



DAV BORL PUBLIC SCHOOL, BINA

Summative Assessment-II (2015-16)

Class-IX English Communicative

TIME: 3 Hrs

Maximum Marks: 70

General Instructions:

1. The question paper is divided into three sections.

Section A: Reading 20 marks

Section B: Writing & Grammar 25 marks

Section C: Literature & Long Reading Text 25 marks

2. All questions are compulsory.

3. All questions of a particular section must be attempted in the correct order.

SECTION A (Reading – 20 Marks)

1. Read the following passage carefully:

1. A journey towards wellness is what everybody is following. Weight gain, obsessive compulsive disorder, frenzy allergies and vicious ailments are no more being ignored or treated lightly. After exhausting the benefits of allopathic treatments, people these days are turning to holistic medicine.
2. Growing at a rapid pace the wellness industry now stands at 10 billion. Unhealthy lifestyle habits which lead to serious health concerns are now being treated by holistic experts. Bach Flower Therapy is being widely used nowadays by psychiatrists. Non-toxic wild flowers are used to heal a person emotionally and psychologically. The flowers are either boiled or dried and then mixed with alcohol and used on the patient. The therapy encourages positive energy in the body.
3. Colour Therapy is another alternative technique which is also used to treat patients suffering from disorders such as depression or personality disorder. This therapy involves healing techniques using different colours and symbolism with our lives.
4. The desire to have a fit body has pushed up the demand for fitness trainers. To be successful in this field one needs to be expert in nutrition diet and human body.
5. Nutritionists are in much demand with the growing concern for health among urban Indians. Being chubby is a phenomenon which has long been forgotten. "Prevention is better than cure" is the sole idea behind this thought.
6. Human body needs detoxification in the present unhealthy atmosphere. This has increased the demand for spa. A spa is not just a massage with oil but a complete holistic treatment that cleanses one's system naturally. To prevent people from any ill effects hampering their health, the therapies people use are nothing but a journey towards wellness. We have witnessed a big jump in the number of wellness centers situated in India.

With the increase in wellness centers the demand for expertise and professionals is increasing. The urge to stay healthy and fit is sure to go a long way in future.

1.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions by choosing the best alternative: (1x5=5)

- (a) After exhausting the benefits of allopathic treatments people turn to _____ .
(i) naturopathy (ii) homeopathy
(iii) home medicines (iv) holistic medicines
- (b) Bach flower therapy makes use of _____ .
(i) toxic flowers (ii) non-toxic flowers
(iii) non-toxic wild flowers (iv) non-toxic sun flowers
- (c) Patients suffering from depression are treated by _____ .
(i) water therapy (ii) colour therapy
(iii) acupressure (iv) spa therapy
- (d) Demand for nutritionists in urban India is increasing because of _____ .
(i) growing concern for money (ii) growing concern for health
(iii) growing concern for children (iv) increasing income
- (e) The word in Para 1 that means 'running out' is _____ .
(i) obsessive (ii) frenzy
(iii) holistic (iv) exhausting

2. Read the following passage carefully.

1. The critical issues that plague Indian agriculture at present are knowledge deficit and infrastructure deficit, especially in the rural areas. Problems related to irrigation infrastructure, market infrastructure and transport infrastructure add significant cost to farmers' operations. Another issue is lack of delivery mechanisms. There are a number of schemes aimed towards developing agriculture. However, we don't have effective delivery mechanisms that can translate those into effective facilitation at the ground level, in terms of increasing productivity or decreasing cost or increasing price realisation. Inadequate government support exacerbates these issues.
2. Government failure is a major concern in agriculture because the high risks involved make help and facilitation necessary. Like any other business enterprise, agriculture is subjected to high risks because of the volatile nature of the factors involved. For instance, weather is often a problem - you have droughts in one year and heavy rains in the next. In both cases, farmers lose out; hence they have to look for a normal period to make money. Government, therefore, has to play a major role in providing support to farmers. This is true all over the world and there is hardly any country where government intervention is not present. There may of course be variations in the extent of intervention; but if you check the situation in most countries or regions, including developed ones like the US, Canada and the European Union, you see substantial intervention by the government. Thus, government facilitation is essential for sound agricultural development.

2.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions by choosing the best alternative: (1x5=5)

- (i) The passage is about
 - (a) problems of agriculture
 - (b) failure of government to provide adequate support to the farmers
 - (c) problems of Indian Agriculture
 - (d) problems of Indian farmers
- (ii) The critical issues that plague Indian agriculture are
 - (a) farmers don't have adequate facilities
 - (b) knowledge deficit
 - (c) government failure
 - (d) knowledge deficit and infrastructure deficit
- (iii) Government failure is a major concern because
 - (a) the farmers are dependent
 - (b) volatile nature of the agricultural sector
 - (c) high risks involved make help and facilitation necessary
 - (d) the agricultural sector is not productive
- (iv) Government facilitation is essential for
 - (a) boosting the agricultural sector
 - (b) helping the farmers
 - (c) increasing productivity
 - (d) development of the nation
- (v) Find a word in the passage which means the same as 'mediation'.
 - (a) intervention
 - (b) exacerbates
 - (c) facilitation
 - (d) essential

3. Read the following passage carefully.

1. "I am happy to join with you today in what will go down in history as the greatest demonstration for freedom in the history of our nation.
2. Five score years ago, a great American, in whose symbolic shadow we stand, signed the Emancipation Proclamation. This momentous decree came as a great beacon light of hope to millions of Negro slaves who had been seared in the flames of withering injustice. It came as a joyous daybreak to end the long night of captivity.
3. But one hundred years later, we must face the tragic fact that the Negro is still not free. One hundred years later, the life of the Negro is still sadly crippled by the manacles of segregation and the chains of discrimination. One hundred years later, the Negro lives on a lonely island of poverty in the midst of a vast ocean of material prosperity. One hundred years later, the Negro is still languishing in the corners of American society and finds himself an exile in his own land. So, we have come here today to dramatize an appalling condition.

