

SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT - I, 2012
ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE
Class - X

EC2-067

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.

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Mr. Harding was not a happy man as he walked down the palace pathway, and stepped out into the yard. His position and pleasant house were a second time gone from him; but that he could endure. He had been insulted by a man young enough to be his son; but that he could put up with. He could even draw from the very injuries, which had been inflicted on him, some of that comfort which, we may believe, martyrs always receive from the injustice of their own sufferings. He had admitted to his daughter that he wanted the comfort of his old home, and yet he could have returned to his other lodgings in the High Street, if not with excitement, at least with satisfaction, had that been all. But the poison of the chaplain's lecture had worked into his blood, and shattered the life of his sweet contentment.

'New men are carrying out new measures, and are carting away the useless rubbish of past centuries!' What cruel words these had been-and how often are they now used with all the heartless cruelty of a Slope ? A man is sufficiently ruined if it can only be shown that either in politics or religion he does not belong to some new school of thought established within the last twenty years. He may then regard himself as rubbish and expect to be carted away.

A man is nothing now unless he has within him a full appreciation of the new era; an era in which it would seem that neither honesty nor truth is very desirable, but in which success is the only criterion of merit. We must laugh at everything that is traditional. Let the joke be ever so bad, ever so untrue to the real principles of joking; nevertheless we must laugh - or else beware the cart. We must talk, think, and live up to the spirit of the times, or else we are nothing. New men and new measures, great success or wonderful ruin, such are now the tastes of Englishmen who know how to live! Alas, alas! under such circumstances Mr. Harding could not but feel that he was an Englishman who did not know how to live. This new doctrine of Mr. Slope and the rubbish cart sadly disturbed his poise.

1.1 On the basis of your reading of the above passage, complete the following statements briefly :

(1x6=6)

(i) Mr. Harding is unhappy mainly because _____

- (ii) In the context of the passage, those who are victims get comfort from _____
- (iii) A man can regard himself as rubbish if _____
- (iv) In the new era, a man has merit if _____
- (v) The phrase, 'or else beware the cart', means _____
- (vi) Everyone must live upto the spirit of the times or _____

(1x2=2)

1.2 Answer the following questions briefly :

- (i) Who do you think Slope is ?
- (ii) Who do you think says, 'New men are carrying out new measures, and are carting away the useless rubbish of past centuries!' ?

(1x2=2)

1.3 Which word in the passage means :

- (i) victim _____
- (ii) self confidence _____

2. Read the following passage carefully:

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1. However, despite the beliefs of 17-21 million people, there is no evidence that accidents are more likely to happen on Friday the 13th. On the contrary, some studies have shown there are actually fewer accidents on Friday the 13th.
2. A recent report completed by a Dutch insurance company showed that there were fewer incidents of fires and thefts on Fridays that fell on the 13th than on any other Fridays in the same year. It is highly probable that this reduction in accidents owes itself to the fear of Friday the 13th itself. If people are more cautious on Friday the 13th, then there are likely to be fewer accidents.
3. If, then, there is no significant evidence that Friday the 13th is any more dangerous than any other day of the year, why do friggatriskaidekaphobics remain convinced of its unluckiness? While the historical or folk traditions discussed earlier may have something to do with this belief, people may also use associational links to justify their superstitions. If a friggatriskaidekaphobics loses his wallet on Tuesday the 21st, for example, he would probably not assign any meaning to the date on which this event occurred. If the same individual lost his wallet on Friday the 13th, however, he might be likely to conclude that the inauspicious nature of Friday the 13th was at fault.

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) This passage is most likely an excerpt from _____.
 - (a) the case study of a patient suffering from friggatriskaidekaphobia
 - (b) the introduction to an article about friggatriskaidekaphobia
 - (c) the introduction to an article about the likelihood of accidents occurring on Friday the 13th
 - (d) a longer work proving that superstitions are justified by real-world events
- (ii) The author supports his arguments with a report from _____.
 - (a) a Dutch insurance company which states that fewer accidents take place in Friday the 13th
 - (b) a Dutch police agency which states that fewer accidents take

- place on Friday the 13th
- (c) a Dutch insurance company which states that more accidents take place on Friday the 13th
- (d) a Polish investigative agency which states that more accidents take place on Friday the 13th
- (iii) Friggatriskaidekaphobics is a new word for you. Its meaning may be _____.
- (a) fear of robbery
- (b) fear of accidents
- (c) fear of Friday the 13th
- (d) fear of fire
- (iv) Some people firmly believe that Friday 13th is an unlucky day because _____.
- (i) of historical traditions
- (ii) of folk tales
- (iii) of strong associations
- (iv) all of the above
- (v) As used in paragraph 3, the best antonym for inauspicious is _____.
- (i) gloomy
- (ii) enjoyable
- (iii) fortunate
- (iv) flourishing

3. Read the following poem carefully.

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The Grass

The grass so little has to do,-

A sphere of simple green,

With only butterflies to brood,

And bees to entertain,

And stir all day to pretty tunes

The breezes fetch along,

And hold the sunshine in its lap

And bow to everything;

And thread the dews all night, like pearls,

And make itself so fine, -

A duchess were too common

For such a noticing.

