

SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT – I (2015-16)
ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE
Class - X

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	<p>Read the passage given below and complete the sentences that follow :1x8=8</p> <p>Plastics form an important class of synthetics – plastics are also polymers. Since most plastics can be easily moulded into any shape after heating, they are used for making a variety of objects of different shapes and sizes. Plastics are poor conductors of heat which makes them suitable for making handles of cooking vessels, for use in refrigerators, and for making containers used in microwave ovens.</p> <p>Plastics are also poor conductors of electricity and that is why they are used as covering materials in electrical appliances like cords and wiring. Plastics are insoluble in water and are, therefore, used for making bottles, buckets and other containers. Most plastics are inflammable. However, they do not corrode, or rust and so are mostly used in homes and laboratories.</p> <p>Despite the many different uses of plastics, there are environmental and health hazards associated with their disposal. This is because plastics are non-biodegradable. Accumulation of plastics is considered a serious problem because most of the methods used to dispose them off result in some type of damage to the environment. Though somewhere between 500 million to I trillion plastic bags are consumed worldwide each year, most plastic wastes end up littering roadsides and form ugly dumps that harbour many disease-causing organisms. Plastics dumped in water bodies pose a threat to aquatic life; plastics that get buried prevent rain water from seeping into the ground. This affects the growth of plants. When plastics are burnt, they produce toxic gases and smoke.</p> <p>Hence, reducing the usage of plastics and recycling plastic objects and using bio-degradable environmental friendly plastics is the only solution.</p> <p>(a) Plastic is useful because it is _____ water.</p> <p>(b) Plastics are mostly used at home and laboratories because they _____ or _____.</p> <p>(c) Plastics pose serious environmental and health problems when we try to _____.</p> <p>(d) Plastics dumped in lakes and rivers _____ life.</p> <p>(e) The word 'seeping' means the same as _____.</p> <p>(f) Burning of plastics is very risky as then _____.</p> <p>(g) This problem can be partly solved by _____.</p> <p>(h) The best and the only solution is by using _____ plastics.</p>	8
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2	Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: (2x4)+(1x4)=12	12
	<p>The story of the Asian elephant once highly revered and domesticated for work and warfare is far from happy. Far from the estimated population of hundreds of thousands of elephants centuries ago, according to the World Wildlife Fund for Nature, it's estimated that between 25,000 and 32,000 Asian elephants are now left in the wild. Since 1986, the Asian elephant has been listed as endangered by the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN).</p>	
	<p>Today in Thailand, according to Boon Lott's Elephant Sanctuary (BLES), their numbers are between 3,500 to 5,000 and currently 'the notion of extinction is no longer just a concern; it's the new reality'.</p>	
	<p>In 1989, the tradition of using elephants in industry ended, mainly due to irresponsible over-logging. The collapse of the industry created huge problems for the mahouts who had to find a way to pay for the care and upkeep of their elephants.</p>	
	<p>Elephants eat upto 200 kilograms a day and on hot days need about 200 litres of water. With the ban on logging, mahouts had to find other ways to support their huge charges. This is why mahouts began begging in the streets and turned to illegal logging and to tourism via trekking, rides or entertainment.</p>	
	<p>Along the Thai-Burma border illegal logging still occurs. It is a dangerous environment where landmines are still hidden, the risk of fines is always present and injury or death could be just around the corner. To get the most from the elephants, they are often given amphetamines to reduce their appetite and increase their work output. Not only does this take a horrific toll on the elephant, it cannot continue for long also and many elephants simply die of overwork and starvation.</p>	
	<p>The tourism industry may be a viable alternative but it can be a tricky one, because there is always a risk of exploitation when animals and commercialisation meet.</p>	
	<p>The Elephant Asia Rescue and Survival Foundation says, 'it believes responsible elephant tourism can help to save the elephants throughout Asia but only if the camps maintain the highest level of elephant care, food requirements, hygiene and environmental enrichment'.</p>	
	<p>(a) Why did the industry stop using elephants? (b) What problems did it create for the mahouts? (c) Why is illegal logging dangerous along Thai-Burma border? (d) Why are some elephants given amphetamines?</p>	

