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Set-A

SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT – II (2016-17)
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 & OTBA: 20 Marks)

1a Read the passage given below and answer the questions / Complete the sentences that follow : 5

Myths about Mermaids

1. The earliest known mermaid legends come from Syria around 1000 B.C. where the Syrian Goddess Atargatis dove into a lake to take the form of a fish, but the powers there would not allow her give up her great beauty, so only her bottom half became a fish and she kept her top half in human form.
2. As myths tend to do, the story changed over time and Atargatis became mixed with Syrian Goddess Ashtarte, who is generally considered the counterpart to Greek mythology's Aphrodite. Though Aphrodite is rarely portrayed in mermaid form, this evolution of mermaid mythology is what led to Aphrodite's role in the mythology of Pisces, which clearly has roots in Syrian mythology.
3. Later tales in the mythology of mermaids stem from Homer's epic "The Odyssey", where some mythologists believe the Sirens to have been in mermaid form. This was an extremely popular version of the mermaid throughout history. Many popular tales including legends from the British Isles and the famous Arabian Nights tales identify mermaids in exactly this fashion. In these myths, mermaids would sing to men on ships or shores nearby, practically hypnotizing them with their beauty and song. Those affected would rush out to sea only to be either drowned, eaten, or otherwise sent to their doom.
 - (a) Where did the early stories about mermaids originate from ?
 - (b) What is the story of Syrian Goddess Atargatis ?
 - (c) Syrian Goddess Ashtarte is considered to be the counterpart to Greek mythology's _____.
 - (d) How are the mermaids depicted in the Arabian Nights' tales ?
 - (e) Give a synonym of the word, '**doom**' as used in the passage (paragraph - 3).

1b	<p>Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :</p> <p><u>Memoirs of the Nepal E' quake</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I happened to be in the beautiful country, roaming through the crowded streets of central Thamel in Kathmandu at the time of the 7.9 quake. It is with the deepest sense of gratitude that I can announce that I am finally safe and sound. 2. I was in the middle of central Kathmandu when the earthquake initially hit. Walking down the crowded streets with a friend of mine, all of a sudden it seemed as if the ground had dropped away from where it had been a second ago, and then everything around us started shaking and swaying as if it were intoxicated. Buildings began to crumble and fall, bricks and dust rained down from above, people scrambled in mass hysteria like a colony of ants; in these long moments that lasted an eternity the world had ceased to abide by the laws of gravity and physics. It was impossible to try to stand still because one second you would be standing there and then the next, the solid pavement was no longer beneath your feet and you were left falling down onto uneven ground below where you were just standing. Solid, firm ground had become a precarious suspension bridge of terror without railings and surrounded by buildings with poor structural integrity. 3. I thought I understood what fear was. Until this moment, I hadn't even come close to comprehending true fear. Less than 50 metres to the right of where I was standing, just one block away from where I was staying for the night, a hotel collapsed down into a washing pit trapping 40 people and killing around 25 instantly. I was less than 50 metres away from my own death on a few different instances throughout the events of the earthquake, but this particular instance has been burned into my memory forever. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Why is the narrator filled with a deep sense of gratitude ? (b) Which memory is burned in the narrator's memory forever ? (c) Why according to the narrator, was it difficult to stand still during the earthquake ? (d) Where was the narrator when the disaster struck ? (e) Which word used in the passage (paragraph - 2) is synonymous with 'forever' ? 	5
<p>(Open Text: 10 Marks) (* Please ensure that open text of the given theme is supplied with this question paper) Theme: Nurturing Compassionate Citizens</p>		
2a	<p>Not only does every animal need its own sound, but every animal needs to be treated in its own special way. Some of you do own animals and know exactly how to care for them. If you own a dog, what do you need to do in order to take care of it? How about other animals like cat, cow, fish, etc. ? How do you care for them?</p>	5
2b	<p>Animals are often used for entertainment purposes. List how the animals are used in the entertainment industry. Do you agree with this practice? How can it be made more humane?</p>	5

SECTION B(WRITING& GRAMMAR: 25 Marks)		
3	Write a diary entry in 100 - 120 words about the presence of someone in the abandoned warehouse and how you managed to escape.	5
4	Read the opening line and weave a story around it in 150-200 words. I was travelling in a train	10
5	Choose the most appropriate options from the ones given below to complete the following paragraph. Guggulu is an armed shrub or small tree (a) _____ in the arid and semi-arid zones of India, particularly Rajasthan. The Oleo gum resin from its stem (b) _____ an important therapeutic agent (c) _____ in the treatment of various categories of ailments like neurological conditions, leprosy, skin diseases, heart ailments, cerebro vascular diseases and hypertension. (a) (i) find (ii) finding (iii) founded (iv) found (b) (i) constitute (ii) constituting (iii) constitutes (iv) constituted (c) (i) used (ii) to be used (iii) use (iv) using	3
6	The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in the space provided against the correct blank number. One morning, the Nawab call his minister and said him, "I wanted the length and breadth from the earth measured.	4
	Error Correction (a) _____ (b) _____ (c) _____ (d) _____	
7	Look at the words/phrases given below and rearrange to form meaningful sentences. a. take food/from/ a mouse trap/a mouse/caught/ without being /how does / ? b. make a difference/type/ of food/the/used/ will/to the operation. c. bread and cheese/remove/soft foods/easy to/like/are.	3

SECTION C (LITERATURE: 25 Marks)

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

8	<p>"One chap's got a snapshot of Jimmy Wilde. At least, he says it's Jimmy Wilde, but I believe it's just some ordinary fellow. Anyhow, it's jolly blurred, so it might be anyone. Pa, can't you give me a picture of yourself boxing ? I could swank like anything. And you, don't know how sick a chap gets of having chaps call him, 'Goggles'."</p> <p>(a) Why is Harold not sure that the person in the photograph is Jimmy Wilde ?</p> <p>(b) What does Harold want to do with his father's picture ?</p> <p>(c) What do you mean by the word, 'swank' ?</p>	3
OR		
	<p>When I cry the hills laugh; When I humble myself the flowers rejoice; When I bow, all the things are elated</p> <p>(a) When the rain falls heavily on the hills, what do the hills seem to do ?</p> <p>(b) When do the flowers rejoice ?</p> <p>(c) What does 'elated' mean ?</p>	3
<p>Answer the following questions in 30 to 40 words each: (2+2+2+2)</p>		
9a	Why did Miss Allyn say, "he would lock me in my room" ?	2
9b	How does the poem successfully awaken the reader to his dental hygiene and care ?	2
9c	Which stage do you like the most and why ? (The Seven Ages)	2
9d	Why has the word 'amalgum' been misspelt in the poem, 'Oh! I Wish I'd Looked After Me Teeth'?	2
<p>Answer one of the following questions in about 80-100 words</p>		
10	Private Quelch's condescending behaviour, 'superior to thee ' attitude made him unpopular with everyone. What do we learn from this ?	4
OR		
	In the context of the play, 'The Bishop's Candlesticks', justify that kindness and compassion can change the lives of the criminals for the better.	4

	Answer one of the following questions in about 150-200 words.	
11	What prompted Gulliver to go on the third voyage ?	10
	OR	
	The chief Houyhnhnm was indeed a great master. Explain.	10
	OR	
	Describe the incident Jerome witnesses at Haymarket Stores where several dogs start fighting with one another.	10
	OR	
	Write a character sketch of Montmorency.	10
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