And even when it dies, to pass

In odors so divine,

As lowly spices gone to sleep,

Or amulets of pine.

And then to dwell in sovereign barns,

And dream the days away, -
The grass so little has to do,
I wish I were the hay!

1x5=5

3.1 On the basis of your reading of the above poem, choose the most appropriate options to answer the following questions.

- (i) What does the grass do with the sunshine ?
(a) threads it all night
(b) sways with it
(c) holds it in its lap
(d) makes it fine
- (ii) What does the grass do at night ?
(a) entertains the butterflies
(b) sways with the breeze
(c) threads the dews like pearls
(d) bows to the moon
- (iii) Why does the speaker say she wants to be the hay ?
(a) It gets what it wants.
(b) It is a simple green colour.
(c) It sings pretty tunes.
(d) It has very little to do.
- (iv) Why does the speaker compare the dews to pearls ?
(a) Both are small, shiny and round.
(b) Both can be worn.
(c) Both can be found in gardens.
(d) Both are white.
- (v) What is the meaning of the word, 'thread' here ?
(a) to mix
(b) to move
(c) to pick up
(d) to make a necklace

SECTION - B
(WRITING - 25 MARKS)

4. **You are Sujata/Sujeet. As Secretary of Cultural club of your school, you are organising a Philately Exhibition on 2nd October in your school. Write a notice in about 50 words inviting the students of your school to participate in it and informing them that the inauguration will be done by the Post Master General and the collectors of unusual stamps will be awarded.** 4
5. **Given below is the profile of Field Marshal K M Cariappa. Write a short bio-sketch of K M Cariappa in about 100 words. Take the help of the clues given below:** 6
- Birth - 1900, Sanivarasam in North Coorg
Father - school teacher
Army career - commissioned - 1919
Appointed Deputy Assistant Quartermaster General, Deccan - 1936
Promoted Brigade Major - 1938, Lt. Colonel - 1942, Major General -

1947

Award – OBE, highest British honour – 1947

Highest Post – Commander – in – chief of Army – 1949

Retirement – 1953

1986 - conferred the title of Field Marshal

Death - 1993

6. **You are Rahat/Rehana. You are disturbed by the effect of advertisements on the young, impressionable minds of children. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily in about 120 words. Use the hints given below.**

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- Excessive advertising
- Targeted at the children
- Children begin to view articles as necessities
- Force parents to buy
- Spend more time on thinking about and buying advertised products than on studies
- Develop the attitude of 'keeping up with the Joneses'.
- Emphasis on moral, ethical values in school and at home to reduce this effect

7. **Old people are neglected in today's society. They are left in Old Age homes by their children and often die a lonely death. Taking help from the following points, together with your own ideas, write a speech in about 150 words on the topic, 'Taking care of the Old, for the morning assembly.**

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- Old age - an inevitable process
- Children busy and self centred
- Leave parents, old relatives in old age homes
- Sometimes give money, sometimes not
- Poor condition of old age homes, old people neglected
- Taking care of the old - responsibility of society at large
- Sensitise children towards the problems

SECTION - C

(Grammar – 20 Marks)

8. **Read the passage given below in which missing words are represented by numbered blanks. Four choices are suggested for each blank. Find and write the most appropriate word for each blank.**

1/2x8=4

I say to you that (i)_____ (because, due, despite, inspite) of the difficulties (ii)_____ (of, for, to, from) the moment, I still have a dream. I (iii)_____ (has, have, will, shall) a dream that one day this nation will rise up (iv)_____ (but, and, or, unless) live out the true meaning of its creed: 'All men (v) _____ (be, am, is, are) created equal'. I have a dream that one day (vi)_____ (for, to, on, of) the hills of Georgia (vii)_____ (few, an, a, the) sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit (viii)_____ (all, many, a, an) together at the table of brotherhood.

