

SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT - I, 2012
ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE
Class - IX

EC1-037

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 80

Instructions:

The question paper is divided into four sections.

Section A	:	Reading	15 marks
Section B	:	Writing	20 marks
Section C	:	Grammar	15 marks
Section D	:	Literature	30 marks

SECTION - A
(Reading - 15 Marks)

1. Read the passage carefully.

SAVE MOTHER EARTH

It is now high time to do our own share in protecting the Earth and her wonderful creatures. Our planet is indeed gasping for breath right now; our harmful pollution is indeed choking her slowly and continues to deplete the ozone layer. Think, it is high time to give our timely response to this alarming state of the only planet we live on, by doing our own share of protecting her with doing simple things that will surely make a big difference. For if not, we might be harming ourselves in the years ahead as well, for nature has its own destructive way of getting back at us humans, for the signs of earth's displeasure with inappropriate and harmful activities of humans are now seen and felt all across the globe like global warming, climate change, acid rain, drought, flash floods and other forms of natural catastrophes. Here are some practical and small ways that could help our planet get a sigh of relief. Collective small efforts by those who are genuinely concerned with earth's welfare will doubtlessly help her a great deal.

Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. Make it a habit to reduce the number of the things we need or we consume. Purchase things that we really need and eat only what you must. Let us do our share not to be part of the problem or should I say part of the garbage problem. Reuse all the things that can still be repaired/ fixed or those things that are still okay. Recycle things to conserve our resources; collect old newspapers, books, magazines, used papers, bottles (plastic and glass), and any other thing that you could sell to junkyards. There is money in garbage and at the same time we're doing our part in recycling process.

Be kind to trees. Use forest products and timber judiciously. You may use the back of coupons, use pencils until they become as small as possible, and don't play with matches. Try to get involved in tree planting in your local conservation programme. This could be fun as trees can give us added oxygen, shade for people and a refuge to different insects and birds.

Do not buy exotic and endangered animals. These animals are intended to be in the wild not as mere decorations to your home or as pets or playthings. Educate our children, friends and even our local community about the harmful effects of dynamite fishing, illegal logging, animal poaching, over reliance on wood products and other environmental issues.

Do not even bother to try eating exotic and endangered animals for they are not intended to be part of human's diet. Let the other predatory animal do the stalking and eating; you're not fit to be a lion. One of the most badly hit by human hunger for delicious food are the sharks, sturgeon, snakes, sea turtles and many other animals. Do not patronize things (coats, purse, belt, etc) that are made of an endangered animal or animal part (like skin, fur, bones, tusks, antlers, etc.).

Be responsible with your garbage, dispose it properly. Also try to use segregation scheme with your trashes, separate those decomposable from those that are non-biodegradable. You may utilize a compost pit to house all of your organic trashes and eventually use this as your fertilizer for your backyard or for your plants.

When visiting any tourism site/protected parks behave responsibly and adhere to the rules and regulations of the park even if no one is looking at you. Learn how to appreciate nature and her gifts to mankind and support any environmental campaigns that will help nurture and protect the only planet we live on.

1.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage, complete the statement that follow

1x4=4

- (a) The signs of earth's displeasure seen and felt across the globe are _____
- (b) Reduce, Reuse and Recycle means _____
- (c) We should refrain from eating endangered animals because _____
- (d) A compost pit is a cheap way to _____

1.2 Answer the questions in brief

1x2=2

- (a) What are our responsibilities towards endangered animals ?
- (b) What are the things that should be kept in mind while visiting any tourism site/protected park?

1.3 Find words from the passage that means the same as following

1x2=2

- (a) terrifying (para 1)
- (b) procedure/operation (para 2)

2. Read the passage carefully.

SISTER COME HOME

A child sitting under a tree prayed quietly to himself without anyone knowing - only the tree knew.

The tree was several decades old, but it still stood straight and tall. The people in the village all knew that a while ago, this tree's bark was falling off and it was dying. But it was brought back to life by a short phrase that its caretaker said, and when other people asked the young girl how she healed the tree, the girl said with a sweet smile, "It's a secret". Everyone was puzzled.

A few years later, the girl went to a faraway place to earn money for her little brother's school tuition. When the young girl returned. She saw how haggard the old tree had become, and she was sad. She again said a few words to the tree. The tree unexpectedly became its old self once again, tall and straight. The villagers praised it as they came and went. After another week, the girl had to leave again. Crying, the girl's mother said, "Daughter, your father and I have let you down." The girl, also crying, said, "Don't speak that way. Can you summon my little brother?" "Of course I can."

