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SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT - II (2015-2016)
ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE
Class - IX

Time: 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 70

Instructions:

The question paper is divided into three sections.

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

SECTION A (READING & OTBA: 20 Marks)

1a Read the following passage.

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Most scientists feel that a world population of between one and two billion can live on the Earth in a sustainable manner and with a reasonable standard of living (Southwick 161). As it stands, the world's population is at least three times that of the recommended level. Combined with what is a reasonable standard of living, that is to say that everyone would have an acceptable job, sufficient housing, a varied diet without fear of food and water shortages, adequate health care, education - all of the typical middle-class family values. Obviously, most people do not enjoy this standard of living (Southwick 161). If the six billion people presently populating the earth cannot attain such a standard of living, the population swells between eight and ten billion, how can they attain a middle class standard of living with the scarce resources available? A flaw in Southwick's argument that Simon would probably argue is that with more people, comes more human capital. With more human capital, the likelihood that our innovation will discover a technological solution to the overpopulation problem increases. Other scientists compare population growth to the growth of a cancerous tumor. Both are characterized by rapid, uncontrolled growth, invasion and thus destruction of adjacent areas, spread to other, and loss of differentiation between individual components. Any two or more of these symptoms are indicative of cancer in the body; the human population currently displays all five symptoms (Southwick 161). Uncontrolled human population growth will not necessarily kill the earth, but civilization in its present form could collapse, as in the case of Easter Island.

On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions :

- (1) Scientists believe that world population can survive with _____.
- (2) A reasonable standard of living means availability of _____.
- (3) Scientists compare population growth to a cancerous tumor as _____.
- (4) Easter Island came to an end due to _____.
- (5) The word which means the same as 'PROBABILITY' in the above passage _____.

1b Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

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The tiny village of Ulapur was the postmaster's first posting. There was an indigo plantation nearby. The manager of the plantation, an Englishman, had, after a great deed of effort, managed to get a post office started there.

Our postmaster was from Kolkata. He felt like a fish out of water in this far-flung village. His office consisted of a tumbledown shack beside an algae-covered pond with tangled overgrowth on all sides. The plantation workers were busy all day.

Our postmaster, being city-bred, did not find it easy to mix with the village folk. He had found a lot of time on his hands as there wasn't much work. He tried to spend some of it writing poetry... poems which said how happy he would be if he could spend the rest of his days gazing at the trembling leaves and the passing clouds. But the truth was that, if a jinn from the Arabian Nights were suddenly to descend there, remove all the trees in a single night, and set the place up with rows of houses that blocked out from view the clouds in the sky, it would have given our hero a new lease of life.

- (a) Where did the postmaster get his first posting?
- (b) Which plantation was nearby?
- (c) Describe his office.
- (d) What did he do in his spare time?
- (e) What does the word, 'descend' mean?

(Open Text: 10 Marks)

(* Please ensure that open text of the given theme is supplied with this question paper)
Theme: Let's Welcome, Accept and Respect

- 2a North eastern states are smaller in size but have immense cultural diversity. How do these states blend the cultural diversity? 5
- 2b Your cousin who lives in America is always keen to learn about India. You recently had an opportunity to visit Arunachal Pradesh with your family. You are impressed by its awesome beauty and talented people. Write an email to your cousin describing the state and its famous personalities. 5

SECTION B (WRITING & GRAMMAR: 25 Marks)

- 3 Write a diary entry in 100 - 120 words based on the given cue. 5
You dreamt you were in a cage at the Delhi Zoo and Mr. and Mrs. Tiger visiting the zoological park with their children. Your helplessness and desperation knew no bounds.
- 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
In the ancient days, the Gods of Egypt (a) _____ on earth along with man. Of the Gods, Osiris was the lord of water and vegetation. He made rivers (b) _____ and trees (c) _____ fruits; he gave the jasmine its fragrance and the

marigold its colours.

- (a) (i) lives (ii) live (iii) lived (iv) living
(b) (i) flow (ii) flew (iii) flowed (iv) flowing
(c) (i) birth (ii) bear (iii) borne (iv) bearing

- 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 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|--------------|-------|
| There was a time school was | (a) _____ | _____ | _____ |
| a nightmare me. At that time | (b) _____ | _____ | _____ |
| I wept and clung my mother as I was | (c) _____ | _____ | _____ |
| not willing to to school. | (d) _____ | _____ | _____ |

- 7 Read the conversation given below and complete the paragraph that follows. Write the answers against the correct blank numbers in your answer sheet. Do not copy the whole sentences. 3

Asha : Who is the person leaning on the iron pole?

Lan : He is a beggar. He is a trouble to the passengers.

Asha : He seems to be blind.

Asha asked Lan (a) _____. Lan told her (b) _____ and was a trouble to the passengers. Asha commented (c) _____.

SECTION C (LITERATURE: 25 Marks)

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

- 8 "Yes to starve. They feed you in Hell, but when you escape from it you starve. They were hunting me everywhere and I had no passport and no name". 3
- (a) Who is the speaker? Who are 'they'?
- (b) What is the mental state of the speaker in the above extract?
- (c) What is meant by the word 'starve'?

OR

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

A man is liable to acquire in his first week of Army life - together with his uniform, rifle and equipment - a nickname. Anyone who saw Private Quelch, lanky, stooping, frowning through horn-rimmed spectacles, understood why he was known as the Professor.

(a) What nickname had been given to Private Quelch?

(b) Why was he given that nickname?

What does the word, 'frowning' here mean?

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

- 9a Why did the Bishop give his comforter to Marie? 2

- 9b Why did the poet lament in the poem, "Oh, I Wish I'd Looked After Me Teeth" ? 2
- 9c How did Colonel Allyn react when he met Pescud ? 2
- 9d Explain any two metaphors used in the poem, 'The Seven Ages'. 2

Answer one of the following questions in 80-100 words

- 10 Imagine you are the convict. You have just come back from the Bishop's house as a changed person. Put down your feelings in the form of a diary entry expressing what values helped in bringing about a change in your personality. 4

OR

Private Quelch was intelligent and constantly willing to learn and teach. Justify this statement with reference 'The Man Who Knew Too Much', reflecting on the values in his character 4

Answer one of the following questions in 150-200 words

- 11 Why does Master Houyhnhnm find Gulliver worse than the Yahoos in appearance ? 10

OR

What was Gulliver's observation about the female Yahoo described by him ? 10

OR

Give a running commentary on the 'Tom and Montmorency' episode. 10

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Do you think Montmorency enjoyed the company of the three friends in the story ? Why do you think so ? 10

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