

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

Maximum Marks: 70

Time: 3 hours

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**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 / complete the sentences that follow: 8

Hibernation is one of the main adaptations that allow certain northern animals to survive long, cold winters. Hibernation is like a very deep sleep that allows animals to save their energy when there is little or no food available. The body functions of true hibernators go through several changes while they are hibernating. Body temperature drops, and the heart rate slows down. For example, a hibernating Woodchuck's body temperature drops by more than 30 degrees Celsius, and its heart rate slows from 80 to 4 beats per minute! Other true hibernators include the jumping mouse, little brown bat, Eastern Chipmunk, and several ground squirrels. Other animals, such as the Skunk and Raccoon, are not considered true hibernators, as they wake up in the winter to feed, and their body functions do not change as much. Since they only sleep for a little bit at a time, the term *dormancy* or 'light sleeping' is used to describe their behaviour. The largest animals to hibernate are bears. Their heart rate may slow down from a usual 40-50 beats per minute to 8-12 beats per minute, but their body temperature changes very little, so they are able to wake up quickly.

Hibernating animals have a special substance in the blood called *hibernation inducement trigger*, or HIT. This substance becomes active in the fall, when the days become cooler and shorter. When HIT becomes active, the animals start preparing for winter. Some animals store food so that they can eat when they wake up, and some animals eat a lot in late summer and fall to add excess fat to their bodies. This fat keeps them warmer and acts as a source of energy while they are sleeping. Some animals also shift to the places where they will sleep (dens). They add leaves and grasses to keep themselves warm.

- (a) Animals hibernate to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (b) The Skunk and Raccoon are not true hibernators as \_\_\_\_\_.
- (c) Bears are able to wake up quickly because their \_\_\_\_\_ much.
- (d) Animals eat a lot before hibernating because they \_\_\_\_\_.
- (e) Animals start preparing for hibernation when \_\_\_\_\_ warmth.
- (f) The largest animals to hibernate are \_\_\_\_\_.
- (g) The animals add \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to keep themselves warm.
- (h) The word from the passage which means 'a thing that persuades or leads someone to do something' is \_\_\_\_\_.

2 Read the passage given below and answer the questions/complete the statements that follow:  $(2 \times 4) + (1 \times 4) = 12$  12

Tell someone that you are going to a convention of accountants and you might get a few yawns, yet money and how it works is probably one of the most interesting things on earth.

It is fascinating and almost magical how money appeared on our planet. Unlike most developments we enjoy, which can be traced back to a source, civilisation or inventor, money appeared in places then unconnected all over the world in a remarkably similar way.

Consider the American Indians using Wampum, West Africans trading in decorative metallic objects called Manillas and the Fijians economy based on whales teeth, some of which are still legal tender; add to that shells, amber, ivory, decorative feathers, cattle including oxen & pigs, a large number of stones including jade and quartz which have all been used for trade across the world, and we get a taste of the variety of accepted currency.

There is something charming and childlike imagining primitive societies, our ancestors, using all these colourful forms of money. As long as everyone concerned can agree on a value, this is a sensible thing for a community to do.

After all, the person who has what you need might not need what you have to trade. Money solves that problem neatly. Real value with each exchange, and everyone gaining from the convenience. The idea is really inspired which might explain why so many diverse minds came up with it.

"History records that the money changers have used every form of abuse, intrigue, deceit, and violent means possible to maintain their control over governments by controlling money and its issuance," said President James Madison.

Money, money, money, it's always just been there, right? Wrong. Obviously it's issued by the government to make it easy for us to exchange things. Wrong again!

Truth is most people don't realise that the issuing of money is essentially a private business, and that the privilege of issuing money has been a major bone of contention throughout history.

(a) What is fascinating and almost magical?

(b) Which currencies did the American Indians and West African use?

(c) What is something charming and childlike to imagine?

(d) What problem did the money solve?

