

SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT-I (2015-2016)

Class IX

BB

SUBJECT : ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE

Maximum Marks : 70

Time : 3 hours

Instructions:

This 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 that follow: 8

For years, residents of Mudia Ahmednagar village have known about the medicinal and other benefits of the local plants that grow in the area. There were very few besides them who had the knowledge.

However, the forest department, along with other bio-diversity experts, recently decided to catalogue all plants in the area and filed a report titled the 'People Biodiversity Register'.

The report has been sent to the state biodiversity board for registration of the plants species found in the area.

"We have prepared a report detailing the local species of flora and have also mentioned special properties of the plant, if any, and how villagers have been using them for their wellbeing," said Dharam Singh, divisional forest officer. He added that 175 species of flora was found in this village which included nearly 35 medicinal herbs like *achyranthes aspera*, *adhatoda visica* and *latjira*.

"Our ancestors used many plants for healing purposes but such knowledge became extinct with their demise. A retired teacher, Rukum Singh (68), has been using some of the herbs found in the village to cure diseases like gout, piles, leucorrhoea and blood pressure. We have discussed such things in detail in the report so that the knowledge can be passed on to others," said Singh.

Once the state biodiversity board registers the report, it will become a legal document.

"Companies across the world have been fighting to get patents on flora and fauna of a particular region. For instance, our ancestors for centuries have been using turmeric for

healing purpose but in 90s, Germany had claimed its patent right for discovering the healing effect of turmeric. However, the claim of Germany was rejected when India has shown few research papers on the same topic which were conducted in 60s," said Alo Khare, head of the technical support group (TSG) of this project and a faculty member with the botany department in Bareilly College.

The national biodiversity board had initially directed that such a biodiversity report be carried out in every village of the district. However, later the orders were changed and it was conducted only in one village due to shortage of funds.

- (a) The residents of Ahmednagar village had good knowledge of the _____.
- (b) The experts have decided to _____.
- (c) The various plant species found in the area will be _____ by the state biodiversity.
- (d) Divisional Forest Officer, Mr. Dharam Singh has reported of numerous species of flora which included _____ like latjira etc.
- (e) A resident of the village has been extensively using these herbs to cure _____.
- (f) The report will become a _____ once it has been registered by the state biodiversity board.
- (g) _____ claim over the patent right of turmeric was rejected when India showed the research papers on the same.
- (h) The biodiversity report can be carried out only in one village because of _____.

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: 12
(2×4)+(1×4)=12

- (1) The virtue of benevolence requires us to abstain from cruelty to animals. Some have maintained that the happiness of animals is not desirable for its own sake, but only as a means to human happiness.

According to this view, the only reason why we should be kind to horses and dogs is that kind treatment makes them serve us better, or that if we are cruel to them, we are likely to learn thereby to be cruel to our fellowmen.

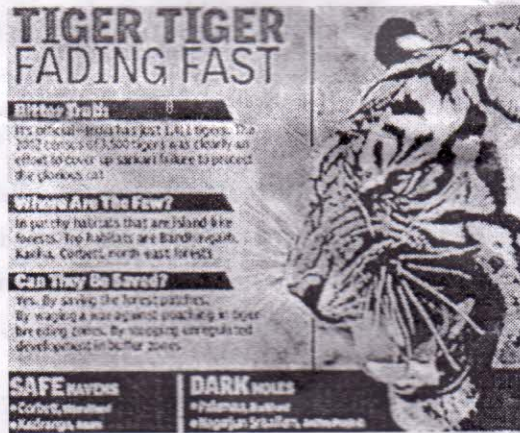
- (2) But most moralists allow that our duty to increase happiness and diminish misery is not limited to the human race, but must be extended to all beings that feel pleasure and pain. Surely it must be quite clear that we are bound to consider the happiness of animals, even in cases where the happiness of human beings is not affected.

- (3) In the case of animals, as in the case of men, it is only justifiable to inflict pain in order to obtain some greater good, which more than compensates for the evil of the pain. This is the justification always urged by the defenders of vivisection. It is argued that surgical experiments upon living animals will lead to such medical discoveries as will alleviate human suffering.
- (4) Therefore, as human beings are of grater account and more susceptible to pain than the lower animals, pain may be inflicted on frogs and dogs in order that new means may be discovered of curing the diseases of men.
- (5) Whether this argument is entirely convincing or not, it is noticeable that in the controversy no defender of vivisection ventures to assert that the pain of the lower animals is not an evil in itself. It is assumed to be an evil whenever attempts are made to justify it by the demonstration of the great results that are to be expected from vivisection.
- (6) In the East, kindness to animals becomes a sixth sense because of religious sanctions. In several eastern religions, injury to animals is taboo, particularly in the Jain religion. Hence animals are treated well and with kindness. In view of this, there is less need in the East to promote societies like the famous Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals so common in the West.

