

THE INDIAN SCHOOL
PERIODIC ASSESSMENT II (2017-18)
ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE
CLASS X

MAX MARKS: ^{73 1/2}80

TIME: 3 Hours

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- This question paper has three sections and four pages.
- All sections are compulsory.
- Please complete one section before attempting the next.

SECTION A: READING: (20 Marks)

1. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow: (12)

Many of the serious health concerns in modern America can be linked to poor diet. People who regularly consume food high in sodium, sugar and saturated fats, not only increase their chances of obesity, but also increase their risks of developing heart disease, hypertension, diabetes and several types of cancer. Although some people who regularly consume unhealthy food do so knowingly, there is also a significant portion of the population that remains uneducated about proper nutrition. What is more, individuals who live in food desert-area in low income neighbourhoods that lack easy access to affordable food, may not even have the opportunity to obtain nutritious food.

Food deserts are located in high poverty areas, such as sparsely populated rural areas or densely populated, low income urban centres. Food deserts most often develop when major supermarket chains either relocate out of these areas or simply refrain from building stores there in the first place. Major food retailer chains tend to limit their store locations to wealthier urban or suburban neighbourhoods. This means that those who live in high poverty areas often also live miles away from fresh meats, dairy products and produce, available in super markets. Residents of these areas who do not have cars are thus forced to travel long distances on public transportation to do their grocery shopping, or else they are limited to the food available at local convenience stores and gas stations. These types of food retailers often only sell packaged, processed food that offer little nutritional value.

Furthermore, less food restaurants are disproportionately concentrated in low income areas. Recent estimates suggest that those living in the poorest areas of a city experience 2.5 times more exposure to fast food restaurants than the wealthier inhabitants of the city. Because individuals who live in food deserts tend to get their meals from fast food restaurants or convenience stores, they often suffer from a variety of health issues. Research has found that individuals who live in low income neighbourhoods are much more likely to develop problems with obesity, diabetes and hypertension than those who live in more affluent neighbourhoods.

- a) "Poor diet" is a serious concern in modern America because _____ (2)
- b) The food deserts most often develop when _____ (2)
- c) People living in low income areas suffer greatly from a variety of health issues because _____ (2)
- d) People who live in high poverty areas face difficulties because _____ (2)
- e) Find words from the passage which are synonymous to: i) prosperous ii) use up (2)
- f) Find words from the passage which are antonyms of: i) indifference ii) densely (2)

2. I was born in the small but beautiful mountain village of Nabun near Uttarkashi in (8)
Garhwal, with the gurgling, playful Bhagiratha river flowing nearby. My parents were a hardworking and extremely self-contained couple. Even though our family was poor, barely managing the essentials, my father taught us how to live and maintain dignity and self-respect – the most treasured family value till today. At the same time, my parents also practised the creed, "Kindness is the essence of all religion". They were large hearted, inviting village folk passing by, to have tea at our home, and gave grains to the sadhus and pandits, who came to the house. This characteristic has been engrained in me so deeply that I am able to reach out to others and make a difference in their lives – whether it is my home, in society or at the work place.

I was the third child in the family – girl, boy, girl, girl and boy, in that order – and quite a rebel. I developed a tendency to ask questions and was not satisfied with the customary way of life for a girl child. When I found my elder brother Ravi, encouraging our youngest brother Raju, to take up mountaineering, I thought, why not me? I found that my brothers were always getting preferential treatment and all opportunities and options were open to them. This made me even more determined to not only do what the boys were doing, but to do it better.

The general thinking of mountain people was that mountaineering as a sport was not for them. They considered themselves to be born mountaineers as they had to go up and down the mountain slopes for their daily livelihood and even for routine work. On the other hand, as a student, I would look curiously at foreign backpackers passing by my village and wonder where they were going. I would even invite them to my house and talk to them to learn more about their travels. The full significance of this came to me later when I started working. The foreigners took the trouble to come all the way to the Himalayas in order to educate themselves on social, cultural and scientific aspects of mountaineering, as well as to seek peace in nature's gigantic scheme of things.