(e) What is meant by the word, '<sup>convention.</sup>concentration'? (para 1)

(i) conference

(ii) fair

(iii) wave

(iv) competition

(f) What is meant by the word 'fascinating'? (para 2)

(i) beautiful

(ii) valuable

(iii) attractive

(iv) republic

(g) What is meant by the word 'intrigue'? (para 6)

(i) plot

(ii) interest

(iii) interval

(iv) fear

(h) What is meant by the word 'convenience'? (para 5)

(i) comfort

(ii) escape

(iii) clown

(iv) transport

### SECTION B (WRITING & GRAMMAR: 25 Marks)

3 You recently visited an important historical monument. You were shocked to find it in a state of utter neglect. Taking help from unit, 'Travel and Tourism', the clues given below and with your own ideas, 5

write a letter to the 'editor of a leading newspaper in 100-120 words ,highlighting the poor condition of important archeological and heritage sites. Point out the lack of essential services, the poor state of maintenance and its misuse by people. Give suggestions for improving the situation.

Cities -

- lack of maintenance
- poor security
- funds not properly used
- dumping garbage
- graffiti

4 Using the hints given below develop a story in 150-200 words with a suitable title: 10

*Siddhi/Siddharth was accused of stealing by a classmate, while he/she was absolutely innocent. She/he is in a quest to prove her/his innocence....*

5 Read the passage given below. Fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate word / phrases from the given options. 3

They place (a) \_\_\_\_\_ much emphasis on material things. People (b) \_\_\_\_\_ poor self - esteem judge a person's (c) \_\_\_\_\_ by his possessions, not by who he is.

	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)
(a)	so	very	a lot	too
(b)	with	having	owning	Possessing
(c)	worthy	worth	worth while	character

6 The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct question number. The first one has been done as an example. 4

The Tulsi plant is common seen in India.

It is a important symbol in the Hindu tradition.

It has used in Ayurveda to treat various health disorders.

Juice of its leaves give relief in cold,

fever and cough. It was also used to cure many other diseases of the heart, stomach and kidney.

	Error	Correction
e.g.	common	commonly
(a)	_____	_____
(b)	_____	_____
(c)	_____	_____
(d)	_____	_____

7 Rearrange the following jumbled words/phrases to make meaningful sentences. 3

a) is swimming/tremendous potential/with/one sport/ in / country / the

b) other activities/over/in school/academic subjects/take precedence

c) very little/the government /to boost/the sport/has done

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

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Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

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"The whole universe is built up through love and the grief of separation is inescapable".

- (a) When did the speaker acquire this philosophy?
- (b) What pain has the speaker gone through?
- (c) What does the word 'inescapable' mean?

OR

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

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Now the frog puffed up with rage.  
"Brainless bird-you're on the stage-  
Use your wits and follow fashion.  
Puff your lungs out with your passion".

- (i) Why was the frog puffed up with rage?
- (ii) Give the opposite of 'Brainless'?
- (iii) What happened when the nightingale puffed up her lungs?

Answer the following questions in 30 - 40 words:

9(i)

How is the mirror exact?

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(ii)

What was the reason behind Ali's unshakeable faith that he would receive a letter from Miriam one day?

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(iii)

Justify the title, 'The Dear Departed'?

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(iv)

How will the monuments and statues be destroyed?

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The poem *The Frog and the Nightingale* 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.

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OR

The Nightingale placed her blind trust in the Frog but he exploited her. With reference to the poem elaborate on the statement 'Betrayal always comes from those whom you trust'. 4

Attempt either question no. 11 or 12.

11 What made Anne hopeful when the Fascists were overthrown in Italy ? Explain. 10

OR

Anne disliked Mrs. Van Daan. What was the reason ? 10

12 What technique was adopted by Miss Sullivan to teach Helen ? Elucidate. 10

OR

Give a character sketch of Mr. Anagnos of Perkins Institution for the Blind and discuss about his association with Helen. 10