

SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT - I, 2012
ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE
Class - X

EC2-068

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 90

Instructions:

The question paper is divided into four sections.

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

SECTION - A
READING - 20 MARKS

1. Read the following passage carefully.

- (1) Jacob hated finishing things almost as much as he loved starting them. As a result, he had gotten into a million hobbies and activities, but he never stuck with any of them long enough to get any good.
- (2) He begged his mother for months for a guitar so that he could play Black Eyed Peas songs to Angie, a girl whom he liked, but after he finally got one for Christmas, he found out that guitars don't play themselves. He took a few lessons, but strumming the strings hurt his fingers and he didn't like holding the pick, so now the five - hundred dollar guitar lives under his bed.
- (3) After reading an ad in the back of one of his comic books, Jacob decided that he wanted a Wonder - Sweeper 5000 metal detector, so that he could find buried pirate treasure. So he mowed lawns all summer and didn't spend his money on ice-cream like his younger brother, Alex. He saved it all in a shoe box in his closet. Then he shoveled driveways all winter, and he didn't spend his money on candy and chips like his classmates. By the time spring came he had saved \$ 200, and he purchased the Wonder - Sweeper 5000 metal detector. He beeped it around the park for a while, but he soon found out that no pirates had ever set sail in his neighbourhood, and if they had they didn't leave any treasure. Even though he found a key ring, forty - seven cents, and all the bottle caps he could throw, he buried the metal detector in his closet.
- (4) Given Jacob's history with hobbies, it was no surprise that Jacob's father was reluctant to buy him a magician's kit for his birthday. "Geez, Jacob ... You sure you wouldn't rather I got you more guitar lessons ? He suggested. Jacob was insistent. Jacob begged. Jacob's father sighed and then replied, "Oh, I don't know, Jacob." But

Jacob's father was reminded of his own youth long ago, when he quit football and started karate practice before hardly getting his equipment dirty. So when Jacob's birthday came around, Jacob was both surprised and pleased to find the magician's kit that he had desired so badly with a big bright bow on it.

(5) Jacob opened up the box and unwrapped the many parts in the kit. As he did so, a commercial on the TV caught his attention. *Hey kids! Have you ever wanted to go to space ? Experience what it's like to be an astronaut ? Do you want to explore the universe ? Well, now you can."*

(6) As the commercial continued to play, Jacob walked away from the magic kit on the kitchen table and stared at the TV screen longingly. *"For only \$195 you can go to space camp and live life like an astronaut for a whole weekend. Enroll now for a once in a life time experience."* Jacob's cry rang throughout the house as he yelled, **"MOM!"** He now knew what his true purpose in life was.

(1.1) **On the basis of your reading of the above passage, complete the following statements briefly.**

1x6=6

(i) Jacob can be described as impulsive because _____ .

(ii) He stopped playing the guitar because _____ .

(iii) Jacob decided that he wanted a metal detector so _____ .

(iv) When Jacob wanted something, he asked his _____ for it.

(v) Jacob's father brought him the magic kit because _____ .

(vi) Jacob understood that the true purpose of his life was _____ .

(1.2) **Answer following questions briefly.**

(i) Why was Jacob's father unwilling to buy a magician kit for Jacob's birthday ?

1x2=2

(ii) Why was his father right when he felt that Jacob would not use the magician's kit ?

(1.3) **Which words in the passage mean the same as the following :**

1x2=2

(i) hesitant (para 4)

(ii) with great desire (para 6)

2. Read the following passage carefully.

The umbrella is an old idea. It has not changed much over time. An old sculpture from the Middle East, shows the king with an umbrella. The sculpture is over 1,000 years old. At that time, common people did not have umbrellas. Only royalty had them.

More than 2000 years ago, fashionable women carried umbrellas in ancient Greece. In China, only royalty used umbrellas. In old Chinese books, there are illustration of umbrellas. These pictures were made with paint, blood, and special drawing tools. The umbrellas in old Chinese books look a lot like today's umbrellas.

There is not much information about umbrellas in Europe in the Middle Ages. People probably used their coats to protect themselves from the rain. People in the South Pacific used umbrellas made of palm leaves to protect themselves from the sun and rain.

There have been many improvements to umbrellas. Now, modern umbrellas are better than the old umbrellas. The old umbrellas were often made of oiled silk. Modern umbrellas are made of cotton or plastic.

Old umbrellas had ribbing made of wood. Modern umbrellas have steel ribs. Also, the trunk of the modern umbrella extends like a telescope. It can collapse and become shorter or extend and become longer.