4. In a sense we have come to our nation's capital to cash a check. When the architects of our republic wrote the magnificent words of the constitution and the declaration of Independence, they were signing a promissory note to which every American was to fall heir."

-Adapted, Sir Martin Luther King's 'I have a Dream' speech.

- 3.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions.(1x5=5)

- (a) Why have the people assembled?
- (b) What had happened five score years ago?
- (c) What has been called a 'light of hope'?
- (d) What has not changed even after a hundred years?
- (e) Give the synonym of 'appalling'.

4. Read the following poem carefully.

Where the mind is without fear
and The head is held high;

Where knowledge is free;

Where the world has not been broken up
into fragments by narrow domestic walls;

Where words come out from the depth of truth,

Where tireless striving stretches its
arms towards perfection;

Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way into the dreary desert
sand of dead habit;

Where the mind is led forward by

Thee into ever-widening thought and action-

Into that heaven of freedom, my

Father, let my country awake. -

Rabindranath Tagore

- 4.1 Complete the following sentences. (1x5=5)

- (a) 'The head held high' means one is _____ .
- (b) In the poem, 'Domestic walls' stands for _____ .
- (c) According to the poet we can achieve 'perfection' by _____ .
- (d) The poet wants the mind to be led forward by God into _____ .
- (e) A word in the poem that is the opposite of the word "sleep" is _____ .

SECTION B (Writing & Grammar – 25 Marks)

5. Roshan is an environmentalist. After reading the following news items, he decides to write an article giving his views on the disadvantages of the projects and making an appeal to the government to reconsider its decision.(120-150 words) (6)

Dehradun, March 7: The government has decided to cut down about 20,000 fruit trees to develop a new residential area. The farmers are, however opposing the project.

Kulu, January 12: Media reports that 4,000 trees in Prini forest, the home village of Prime Minister in Kulu District, were to be cut for the execution of 192 MW, Aleo – Dhungan, Hydropower Project. Residents, of Prini and Jagatsukh villages are already up in arms.

6. Write a story beginning with, "It was my first day in DAV BORL Public School and I....." (5)
7. You are Zibran of class IX. You are a good basketball player. You see the photograph of your favourite sports person with a trophy in the newspaper. This inspires you to pursue the game as a profession. Pen down your aspirations in your diary in not more than 100-120 words. (4)
8. Fill in the blanks with appropriate connectors: (1/2x6=3)
- A) There was a time (a).....the author used to clamour (b).....the hard work (c).....pulling a heavy boat against the stream required.
- B) Dr Mortimer, the trustee (a).....executor of Sir Charle's will, is a medical practitioner. He possesses a favourite dog which is larger (b).....a terrier and smaller than a mastiff. He is an absent-minded man who leaves his stick and not his visiting card (c).....waiting for an hour in Holme's room.
9. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and correction against the correct blank number in your answer sheet. (1/2x8=4)
- | | Incorrect | Correct |
|---|-----------|---------|
| In a country as vast of ours, keeping | (a) _____ | |
| a eye on every child is a Herculean task. | (b) _____ | |
| Many children are still employing in factories | (c) _____ | |
| while its childhood goes unnoticed. They wash | (d) _____ | |
| utensils when they should been playing with | (e) _____ | |
| dolls and get married even as they reach | (f) _____ | |
| adolescence. Most children don't knew that | (g) _____ | |
| they are entitled of certain rights – Child Rights. | (h) _____ | |
10. Rearrange the following to form meaningful sentences. The first one has been done for you. (1x3=3)

to your / and / lock / properly / your / seat / chain it / luggage

e.g. Lock your luggage properly and chain it to your seat.

- (a) fellow / accept / eatables or drinks / passengers / offered by / never
- (b) or display / during / do not / wear / the journey / jewellery
- (c) unattended / your luggage / never / the train / or in / leave / on the platform

SECTION C (Literature & Long Reading Text – 25 Marks)

11. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. (1x3=3)

“They feed you in Hell but when you escape from it, you starve.”

- (a) Who is the speaker?
- (b) What is the mental state of the speaker in the stanza?
- (c) What is the ‘Hell’ the speaker is referring to?

12. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each. (2x4=8)

- (a) How did Harold come to know that his father was a boxer?
- (b) Where was John A. Pescud going by train? Why?
- (c) How is the rain like ‘earthly life’?
- (d) What regrets does the poet have about her teeth?

13. Describe the circumstances that led to the convict’s arrest and imprisonment. How did the prison life convert him from a ‘man’ to a ‘wild beast’? Describe his transformation in the end. (80-100 words) (4)

OR

You are Private Quelch. You have taken up the cookhouse duties. Write a diary entry expressing your feelings about the sudden turn of events.

14. Why did Gulliver leave the land of the Houyhnhnms? (5)

15. Write a character sketch of The Portuguese Captain. (5)