterranean countries and later to central and northern Europe. There are reports of pepper being used in meat, both to aid preservation, and to mask the unwelcome odour of deterioration of quality during the long winter storage.

Hippocrates, the father of modern medicine, and Theophrastus, a Greek scholar and botanist, wrote treatises on medicinal plants, including spices. India has been home of most of the major spices of the world with Kerala varieties dominating in international trade.

- (a) Why do spices fascinate people?
- (b) Where do Orientals live?
- (c) Where did Columbus want to reach?
- (d) What is meant by 'culinary skills'?
- (e) What did Susruta and charaka discuss in detail?
- (f) What made spices an article of commerce in Mediterranean countries?
- (g) Who have written treatises on medicinal plants, including spices?
- (h) The word in the passage that means 'interesting' is exciting

- 2 Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : (2x4)+(1x4)=12 12
- India's growing fascination for vehicles and failure to develop roads has increased air

pollution in most cities, the country's pollution watchdog has revealed. In the past two decades, the carrying capacity of roads increased by less than 2.5 percent, whereas the number of vehicles grew at an annual rate of over 10 percent. In 2008, in India, 12 million vehicles were plying on the 3.5 million km road network. For people, its visible impact has increased congestion on roads, but what one didn't see was the higher air pollution. "Vehicles in major cities estimated to account for 70 percent of carbon monoxide, 50 percent of hydrocarbons and 30 percent of suspended particulate matter of the total pollution load of these cities," the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) said in its report. Four metros and cities such as Bengaluru, Hyderabad and Kanpur are among the worst affected.

The high concentration of pollutants like carbon monoxide and hydrocarbons cause lung cancer and asthma, besides routine breathing problems. The sudden jump in air pollution is a recent phenomenon, with the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) finding that half of the two wheelers and cars running on Indian roads have been registered in the last five to seven years. The growth phenomenon in case of heavy vehicles has been less impressive.

The new vehicles, however, are not the sole cause of air pollution. The CPCB said that vehicles older than 10 years caused 60 percent of vehicular air pollution. And the reason is poor maintenance and no norms in India for the expiry of a vehicle, especially the private ones. Adulteration of fuel has been stated as another reason for high vehicular pollution.

So far, ironically because of lower level of income thresholds, the Indian market has favoured small cars and two wheelers. As small engines use less fuel the average fleet-wise fuel consumption is expected to be low. But already, with rising income levels there is a steady shift towards bigger cars that use more fuel. Taking their place are the bigger cars in compact, mid-size and high end segments. Therefore, standards can make a significant difference in India.

- (a) What is a major cause of air pollution in India?
- (b) What has increased more than the carrying capacity of the roads?
- (c) What causes lung cancer and asthma?
- (d) Why do Indians favour small cars and two wheelers?
- (e) Which word in the passage means 'mixing with inferior material'? (para 3)
  - (i) impurity
  - (ii) adulteration
  - (iii) phenomenon
  - (iv) purification
- (f) Which word in the passage means the same as 'collection'? (para 2)
  - (i) concentration
  - (ii) phenomenon
  - (iii) pollution
  - (iv) growth
- (g) Find the word opposite in meaning to 'success'? (para 1)
  - (i) obsession
  - (ii) failure
  - (iii) network
  - (iv) revealed
- (h) Find the word opposite in meaning to 'production'? (para 4)
  - (i) compact
  - (ii) threshold
  - (iii) difference
  - (iv) consumption

### SECTION B : WRITING AND GRAMMAR (25 Marks)

- 3 Many mainstream "masala" movies use incorrect English to entertain and earn. This affects Student's, understanding of the language. As the Cultural Secretary of your school, you wish to spread awareness of the same. Write a letter in 100-120 words to the editor of a national daily, providing inputs on the pros and cons of it. You are Arun/Aarti, 112 Bank Street Agra. 5
- 4 With the help of the given hints, write an inspiring story. Also give it a suitable title. (150 - 200 words) 10

Life—journey—one must move on—Rohit—shattered when lost his parents—accident—regains faith in life—meets orphans in an orphanage—learns to enjoy life—takes pledge—to serve the mankind.

- 5 Read the paragraph given below. Fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate words / phrases from the given options. 3

Children may quarrel all the time, drawing the elders into the fray. The neighbour's son may pick a flower or a fruit from your garden and an argument (a) may erupt. Again, he may at throw his ball (b) at your window pane damaging it. These are not unnatural so far as the younger one is concerned, but it is for the elders to (c) look them with equanimity.

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(a)	must	ought to	may	should
(b)	to	from	on	at
(c)	see	watch	view	look

- 6 In the following paragraph one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the words that come before and after it. The first one has been done as an example. 4

Most of us are familiar with fact	e.g.	with	the	fact
that silk derived from the cocoons of	(a)	<u>Silk</u>	<u>is</u>	<u>derived</u>
mulberry silk worms. However, insects	(b)	<u>like</u>	<u>some</u>	<u>insects</u>
like spiders, beetles and fleas produce silk.	(c)	<u>fleas</u>	<u>also</u>	<u>produce</u>
Silk is mass produced by silk worms are reared to produce white silk.	(d)	<u>Silk</u>	<u>which</u>	<u>are</u>

- 7 Rearrange the following words/phrases to make meaningful sentences. 3
- (a) race/slow/wins/steady/the/and  
 (b) is/for/progress/important/consistency/making  
 (c) regularity/the key/success/and sincerity/to/is

### SECTION C : LITERATURE (25 Marks)

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

- 8 *In the week which followed we saw them frequently, for they proved extremely useful to us.* 3
- (a) Who is the speaker referring to as 'them'?  
 (b) How did they prove to be useful to the speaker?  
 (c) Give the antonym of 'frequently'.

OR

*A woman bends over me,  
 Searching my reaches for what she really is.  
 Then she turns to those liars, the candles or the moon.* 3

- (a) What is the woman bending over?  
 (b) Why have the candles and the moon been called liars?  
 (c) What does the phrase, 'my reaches' mean?

Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each.

- 9a Why were Aunt Elizabeth and her husband Uncle Ben coming to Mrs. Slater's house? 2
- 9b What motivated Mrs. Packletide to deviate towards the foot steps of Nimrod? 2
- 9c 'Ali is a true example of love, faith and sacrifice'. Elaborate. 2
- 9d How does Mrs. Slater plan to outshine the Jordans? What does it reveal about her character? 2

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

- 10 'Materialism makes for shaky relationships'. Do you agree with the statement? Explain with reference to the play, 'The Dear Departed', highlighting the values required by the two sisters. 4

**OR**

After reading the poem, *The Frog and the Nightingale* you are filled with compassion and sympathy for the nightingale. With reference to the poem, describe how it was her timid and gullible nature that led to her downfall. 4

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

- 11 What restrictions had been imposed on the Jews by the Nazis in Holland? 10

**OR**

Who were the helpers in the Annexe? What was Anne's opinion about them? 10

**OR**

Even though the odds were against them, Helen's parents left no stone unturned to restore her eyesight. Support your answer with evidence. 10

**OR**

Helen's intelligence and talent served her well. In what ways then did Helen's intelligence and talent cause her frustration and rage? 10

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