(2.1) **On the basis of your reading of the above passage, complete the following sentences by choosing the correct options from those given below.** 1x5=5

- (i) The idea of the umbrella came from _____ .
(a) China (b) the Middle East
(c) ancient Greece (d) all of the above
- (ii) The two places where common people could not use umbrellas and only royalty could were _____ .
(a) China and ancient Greece
(b) Middle East and China
(c) Europe and Middle East
(d) Europe and South Pacific
- (iii) In Europe in the Middle ages _____ .
(a) people used coats to keep themselves dry.
(b) people used palm leaves to keep themselves dry.
(c) people used umbrellas made of oiled silk.
(d) people used umbrellas made of plastic or cotton.
- (iv) That is **NOT** true about modern umbrellas.
(a) They are made of plastic.
(b) They have steel ribs.
(c) The trunk of the umbrella is like a telescope.
(d) They have pictures made of blood on them.
- (v) The word in the passage which means *to fold up* is _____ .
(a) extend (b) collapse
(c) trunk (d) tool

3. Read the following poem carefully.

Through shade upon shade of aquamarine and sapphire
Set below burnished gold
Hand upon helpful fin and skin to silky skin
In joyful oneness with their graceful strength
I swam with gentle dolphins.

Trudging and staggering, coldly determined,
Through whirling white and glacial glitter
Across crystal chasms and frozen floes
Ploughing through shifting drifts of snow upon snow
I journeyed to the pole.

As I blasted off to the violet vastness of space
It came for me, creeping on stealthy feet
Drawing me back to my shadowed pillow
A stricken statue of terror,
Shaken by my heart's tumultuous beat.

A sighing drone, a grumbling groan
A growling voice - trying to talk ?
A rattling, rumbling drawn out moan

(Good morning! It is time for my walk !)

With a jump and a bump and a slithering slump,
 I could feel his hot breath on my head !
 Not a ghou! with a curse, not a monster or worse
 Just my dog jumping on my bed !

- (3.1) **On the basis of your reading of the above poem, complete the following statements briefly.** 1x5=5
- (i) In the first stanza, the poet _____ .
 (a) talks about swimming in the sea with dolphins
 (b) talks about lovely colours of the dolphins
 (c) talks about the habits of dolphins
 (d) talks about the physical appearance of dolphins
- (ii) The two words that describe bright sunlight are _____ .
 (a) aquamarine and sapphire
 (b) burnished gold
 (c) joyful oneness
 (d) helpful fin
- (iii) The poet was happy and full of enthusiasm in the first stanza but in the second one he is _____ .
 (a) cold, strong and happy
 (b) cold and tired but determined and persistent
 (c) lying in a warm place
 (d) sailing in an icy sea
- (iv) The words, 'shadowed pillow', tell us that _____ .
 (a) the poet is in bed and dreaming
 (b) the poet is in a spacecraft
 (c) the poet is falling through clouds
 (d) the poet sees a shadowy ghost
- (v) In the last stanza, the mood of the poem changes from _____ .
 (a) dreaming to getting ready for a morning walk
 (b) being afraid of monsters to killing one
 (c) enjoying an adventure to lying down exhausted
 (d) being annoyed to becoming happy.

SECTION - B
WRITING - 25 MARKS

4. You are Suneela / Suneel. While studying in college, you go back to your old school. There you meet your teachers and principal. You go to all the spots which were your favourite when you were studying there. Write a diary entry in about 50 words describing your feelings and emotions. 4
5. Your uncle is a well known wild life conservationist. He has worked all his life in the forests of MP to preserve the habitat of the tiger. He, has won many national and international awards, is often on TV and tours the country to create awareness and raise funds. Write a brief description in about 100 words of his personality and work. 6
6. You are Rohan / Rohini. You were one of the NCC cadets who participated in the Republic Day Parade this year. Write an e - mail to a friend in about 7

120 words, describing the event and your feelings. You can use the hints given below.

- Member of school band, practise regularly
- School selected to march on Rajpath on 26th January.
- Rigorous practice
- Republic Day Camp in Delhi
- Final day - feelings of excitement and nervousness
- Feelings of immense pride and patriotism as you march past the President.

7. Rajan lay in bed groaning. His whole body ached terribly. His foot was in plaster and his head was covered with bandages. "Never again", he promised himself. "Never again will I do something so foolish," he said to himself. "I have no one else to blame but myself."
Using this story prompt, write a story in about 150 words and give it a suitable title. 8

SECTION - C
GRAMMAR - 20 MARKS

8. Complete the paragraph given below by filling in the blanks with the help of options given in each case. 1/2x8=4

Often students (a) _____ (which, who, this, when) are fond (b) _____ (of, on, by, in) reading books are labelled by (c) _____ (there, where, their, his) friends as bookworms. (d) _____ (This, Their, These, Thus) comments generally (e) _____ (come, came, comes, coming) from those (f) _____ (as, who when, such) consider themselves 'gamesters.' Boys who (g) _____ (shone, shines, shining, shine) in athletics or games consider that (h) _____ (the, a, an, such) games are better than studies.