9. **Given below are the instructions on how to prepare instant noodles. There are four incomplete sentences in the paragraph. Four choices are suggested for each blank. Find and write the most appropriate option for each blank.**

1x4=4

To prepare instant noodles, one and a half cups of water are poured in a pan. It (i) _____ till it boils. The contents of the spice sachet and the noodles (ii) _____ to the boiling water. The noodles are then allowed (iii) _____ till the noodles are well cooked. After cooking, the noodles (iv)

_____ in dishes and eaten hot.

- (i) (a) is heating (b) was heated
(c) will be heated (d) is heated
- (ii) (a) is added (b) are added
(c) is being added (d) was added
- (iii) (a) to simmer (b) simmer
(c) is simmer (d) simmered
- (iv) (a) is served (b) was served
(c) is being served (d) are served

10. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Identify the error and write it along with the correction (as shown below). **Underline the correct word.**

$\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$

	Error	Correction
At Haridwar, the first thing that hit the eye	hit	hits
is the presence for the Ganga.	(a) _____	_____
But look around and away to water	(b) _____	_____
and the second thing that is strike the eye	(c) _____	_____
are the amount of constructions on the river side	(d) _____	_____
and a ghats. There are bridges, pillars staircases	(e) _____	_____
that seem in lead to nowhere. To take a dip on	(f) _____	_____
the river, one must hang on to chains that	(g) _____	_____
has been fixed to the stairs.	(h) _____	_____

11. Rearrange the following jumbled words/phrases to make meaningful sentences.

$1 \times 4 = 4$

- (a) the dustbin/a robber/hide/inside/managed to
(b) into/a few/the air/he felt himself/lifted/being/hours later
(c) in which/garbage truck/hiding/on a /was/the dustbin/he was
(d) himself/in/another/way/this/he/prison/found/in

12. Read the given conversation and complete the paragraph that follows.

$1 \times 4 = 4$

Mother : Have you been studying all night, son ?
Son : Yes, mamma.
Mother : Take rest for at least an hour before your exam.
Son : Ok, mamma, but I am not as tired as you think. Still, I shall take some rest.

Mother : After resting you'll feel fresh and will be able to do your exam well.

- (i) The mother asked her son if _____. The son said that he had been. The mother advised her son (ii) _____ before his exam. The son agreed and told her that (iii) _____. However, he agreed to take some rest. The mother assured him that (iv) _____ his exam well.

SECTION - D
(LITERATURE - 25 MARKS)

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

Whatever I see I swallow immediately
Just as it is, unmisted by love or dislike.
I am not cruel, only truthful-
The eye of the little god.

- (a) What does 'eye of the little god' in the above lines suggest ?
(i) The mirror is a god.
(ii) The mirror has eyes.
(iii) The mirror cannot reflect anything.
(iv) The mirror is as impartial as a god.
- (b) What does the mirror mean by saying, 'I am not cruel' ?_
(i) The mirror wants to hurt everyone.
(ii) The mirror wants to hurt some people.
(iii) The mirror reflects truthful images but is not unkind.
(iv) The mirror shows everyone in a poor light.
- (c) What does word 'swallow' suggest ?
(i) The mirror reflects everything faithfully.
(ii) The mirror is fond of eating.
(iii) The mirror eats everything that comes before it.
(iv) The mirror cannot chew well, so it swallows.

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

I waited outside until the boys rejoined me, then drove them back to the city. They sat beside me not speaking. For my part, I did not say a word.

- (a) Where did the narrator wait for the boys ?
(b) Why did the boys not speak ?
(c) Why did the narrator remain quiet ?

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

Are we pinching it before Aunt Elizabeth comes ?

- (a) Who speaks these lines and to whom ?
(b) What does 'it' refer to ?
(c) How do the listeners justify their action ?

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

- (a) Miss Mebbin was very careful with money. Prove this statement giving two reasons.
- (b) How much money did Ali give to the clerk ? Why did he give this amount ?
- (c) Prove that the frog was not as good a singer as he professed to be.
- (d) Monuments are erected to ensure that the powerful are remembered for eternity. But this is a fallacy. Establish this with reference to Shakespeare's sonnet 55 - Not Marble, Nor the Gilded Monuments.
- (e) Mrs. Jordan and Mrs. Slater were not sure whether their father had paid the insurance premium or not. Why was it important to them ?

15. Answer the following question in about 150 words.

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As Mrs. Slater, write a diary entry after you find that your father is still alive, is getting married again and will be changing his will.

OR

The nurse was moved by the story and the devotion of the two gentlemen of Verona. She wrote a letter to a friend telling her about the touching story of the war stricken family and the efforts of the boys to help their sister get well. As the nurse, write the letter.

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