- ✓ (a) What is the main concern of the writer in the passage?
- ✓ (b) "Our duty to increase happiness and diminish misery is not limited to the human race". Comment.
- ✓ (c) Why do the scientists do surgical experiments on living animals?
- ✓ (d) Why do people in the East treat animals with kindness?
- ✓ (e) What is meant by the word 'benevolence'? (para-1)
- (i) kindness (ii) cruelty (iii) indifference (iv) apathy
- ✓ (f) What is meant by the word 'inflict'? (para-3)
- (i) impose (ii) cause (iii) only (i) (iv) both (i) and (ii)
- ✓ (g) What is the antonym of the word 'alleviate'? (para-3)
- (i) remove (ii) reduce (iii) aggravate (iv) ease
- ✓ (h) What is meant by the word 'susceptible'? (para-4)
- (i) vulnerable to (ii) immune (iii) resistant (iv) none of the above

SECTION B
(WRITING & GRAMMAR: 25 Marks)

3. Use the given picture as a clue. Also use ideas from the MCB unit-Environment, and your own ideas and write an article on "Save Tigers" in about 100-120 words. 5



4. Develop a story in about 150-200 words with the following beginning. Also give a suitable title. 10

Whenever John goes to uncle Sam's house, he feels something different. He feels that Neil, uncle Sam's son, has some supernatural powers. Whenever he is around _____.

5. Complete the following passage by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones given below. Write your answers in the answer sheets against the correct blank number. Do not copy the entire passage. 3

Not just words but ideals and goals have inspired men and women as well as societies and nations to intense struggle and sacrifice. It was the same burning spirit (a) _____ fired Indians to fight for their country's independence. Thousands laid down their lives and (b) _____ went to jail in the struggle (c) _____ British rule.

- (a) (i) when (ii) which (iii) was (iv) is
(b) (i) all (ii) many (iii) they (iv) more
(c) (i) for (ii) in (iii) against (iv) with

6. The following paragraph has not been edited. One word is missing from each line. Identify the missing word and write it along with the word before and the word after in your answer sheet. 4

	Word Before	Missing Word	Word After
Cosmetic dentists created	e.g. dentists	have	created
a revolutionary toothpaste makes	(a) _____	_____	_____
use blue-light technology. It	(b) _____	_____	_____
provides gradual whitening regular	(c) _____	_____	_____
use make a dazzling smile	(d) _____	_____	_____

7. Rearrange the given words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. Write the correct sentences in your answer sheet. 3

e.g.: has an/for bamboo/insatiable appetite/the giant pandas

The giant panda has an insatiable appetite for bamboo.

- (a) animal/a/typical/eating/half the/day/keeps
(b) sometimes/eat/pandas/or/birds/rodents/as well
(c) skilled/tree-climbers/they/efficient swimmers/are/and

SECTION C

(LITERATURE & LONG READING TEXT: 25 Marks)

8. "A few weeks ago, worded as if in special tribute to Duke, an order came through from the chemical company's headquarters" therefore to advance our objectives step by step, Charles Hooper is appointed Assistant National Sales Manager." 3

- (i) Where did the order come from and who was promoted?
(ii) Why is the order called a special tribute to Duke?
(iii) What does 'advance our objectives step by step' imply?

OR

'Oh, I kept the first for another day! 3

Yet knowing how way leads on to way,

I doubted if I should ever come back.

- (i) Who does 'I' refer to?
(ii) Which road does the poet choose and why?
(iii) Which word in the above passage means the same as 'to be uncertain'?

Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words:

- 9(i) What does the speaker in 'How I Taught My Grandmother to Read' mean, when she says "My student had passed with flying colours"? Who is the speaker? 2
9(ii) The final stanza in the poem, 'The Road Not Taken' starts 'with a sigh'. Why? 2

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9(iii) Does Sacha Guitry's 'A Villa for Sale' define human behaviour through the character of Gaston? Give reasons. 2

9(iv) Why was Mrs. Al Smith not interested in going over the house? 2

Answer one of the following questions in about 80-100 words

10 Courage and the never-say-die attitude can help a person rise from any adversity. Refer to the lesson 'A Dog named Duke' to justify this statement. 4

OR

The themes of Wordsworth's poetry are generally drawn from the lives of simple, ordinary rural folk living in close proximity to nature. Nature has always been a source of great spiritual bliss and comfort to the poet. How does the poem, 'The Solitary Reaper' appreciate the life of ordinary rural folk? What values do you imbibe from his work? 4

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

11. Blefuscu was no match for Gulliver. Explain briefly how he prevented an attack on Lilliput. (10)

OR

What is your impression of Lord Munodi—the Lord of Lagado. (10)

OR

Discuss the main theme of 'Three Men in a Boat.' 10

OR

There are different ways to look at life. How are the characters involved in the 'cheese incident' portrayed? 10