

21 March 2016

SET - B

**SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT - II (2015-2016)
ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE
Class - IX**

Time: 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 70

Instructions:

The question paper is divided into **three sections.**

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| Section A | : | Reading & OTBA | 20 marks |
| Section B | : | Writing and Grammar | 25 marks |
| Section C | : | Literature | 25 marks |

SECTION A (READING & OTBA: 20 Marks)

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| 1a | <p>Read the following passage. KEEPING YOUR BRAIN YOUNG You probably don't give it much thought, but your brain needs good nutrition, workout, and good sleep, as much as any other major muscle group. These can help boost creativity, memory and keep the brain young. Excess dietary fat, especially saturated fat, usually clogs the arteries reducing the blood flow to the brain and causing it to age prematurely. Conversely, the lower the saturated fat in your diet, the body will eventually flush out the excess fat from your arteries restoring normal blood supply to the brain, for it rejuvenation. A healthy diet rich in colorful fruit, omega-3 fatty acids and whole grain aids improved functioning of the brain. Fruits and vegetables are rich in vitamins, minerals and antioxidants which benefit brain chemistry. Colored vegetables and fruits, walnuts, flax seeds, green tea, fish etc. are brain food in the real sense. Exercise seems to support the brain the same way as it helps cardiac health; by improving the blood flow which means more oxygen and nutrients reach the brain cells and sustain their optimal functioning. A good night's sleep is immensely de-stressing and good for your brain. Stress hormones which get released in response to mental stress can have a negative impact on the brain. Putting away all your gadgets - phone, remote tablet etc. - and enjoying a little time relaxing during the day is a good idea. Mental gamers are fun, challenging and competitive - a great way to exercise your mind. When it comes to brain fitness, the bottom line is 'to use it or lose it'.</p> <p>On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">(1) When the author says 'to use it or lose it', he means that _____.(2) In order to destress, one must have _____.(3) Saturated fat reduces _____.(4) lower _____ keeps the brain young.(5) 'ENORMOUSLY' is a synonym for _____. | 5 |
| 1b | <p>Read the passage carefully and answer the questions / complete the statements that follow : In July 1976, my wife Mary, Son Jonathan 6, daughter Suzanne 7, and I set sail from Plymouth, England to duplicate the round-the-world voyage made 200 years ago by Captain James Cook. For a long time, Mary and I-a 37 year old businessman-had dreamt of sailing in the wake of the famous explorer, and for the past 16 years we had spent all our leisure time honing our seafaring skills in British waters.</p> | 5 |

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| | <p>Our boat Wavewalker, a 23 metre, 30 ton wooden beauty, had been professionally built, and we had spent months fitting it out and testing it in the roughest weather we could find. The first leg of our planned three year 105,000 kilometre journey passed pleasantly as we sailed down the west coast of Africa to Cape Town. Before heading east we took two crew men-American Larry Vigil and Swiss Herb Seigler-to help us tackle one of the roughest seas, the southern Indian ocean. On our second day out of Cape Town, we began to encounter strong gales. For the next few weeks, they blew continuously. Gales did not worry me, but the size of the waves was alarming-up to 15 metres, as high as our main mast, December 25 found us, 3,500 kilometres east of Cape Town. Despite atrocious weather, we had a wonderful holiday complete with a Christmas tree.</p> <p>(a) Why did the narrator set sail with his family from Plymouth ? (b) The length of the Wavewalker was _____ . (c) Who were the two crewmen with them ? Why were they with them ? (d) Gales did not worry the author. Then what had worried him ? (e) 'Strong winds' refer to _____ .</p> | |
| | <p>(Open Text: 10 Marks) (* Please ensure that open text of the given theme is supplied with this question paper) Theme: Indigenous Games of India</p> | |
| 2a | Do you think status of sports in India is considerably good? Elaborate your answer using relevant examples from the text. | 5 |
| 2b | The indigenous games of India were designed to develop both brain and brawn. Support the statement with examples. | 5 |
| | <p>SECTION B (WRITING & GRAMMAR: 25 Marks)</p> | |
| 3 | <p>You are concerned about the growing craze for fast food among youngsters, causing obesity and other life style diseases. Write an article in about 100-120 words expressing your concern and recalling ideas from the MCB unit 'Children' on the same and giving concrete suggestions to encourage the youngsters to eat healthy and balanced food, with the help of the hints given below :</p> <p>Children in their growing years-need nutrition-avoid junk food-cause of many diseases-replacing junk food with simple home-made recipes-the West realised it-healthy food-cheerful spirits.</p> | 5 |
| 4 | 'And he couldn't leave the hurt dog on the street to die...' The beginning of a story is given above. Complete the short story in 150-200 words, without changing the beginning. | 10 |
| 5 | <p>Choose the most appropriate options from the ones given below to complete the following paragraph.</p> <p>As one of (a) _____ best-selling artistes of all time, Elvis Presley has remained a household name even years after his death. But back in 1954, Elvis was still (b) _____ nobody, and Jimmy Denny, manager of the Grand Ole Opry, fired Elvis Presley after just one performance telling him, "You are not going nowhere, son. You ought to go back to driving (c) _____ truck."</p> | 3 |