- a) What does the author tell us about the financial condition of her parents? (1)
- b) What is the most treasured value of the author's family? (1)
- c) Mention one example to show that the author's parents were very hospitable? (1)
- d) Why were the foreigners drawn to the Himalayas? (1)
- e) Find words from the passage which mean the same as: (i) flavour (ii) favoured (2)
- f) Find words from the passage which mean the opposite of: (i) tiny (ii) dependent (2)

SECTION B: WRITING AND GRAMMAR: (30 Marks)

3. You are Manas/Mansi Mehta. You are distraught about the rising number of crimes against women. Write a letter in about 120 – 150 words, to the editor of a national daily, expressing your concern on the issue. Also suggest measures for improving the situation. (8)

4. It is understood and acknowledged that man, animals and plants must co-exist to maintain the ecological balance of the universe. They need to be preserved. Yet we use or destroy them according to our convenience. Write an article in 120 – 150 words, expressing your concern on the conservation of the universe. Also, provide a suitable title for your article. (7)

5. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction against the correct blank number: (4)

	<u>Word</u>	<u>Correction</u>
Overeating is one of the more wonderful	(a) -----	-----
practices among those which think that they	(b) -----	-----
can afford it. In fact that is said that	(c) -----	-----
we should enjoy indulge in overeating, once in a while.	(d) -----	-----

6. There is one word missing in each line of following passage. Write the missing word and the word which comes before and after, against the correct blank no: (4)

	<u>Before</u>	<u>Word</u>	<u>After</u>
Russia America decided to stop being enemies. There was	(a) -----	-----	-----
no longer any money support such wars. America no longer	(b) -----	-----	-----
tests nuclear weapons. However, there piles of nuclear	(c) -----	-----	-----
weapons still around. They need to watched over and kept safe.	(d) -----	-----	-----

7. Rearrange the following words and phrases to frame meaningful sentences: (4)

- a) like/emotion/anger/a/greed/negative/is
- b) more of/a/i/to have/is/everything/strong desire
- c) to what/it/our attention/we don't have/turns
- d) robs us/peace/of/it/mind/of our

8. Complete the following paragraph by filling in the blanks with the help of the given options: (3)

The use (a) _____ computers have (b) _____ so widespread that almost no field has been (c) _____ untouched.

- (a) i) for ii) on iii) of iv) from
- (b) i) becoming ii) became iii) becomes iv) become
- (c) i) left ii) leave iii) leaving iv) leaves

SECTION C: LITERATURE: (30 Marks)

(3x3=9)

9. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow:

a) Blind with tears the nightingale
Heard him out in silence, tried,
Puffed up, burst a vein, and died,
Said the frog: 'I tried to teach her,
But she was a stupid creature----
Far too nervous, far too tense,
Far too prone to influence'.

- i) Why was the nightingale blind with tears?
- ii) How did the frog blame the nightingale?
- iii) What light does this extract throw on the character of the frog?

b) But you shall shine more bright in these contents
Than unswept stone, besmear'd with sluttish time.

- i) What do 'these contents' here refer to?
- ii) Why is time called 'sluttish'?
- iii) Name the poetic device used in the first line?

c) Which yet survive stamped on these lifeless things,
The hand that mocked them and the heart that fed.

- i) Explain the first line.
- ii) Whose hands mocked them?
- iii) What message is conveyed through these lines?

10. Answer the following questions in 30 to 40 words:

(2x4=8)

- a) What was the secret that Nicola and Jacopo kept from the author?
- b) What happened after Mrs. Packletide fired the shot?
- c) Towards the end of the story, why was the postmaster's heart brimming with sympathy for Ali?
- d) What was Mrs. Slater busy doing before her sister, Mrs Jordan's arrival?

11. Answer in 60 to 80 words:

(3)

Old parents are to be treated with love and respect and not conceived to be a burden on their children. Explain briefly in context to the play 'The Dear Departed'.

12. Answer in 80 to 100 words:

(5x2)

- a) What role does the diary play in Anne's life?
- b) What were Anne's feelings towards her parents?