9. Given below is an incomplete dialogue. Below the dialogue, four choices are suggested for each blank. Find and write the most appropriate option for each blank. 1x4=4

Teacher : Why are you late, Dinesh ?
Dinesh : My grandmother _____ , sir.
Teacher : _____ who have died this term, Dinesh.
Dinesh : _____ , sir.
Teacher : How many _____ ?
Dinesh : None. All are dead !
(i) (a) dead this morning
(b) died this morning
(c) will be dead this morning
(d) died that morning
(ii) (a) That makes it four grandmothers
(b) That made it four grandmothers
(c) That makes them four grandmothers
(d) Those makes it four grandmothers
(iii) (a) You've got them wrong

- (b) You've get it wrong
- (c) You've got it wrong
- (d) You will get it wrong
- (iv) (a) grandmothers do you had
- (b) grandmothers does you have
- (c) grandmother do you have
- (d) grandmothers do you have

10. The following paragraph has not been edited. Identify the omission in each line and write it along with the word before and the word after (as shown below). Underline the missing word. 1/2x8=4

	Word before	Missing Word	Word after
Like millions other teenagers,	millions	of	other
my fourteen year daughter, kitty	(i) _____	_____	_____
is often to found on the sofa	(ii) _____	_____	_____
with a laptop her knees.	(iii) _____	_____	_____
The TV on and occasionally she scrolls through	(iv) _____	_____	_____
Face book. She text messages, makes calls on her	(v) _____	_____	_____
mobile and takes her iPod headset on off.	(vi) _____	_____	_____
To me, and many other parents my generation,	(vii) _____	_____	_____
this seems impossible way to work.	(viii) _____	_____	_____

11. Rearrange the following jumbled phrases/words to make meaningful sentences. 1x4=4

- (i) Rama's / advice / decided / mother / the Guru's / to follow
- (ii) very / Rama / time / hard / for a / prayed / long
- (iii) about / Kali / after / before him / a week / appeared
- (iv) into / saw her / burst / when Rama / a laughter / he

12. Read the news paper headlines given below. Then use the information to complete the news items. 1x4=4

- (a) **PETROL FROM HERBS**
Ramanujam from Tamil Nadu claims that _____ .
- (b) **HEAT WAVE KILLS TWO DOZEN**
About _____ in the remote village of Hamirpur due to the severe heat wave sweeping over northern India.
- (c) **PETROL AND COOKING GAS TO COST MORE**
The minister for energy has announced today that _____ .
- (d) **TOKYO ROCKED BY STRONGEST EARTHQUAKE OF THIS YEAR.**
Reuter reports that _____ yesterday.

SECTION - D
LITERATURE - 25 MARKS

13. (A) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the correct options. 1x3=3

Your praise shall still find room
Even in the eyes of all posterity
That wear this world out to the ending doom.

- (a) How does posterity '*wear this world out to ending doom*' ?
- (i) The future generations will survive till the end of humanity.
 - (ii) The future generations will bring about the end of humanity.
 - (iii) The future generations will not be allowed to exist.
 - (iv) The future generations will have no reason to exist.
- (b) '*Your praise shall still find room*'. What does this line refer to ?
- (i) The poet's friend will find a room for himself.
 - (ii) The poet's friend will build a room for the poet.
 - (iii) The poet's friend will be remembered for all time to come.
 - (iv) The poet's friend will praise the poet.
- (c) Through what will the poet immortalize his friend ?
- (i) his poem
 - (ii) building monuments
 - (iii) carving statues
 - (iv) inscriptions

(B) **Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow in brief.** 1x3=3

Evidently the wrong animal had been hit, and the beast of prey had succumbed to heart failure, caused by the sudden report of the rifle, accelerated by senile decay.

- (a) In the above lines, who is handling the rifle ? Is the person a good shot ?
- (b) Which *wrong animal* has been hit ? What is the outcome ?
- (c) How did the beast of prey die ? Why was the death of that animal important to the shooter ?

(C) **Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow in brief** 1x3=3

I may be wrong, but I don't think father will fancy living on with you after what's happened today.

- (a) Who speaks these lines and to whom ?
- (b) What does the speaker mean by saying - 'after what's happened today' ?
- (c) What is the intention of the speaker ? Why do you think so ?

14. **Answer any four of the following questions in 30 - 40 words each.** 2x4=8

- (a) Why did the villagers help Mrs. Packletide in shooting the tiger ?
- (b) The frog was a very clever creature. Prove this statement.
- (c) Did the postmaster really see Ali's ghost ? Give reasons for your answer.
- (d) Sylvia Plath strongly feels that the mirror is truthful and unbiased while the moon and candles are liars. Establish.