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| | (a) (i) a (ii) the (iii) few (iv) most (b) (i) some (ii) the (iii) a (iv) someone (c) (i) the (ii) a (iii) some (iv) one | |
| 6 | In the following passage one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the words before and after against the correct blank number. <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 60%;"> <p>They had got used quite a different type food during the past few days found it difficult to adjust to the meager dish Gulnaz cooked.</p> </div> <div style="width: 35%; text-align: center;"> <p>Before Missing Word After</p> <p>(a) _____</p> <p>(b) _____</p> <p>(c) _____</p> <p>(d) _____</p> </div> </div> | 4 |
| 7 | Look at the words/phrases given below and rearrange to form meaningful sentences. a. shoppers / can / compulsive / wallet / mobile / a / now / use. b. cardholders / the / of / the / debit / Bank of Punjab / avail / can / facility / this. c. will / technology / be used / service / the latest / this / cell phone / to provide | 3 |
| SECTION C (LITERATURE: 25 Marks) | | |
| Read one of the extracts given below and briefly answer the questions that follow: | | |
| 8 | Read the passage given below carefully and answer the questions that follow: And then I told her why I had come, as respectful and earnest as I could. (a) Who is 'I' and 'her' in the above line? (b) What did the speaker tell 'her'? (c) What does 'earnest' mean ? | 3 |
| OR | | |
| | Read the passage given below carefully and answer the questions that follow: Oh! I showed them the toothpaste all right, I flashed it about late at night, But up-and-down brushin' And pokin' and fussin' Didn't seem worth the time - I could bite! (a) What is 'them' being referred to in the first line? Why did the poet show them the toothpaste? (b) Explain the phrase : 'Pokin' and 'Fussin'. (c) What does the word, 'flashed' here mean ? | 3 |
| Answer the following questions in 30 to 40 words each: (2+2+2+2) | | |
| 9a | Why was Persome proud of those salt-cellar ? | 2 |
| 9b | Explain- 'sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything. (The Seven Ages) | 2 |
| 9c | Why did the four adults look at the innocent child in silence ? (Keeping it from Harold) | 2 |

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| 9d | In the poem 'Oh! I wish I'd looked after me teeth", the poet voices the sentiment of all. Comment. | 2 |
| | Answer one of the following questions in 80-100 words | |
| 10 | The Bishop was reluctant to part with his candlesticks but finally he did so. What characteristic features are revealed through this act of the Bishop? | 4 |
| | OR | |
| | You are Harold, the wonderful child of Mr. Bill and Mrs. Jane Bramble. Recount your experiences and reaction when you came to know about your father's real identity. Write a diary entry as Harold highlighting the values reflected through Harold's is character. | 4 |
| | Answer one of the following questions in 150-200 words | |
| 11 | How is the island made to fall and rise ? What makes it do so ? | 10 |
| | OR | |
| | Write a character sketch of the King of Luggnag. | 10 |
| | OR | |
| | What happened when the writer steered the boat towards a fishing punt ? | 10 |
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| | Write a character sketch of Harris. | 10 |
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