The sister said to her little brother, "This tree I give to you, when you look at it, it shall be the same as looking at me. Study hard, make me proud, and make mom and dad proud. You must safeguard the tree. I may be gone for 3-5 years. Take good care of mom and dad, and that will make me proud." The little brother said, "Sister, I know I'll be industrious, and I'll take good care of the tree." Touching the tree last time, the girl turned and left. As each day passed, the boy grew up. During the day he studied and played beneath the tree, and at night, he sat against the tree and quietly prayed. After a few more months the boy ran to the top of a mountain and yelled out the words he'd been wanting to say, "Sister, come home!"

A few years later, he suddenly learned some startling news. It was said that the sister had died saving a little girl's life. This had happened several years before, and the money that was sent to the village was sent by the little girl's mother, because this was the sister's final request before she died.

People all say that good people go to heaven after they die. I think that girl is surely in heaven watching over her brother!

2.1 On the basis of your reading of the above passage complete the statement that follow with the help of the given options.

- (a) The dying tree was brought back to life by _____
- a child sitting under the tree
 - the people of the village
 - a short phrase that its caretaker said
 - an old tree
- (b) The girl went to a faraway place to _____
- enjoy a picnic
 - to keep her secret
 - motivate the tree
 - to earn money
- (c) When the young girl returned to her village, she found the tree _____
- in good shape
 - completely bare
 - in bad shape
 - reduced to a stump
- (d) The girl summoned her little brother to _____
- look after the young tree
 - look after the old tree only
 - look after the parents only
 - look after the old tree and his parents
- (e) The girl had died _____
- in a car accident
 - saving a little girl
 - while trying to cross the flooded river
 - of snake bite
- (f) After the girl's death villagers said that _____
- she is watching her brother from heaven
 - she is watching the old tree from heaven
 - she is sending money from heaven
 - she is watching her parents from heaven

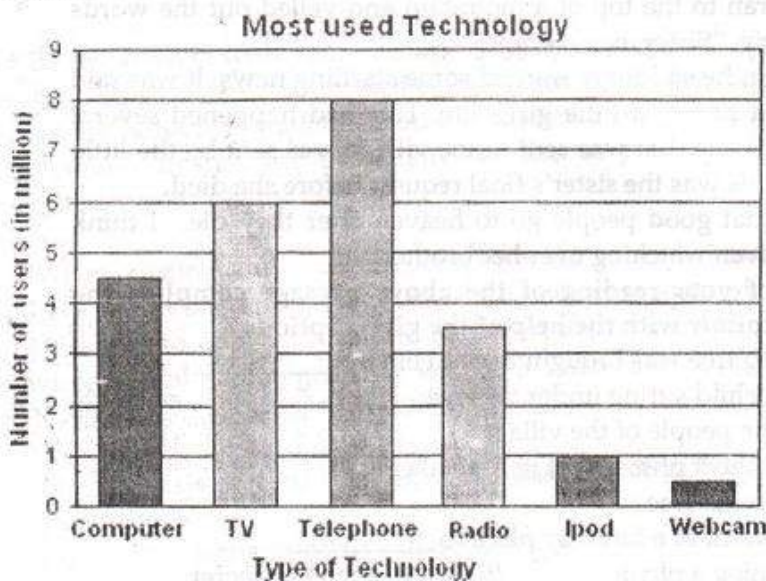
(g) The word from the passage which means the opposite of industrious is _____

- (i) lazy (ii) diligent
(iii) laborious (iv) happy

SECTION - B
(Writing - 20 Marks)

3. You are Rohit/Rashi, Head Boy/Head Girl of Indian National School. Draft a notice for school notice board informing students about poster making competition on 'Mothers Day' in your school. Give all the necessary details of the contest and invite them to participate. 3

4. The bar graph given below contains data related to technology used extensively nowadays. Study the data carefully and summarise it in 100 words. 5



5. You read the following newspaper item and then decide to write a letter to the editor of a national daily, expressing your views on increasing incidents of chain snatching and how it can be dealt with. 6

TOI DELHI,

Despite the city police claiming reduction in incidents of chain snatching this year, two incidents of chain snatching were reported in the last three days in the city. Unidentified persons riding on motor bikes targeted two women in different areas.

6. You are Mohit/Monika. Every day while going to school you see some rag pickers digging in the garbage. You got a chance to talk to one of them. Write a story about him in 120 words. 6

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15b. What kind of dog is Montmorency?

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Time: 15 minutes

200 points

The following questions are based on the story "The Dog and the Boy" by...

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2. Why did the three men decide to go on a boating expedition?

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