

SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT – I (2014-15)
ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE
Class - IX

Maximum Marks: 70

Time: 3 hours

Instructions :

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

SECTION A
(Reading :20 marks)

1 **Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:**

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A high-rise building or an overbridge or a monument has the name of the person who inaugurated it or the one who donated heavily for the construction, etc. Installed on a marble placard right at the entrance, but what about the ones who actually slog day in and day out to get the building completed? The construction workers are like the unknown soldiers who are not remembered once the work is over.

Mobile Crèche, which was founded by Meera Mahadevan in 1969, helps the construction labourers by looking after their children for them while the mother is busy working at the site. The first crèche was a small tent at the Gandhi Centenary Exhibition site where Meera Mahadevan was moved by the plight of children lying on heaps of rubble while the mother worked. Today they run over 50 centres between their three branches in Delhi, Mumbai and Pune. The crèche is built on the construction site with permission from the contractor because after all he should be willing to help bear some of the minimal expenses of shelter, water electricity etc. Some of them do so willingly, some others have to be coaxed but in the long run it does prove to be beneficial for the contractor because the efficiency of the mother increases as she is happy and relaxed and not under any mental tension of having to take care of the child as well as do her share of the work.

- (a) Why have the construction workers been referred to as 'unknown soldiers'?
- (b) Why was the initiative of mobile crèche taken by Meera Mahadevan ?
- (c) Find the word from the passage which means the same as 'persuade gently'
- (d) Where are crèche usually built?
- (e) Why did Mobile crèche prove to be beneficial to the contractor?
- (f) Whose name is written on a high rising building or a monument?
- (g) When was the Mobile Creche founded?
- (h) Name the places where mobile crèche centres are being run.

2 Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

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$$(4 \times 2) + (4 \times 1) = 12$$

Su means number and Duko means single. The game of Sudoku has many similarities to the game of life. Sudoku is a puzzle game designed for a single player, much like a crossword puzzle. The puzzle itself is nothing more than a grid of little boxes called "cells". They are stacked nine high and nine wide, making 81 cells total.

In life, too, you start with a given set of nations and then work from there on. In Sudoku, you need to follow a set of rules to build up the grid, filling each row, column and box with numbers ranging from one to nine, so much like in life where you have to go on your way without antagonizing anyone else. Respect every number (person) and things would be fine.

While playing, you never think of the end (the result); you just keep working on the numbers and the final result (fruits of action) accrues on its own. Extremely difficult puzzles may take hours. Similarly, to achieve desired results in life may take years. The game of Sudoku and the game of life are best played in calm but focused state.

Everything has to go in tandem in a Sudoku grid: the rows, columns and squares. Exactly as in life. Your duties towards your family, teachers, society and country all go on simultaneously. In Sudoku, the arrangement of the given numbers is symmetrical. This is instructive in life, on how to maintain steadfast faith, poise and equanimity despite situations when everything turns topsy-turvy.

There is a subtle difference between the two as well. Make a mistake and you can erase it and begin all over again in Sudoku. Not so in life. You can learn a lesson though, and avoid making the same mistake in future.

- (a) What is Sudoku?
- (b) How has the writer compared the numbers in Sudoku to life?
- (c) Based on the article summarize the similarities between Sudoku and Life.
- (d) What accrues the final result?
- (e) What is meant by 'instructive'? (Para 4)
- (f) What is meant by 'equanimity'? (Para 4)
- (g) Find the word opposite to 'obvious'. (Para 5)
- (h) Find the word opposite to 'ruffled'. (Para 3)

SECTION B
(WRITING & GRAMMAR: 25 Marks)

3 You are Shantanu/Shikha. Taking help from the picture given below and using your own ideas write an article for the school magazine on the topic 'Saving Our Earth'. (120 words) 5



4 Write a story with a suitable title using the following hints in 150-200 words.

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The footpath opposite to my school – an unnoticed dark corner – the beggar I meet everyday – even talked to him at times – disappears suddenly – eager and restless to know...

5 Complete the following passage by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones given below. Write your answers in the answer sheets against the correct blank number. Do not copy the entire passage. 3

Seema bought a new bedsheet but (a) _____ liked it at her home. She felt very (b) _____ and decided to (c) _____ it to her maid.

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|-----|----------------|---------------|
| (a) | (i) everybody | (ii) somebody |
| | (iii) nobody | (iv) everyone |
| (b) | (i) bad | (ii) upset |
| | (iii) horrible | (iv) offended |
| (c) | (i) donate | (ii) give |
| | (iii) gave | (iv) be given |

There is an error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in the answer sheet as given below : 4

The effects or the use of crystals or gemstones is mentioned in the astrology of the East and the West. Experts world under are trying to understand the relationship among humans and stones through scientific methods.

Incorrect word Correct word

- (a) _____
(b) _____
(c) _____
(d) _____

- 7 Look at the words and phrases below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences. Write the correct sentences in your answer sheet. 3

Eg: sharing / does / rewards / naturally / come / to humans

Does sharing rewards come naturally to humans ?

- (a) do / humans / their / share / rewards / with others / equitably
(b) comes / naturally / it / to / children / involves / it / when / collaborative work
(c) are / they / less inclined / it / when / does not / collective action / involve

SECTION C
(LITERATURE & LONG READING TEXT: 25 Marks)

- 8 Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. 3

'For a good Cause if you are determined you can overcome any obstacle'.

- (a) Who is the speaker ?
(b) What does the 'good cause' mentioned here refer to ?
(c) What light does this remark throw on the character of the speaker ?

OR

Read the extract given below and answer the questions/complete the sentences that follow.

'I come from haunts of coot and hern ;
I make a sudden sally
And sparkle out among the fern ,
To bicker down a valley'.

- (A) Who is "I" in these lines ?
(B) What is this figure of speech known as ?
(C) Why does it bicker down a valley ?

Answer the following questions in 30 - 40 words:

- 9(i) Why did Hooper's company people create a desk job for him at company's headquarter ? 2
- (ii) What were the gifts exchanged by the granddaughter and grandmother ? 2
- (iii) Explain the statement "And that has made all the difference" with reference to the poem 'The Road Not Taken'. 2
- (iv) Do you agree that Mrs. Al Smith is the representative of American outlook. How ? 2
- 10 Marcy goes through a complete change of character as far as Duke is concerned in the chapter *A Dog Named Duke*, after she sees Duke's efforts to get Chuck back on his feet. What values does Marcy learn? (80-100 words) 4

OR

Sacrifices made by friends and relatives are always worthy of deep appreciation. Refer to *Lord Ullin's Daughter* to explain how strangers, like the boatman, possess values that can help them make sacrifices that are the most supreme of their kind. 4

Attempt either question no. 11 or 12 (in 150-200 words) .

- 1 Gulliver's master's greed increased day by day. What was its outcome ? (150 - 200 words) 10

OR

The farmer in Brobdingnags is both a saviour and exploiter of Gulliver. Elaborate 150 - 200 words. 10

- 12 The novel 'Three Men in a Boat' involves neither great adventure nor great humour, yet it is an amusing story that conveys a moral. Elaborate. 10

OR

What do you know about J's 'dressing sense' ? Why is he critical of his friends' taste for dresses ? 10