	<p>(e) What is meant by the word, 'revered'? (para 1)</p> <p>(i) loaded (ii) used</p> <p>(iii) respected (iv) killed</p> <p>(f) What is meant by the word, 'notion'? (para 2)</p> <p>(i) idea (ii) game</p> <p>(iii) uproar (iv) writing</p> <p>(g) Find the word similar in meaning to 'downfall'. (para 3)</p> <p>(i) upkeep (ii) collapse</p> <p>(iii) control (iv) outcome</p> <p>(h) Find the word opposite in meaning to 'safe'. (para 5)</p> <p>(i) hidden (ii) output</p> <p>(iii) dangerous (iv) overwork</p>	
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SECTION B
(WRITING & GRAMMAR: 25 Marks)

3	<p>Internet has made our lives extremely easy. There are hundreds of things that can be accomplished with just a click. However, there are many disadvantages as well. Write an article, in about 100-120 words, highlighting the advantages and disadvantages of the Internet.</p>	5																				
4	<p>Anuradha is participating in a story writing competition. Help her to complete her story in about 150-200 words.</p> <p>Sanjay, a thirteen years old boy was bullied by Mohit daily. Though he (Sanjay) complained to the teachers and parents, it was of no use. One day he decided that enough was enough. He</p>	10																				
5	<p>Complete the following paragraph by choosing the appropriate options from the ones given below. Write your answers in the answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. Do not copy the entire paragraph.</p> <p>Baking developed (a) _____ an industry using machinery. In the United States, the baking industry was built (b) _____ marketing methods and production techniques developed (c) _____ the Romans.</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">I</td> <td style="text-align: center;">II</td> <td style="text-align: center;">III</td> <td style="text-align: center;">IV</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(a)</td> <td>on</td> <td>to</td> <td>into</td> <td>for</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(b)</td> <td>on</td> <td>at</td> <td>for</td> <td>across</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(c)</td> <td>of</td> <td>off</td> <td>through</td> <td>by</td> </tr> </table>		I	II	III	IV	(a)	on	to	into	for	(b)	on	at	for	across	(c)	of	off	through	by	3
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6	<p>The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the error and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. The first one has been done as an example.</p>	4																					
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7	<p>Read the conversation given below and complete the paragraph that follows:</p> <p>Patient : I want an appointment with the doctor for this evening. Receptionist : I'm sorry, I can't give you an appointment before the 20th. Patient : But I could be dead by then !</p> <p>The patient (a)_____ evening. The receptionist (b)_____ an appointment before the 20th. The patient (c)_____.</p>	3																					
<p>SECTION C (LITERATURE& LONG READING TEXT: 25 Marks)</p>																							
<p>Read one of the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow:</p>																							
8	<p><i>Mrs. Packletide was pardonably annoyed at the discovery;</i></p> <p>(a) What was the discovery ? (b) Why was Mrs. Packletide annoyed ? (c) What is the adjective form of the adverb, 'pardonably' ?</p>	3																					
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	<p><i>"Pringle attended him when he was alive and Pringle shall attend him when he's dead. That's professional etiquette".</i></p> <p>(a) Who is Pringle ? (b) Why couldn't Pringle attend him recently ? (c) What does 'professional etiquette' mean ?</p>	3																					
<p>Answer the following questions in about 30 - 40 words.</p>																							
9(i)	<p>How did the villagers help Mrs. Packletide in 'killing' the tiger ?</p>	2																					

9(ii)	How does Shakespeare claim that rhyme is more lasting than marble and gilded monuments ?	2
9(iii)	What are the three things that the grandfather planned to do on Monday ?	2
9(iv)	How did the nightingale become a great sensation overnight ?	2
	Answer one of the following questions in about 80-100 words.	
10	'When you live for a strong purpose, then hard work isn't an option. It is a necessity.' Both Nicola and Jacopo were hard working and uncomplaining. You too realised the importance of hard work after reading their story. Write an article in 120- 150 words on the 'Virtues of Hard Work'	4
	OR	
	The poem, <i>The Frog and the Nightingale</i> tells us how simple and genuine talent is exploited by people for their personal gains. Write a letter to the poet Vikram Seth mentioning how deeply you were touched by the poem and how beautifully it exposes the bitter truth of life.	4
	Answer one of the following questions in about 150-200 words.	
11	Though described as a 'Van Daan Product', the 'Secret Annexe Rules' were essential for the safety of the eight people living in it. Discuss.	10
	OR	
	Why could not Anne develop a healthy relationship with Mr. Van Daan?	10
	OR	
	Anne Sullivan was as remarkable as her student, Helen. Comment.	10
	OR	
	'Tough people outlast tough situations'. Describe the fighter instinct in Helen.	10