

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)

Read the passage given below and complete the sentences that follow : 1x8=8

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A sparrow is a small bird which is found throughout the world. There are many different species of sparrows. Sparrows are only about four to six inches in length. Many people appreciate their beautiful song. Sparrows prefer to build their nests in low places-usually on the ground, clumps of grass, low trees and low bushes. In cities they build their nests in building nooks or holes. They rarely build their nests in high places. They built their nests out of twigs, grasses and plant fibers. Their nests are usually small and well-built structures. Female sparrows lay four to six eggs at a time. The eggs are white with reddish brown spots. They hatch within eleven to fourteen days. Both the male and female parents care for the young. Insects are fed to the young after hatching. The large feet of the sparrows are used for scratching seeds. Adult sparrows mainly eat seeds. Sparrows can be found almost everywhere, where there are humans. Many people throughout the world enjoy these delightful birds.

The sparrows are some of the few birds that engage in dust bathing. Sparrows will first scratch a hole in the ground with their feet, then lie in it and fling dirt or sand over their bodies with flicks of their wings. They will also bathe in water, or in dry or melting snow. Water bathing is similar to dust bathing, with the sparrow standing in shallow water and flicking water over its back with its wings, also ducking its head under the water. Both activities are social, with up to a hundred birds participating at once, and is followed by preening and sometimes group singing.

- (a) The chief food for the adult sparrow is seeds.
- (b) Sparrows live wherever there are humans around.
- (c) The word, 'species' means many similarities of same characteristics features.
- (d) Sparrows don't nest in high places.
- (e) Both male & female take care of the young sparrows.
- (f) Sparrows take bath in water or dry melting snow.
- (g) Bathing for the sparrows is a social activity.
- (h) Bathing is followed by preening and something else.

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Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : (2x4)+(1x4)=12

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(1) Imagine parking your car at a beautiful upland vantage point on a sparkling spring day. You open the boot and wear your flying suit and boots, then lift out your incredibly light flying machine in its carrying rucksack and trek off a few yards to where your friends are preparing to fly. After a few minutes spent inspecting your equipment, you don helmet and harness, look around, allow the wind to raise the canopy - and launch off into space. This is paragliding for novices and experienced pilots alike.

(2) Developed from parachuting canopies, modern paragliders can be soared effortlessly on windward slopes, and flown across the country. It's the same freedom that hangglider pilots enjoy, but a paraglider is more portable and a little easier to learn to fly. They are more hampered by strong winds than hang-gliders but are easier to land in small fields.

(3) Paragliding is a great community. You'll often find championship-winning pilots comparing notes with novices. Both know that their sport is perhaps the simplest and most intuitive way of flying yet devised. If you want to enjoy the challenges that only being truly at one with the elements can provide, book a training course today!

(4) Many paraglider pilots strive to perfect their skills in cross-country flying. A summer sky filled with fluffy cumulus clouds provides abundant lifting currents which pilots use to gain altitude. Setting off on such a day, either towards a pre-selected goal or just drifting where the wind will take you, is one of the most breathtaking experiences available. Most pilots will talk of the sense of freedom they feel when drifting from cloud to cloud, in almost total silence, watching the landscape unfold beneath them as they navigate across the sky.

(5) It normally takes around ten days of flyable weather to train a would-be pilot to Club Pilot level, the minimum standard required to fly unsupervised with a recreational club.

(6) Your instructor will explain how the canopy is laid out, inflated and controlled by its brake lines. You'll then take it in turns with other members of your group to have your first short training hops down a gentle slope.

- (a) What equipment is required for paragliding ?
- (b) What advantage does paragliding have over hang-gliding ?
- (c) How do paragliders feel while flying across the sky ?
- (d) What is the minimum standard required to fly unsupervised with a recreational club and how does one attain the acceptable level ?
- (e) What is meant by the word, 'sparkling' ? (Para 1)

(i) colorful (ii) blinking

(iii) dazzling (iv) twinkling

(f) What is meant by the word, 'effortlessly' ? (Para 2)

(i) beautifully (ii) carefully

(iii) easily (iv) immediately

(g) What is meant by the word, 'novices' ? (Para 3)

(i) admirers (ii) trainer

(iii) spectators (iv) beginners

(h) What is meant by the word, 'breathtaking' ? (Para 4)

(i) charming (ii) thrilling

(iii) enjoyable (iv) attractive

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

3 The theme of your school magazine is "Unity in Diversity". Contribute an article in about 100- 5  
120 words, to the magazine.

4 Develop the story in about 150-200 words on the basis of the following hints. Give a 10  
suitable title.

Am I hearing voices, or is this frog really speaking to me ..... How do I believe that this frog  
sitting at the side of the pond, was talking to me .....

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

Social-networking sites (a) \_\_\_\_\_ to hold the attention of most internet users, especially  
women (b) \_\_\_\_\_ 18 and 29 years of age, according to (c) \_\_\_\_\_ new research study.

	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)
(a)	continue	continues	continued	are continuing
(b)	among	between	from	within
(c)	an	the	a /	their

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

		Error	Correction
Finally, one day, Sunita ran out in patience.	e.g.	in	of
Enough was enough. She decided to confront	(a)	_____	_____
Suruchi. She asked her why she was been nasty	(b)	_____	_____
to her. She had done nothing to offend you. She	(c)	_____	_____
knew the confrontation will mean the end of their	(d)	_____	_____
relationship.			

- 7 **Rearrange the following words/phrases to make meaningful sentences.** 3
- (a) race/slow/wins/steady/the/and  
 (b) is/for/progress/important/consistency/making  
 (c) regularity/the key/success/and sincerity/to/is

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

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

- 8 *"The whole universe is built up through love and the grief of separation is inescapable".* 3
- (a) When did the speaker acquire this philosophy?  
 (b) What pain has the speaker gone through?  
 (c) What does the word, 'inescapable' mean?

**OR**

*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".*

- (a) Why was the frog puffed up with rage?  
 (b) Give the antonym of 'Brainless' ?  
 (c) What happened when the nightingale puffed up her lungs?

**Answer the following questions in about 30 - 40 words.**

- 9(i) Was Mrs. Packletide able to 'shoot' a tiger? How? 2
- 9(ii) How did the creatures of Bingle Bog react to the nightingale's song? 2
- 9(iii) What spat did the intended change in the grandfather's will lead to between his two daughters? Why? 2

9(iv) Why did Mrs. Packeltide want to hunt a tiger ? 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 mirror says; "I am important to her". This line shows the dependency of the woman on the mirror. Keeping in mind the above thought, write an article on how even men need reassurance that they are young and handsome. 4

**Answer one of the following questions in about 150-200 words.**

11 Mr. Dussel was handed over a prospectus and guide to the 'secret annexe' . Though written in a humorous manner, they had a very serious reason - the safety of the occupants. Comment. 10

**OR**

Mr. Albert Dussel was the eighth person who joined the Annexe group. Give a character sketch of Mr. Dussel. 10

**OR**

How did Helen's teacher explain the meaning of love to her ? 10

**OR**

Helen was a determined fighter who never gave up. Discuss. 10

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