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SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT - I (2016-17)
ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE
Class - IX

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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 Read the passage given below and answer the questions / complete the statements that follow: (1x8) 8

For several centuries, two towns near the Olympic site, Elis and Pisa fought for the prestige and power of controlling the games. In the fourth century BC, the dispute broke into open warfare, and there was a battle during the pentathlon. But winning meant everything to the ancient Greeks and they only understood success. There were no awards for second and third place in the ancient Olympics. Awards were given only for the first place. The longest race in the early games was only about five kilometres. The race we call the Marathon wasn't created until some 2500 years later. It was part of the programme of the first modern Olympics held in Athens in 1896 and commemorated that ancient run.

The first Olympic marathons from Athens in 1896 to Antwerp in 1920 were run at varying lengths, ranging from 39,996 to 42,750 metres. The men's marathon event was a special race invented as part of the Athletics at the 1896 Summer Olympics programme. It was the shortest race. 21 athletes were entered in the first round, divided into three heats of seven runners, but six of them later withdrew. Michel Bréal originated the idea of a race from the city of Marathon to Athens, taking inspiration from the legend of Pheidippides. The first such marathon race was a Greek national competition that served as a qualifier for the Olympic marathon; the qualifier was won by Kharilaos Vasilakos. The length of the marathon in 1896 was 40 kilometres (25 mi). It wasn't until the 1924 games in Paris that it was decided to adopt the standard distance of 42,195 meters used at the London Games in 1908, the exact distance from the start at Windsor Castle to the White City Stadium.

- Why did the towns of Elis and Pisa resort to war?
- 'Greeks only understood success' means _____.
- Who originated the idea of a race from the city of Marathon to Athens?
- Where was the standard distance for marathon decided?
- In which year was it decided to adopt the standard distance for the run?
- Who won the qualifier for the Olympic marathon?
- 'Commemorate' means _____.
- What was the length of the longest race in the early games?

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

The ego of ownership has made man the cruelest animal in the world. He builds palatial buildings and big cities on the abodes of small creatures like ants and other burrow dwellers. They are all meant to die for his facilities.

Nature made vegetation that is meant for all living beings. But man felt that all the

animals are meant for him. He kills an elephant for its tusks, deer for its horns, a large number of animals for their hide for shoes, decoration and cresses. They take pride in having 'pashmina' shawls or kill musk deer to have musk from his stomach. Man kills a large number of animals for his food. His number is increasing in such a way that he will have no fear, ever of animals, owning the world again.

Man uses monkeys, rabbits, rats, dogs, eats and other small animals for experiments in laboratories. He tortures and kills thousands and thousands of animals to prepare medicines, nail polish, lipstick, etc. The medical world has made its mansions on the blood and torture of these mute creatures whom man thinks his property. He feels that all the creatures on the Earth and even beyond the Earth are meant for him.

If man could somehow eliminate its ego, all the troubles in this world would simply fade away. Humanity is doomed to distinction because of lack of this insight and the incessant desire for short term self-gratification by the never ending greed to own it all. Man's greed and the lust for wealth and power are the motivating factors for systematically destroying the very planet we call our home, and on which we must rely for sustenance and protection. The human race as a whole has learned nothing of any value from the past.

Man justifies his killing of animals by a strange theory. "One living being is the food of another creature." Who will remind him of the doomsday after which the animal world would claim back from man their due right and man may then become 'meant' for animals!

- (a) What has man's ego made him do?
- (b) How does man justify his killing of animals?
- (c) Why does the writer say that human race has learned nothing from its past?
- (d) Why is humanity doomed to distinction?
- (e) What is meant by 'mute'? (Para 3)
- (f) What is meant by 'self-gratification'? (Para 4)
- (g) Find the word opposite in meaning to 'similarity'. (Para 4)
- (h) Find the word opposite in meaning to 'ordinary'. (Para 5)

SECTION B (WRITING & GRAMMAR: 25 Marks)

- 3 You recently visited Shimla and were perturbed to see the deforestation there. The entire hilly area has been changed into a concrete jungle. Using ideas from the unit 'Environment' and your own ideas, write an article in about 100 - 120 words titled 'Save Forest Wealth - Save Earth'. 5
- 4 Amit is a class IX student. His exams are round the corner but he is feeling depressed and disturbed as his brother has been hospitalized. Develop a story in about 150-200 words using the following hints. Also give a suitable title. Disturbed - accident - hospital - could not study - pressure from parents and teachers - guidance by an uncle - relieved - a great stress buster - hard work - started afresh - passed with flying colours. 10
- 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

Birbal was one of the nine gems (a) _____ Akbar's court. He (b) _____ very intelligent. People still enjoy reading (c) _____ stories.

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| (a) | (i) around | (ii) on |
| | (iii) in | (iv) to |
| (b) | (i) has been | (ii) was |
| | (iii) is | (iv) had been |

- (c) (i) their (ii) the
(iii) some (iv) his

6 There is an error in each line. Write the error and the corrections in the answer sheet as given below 4

	Error	Correction
India had been a strange country to foreigners. In its glorious past, it was considered a country with the lot of wealth.	(a) _____	_____
	(b) _____	_____
	(c) _____	_____
	(d) _____	_____

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

e.g. : feathered giant / An albatross / is / a / with the / longest wingspan
An albatross is a feathered giant with the longest wingspan.

- (a) use / they / their wingspan / ocean winds / to ride / the
(b) also / they / float / sea / surface / on / the / of the
(c) other sea birds / they / salt water / drink / as do some

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

8 Read one of the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow. 3

"I have decided I want to learn the Kannada alphabets from tomorrow onwards."

- (i) Identify the speaker of the above line.
(ii) The speaker decides to learn Kannada from the next day. What do you learn about her character?
(iii) Write the part of speech of 'onwards'.

OR

*And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!*

- (i) What does 'both' in the above lines refer to?
(ii) What do you mean by 'In leaves no step had trodden black'?
(iii) What does the poet keep for another day?

Answer the following questions in about 30 - 40 words:

9a Which virtues of Chuck helped him in making a comeback to life? 2

9b At Juliette's house Gaston acquires two things by taking advantage of the situation. Which are the two things he gets? 2

9c 'The tempest gathered o'er her'-Explain with reference to the poem 'Lord Ullin's Daughter' 2

9d To whom does Wordsworth compare the solitary reaper? 2

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

10 Both Jeanne and Juliette were duped by Gaston in the play *Villa for Sale*. How could this have been prevented? Describe the values Gaston should have possessed, that would have shown him in a positive light. 4

OR

Often we match our life with natural things, and sometimes we find them to be too close to our emotions. Taking ideas from the poem, 'The Brook', write a paragraph on the topic, 'Nature appears to be a symbol of life'. 4

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

11 Two of the king's officers searched Gulliver's pockets. Give a brief account of their inventory in about 150 - 200 words. 10

OR

What is Swift's opinion of the Lilliputians in 'Gulliver's Travels'? 10

OR

Jerome is not comfortable about weather forecasts and is extremely critical of them. What accounts for his poor opinion of weather forecasts? 10

OR

What do you think of Harris comments on George's work? Do you think he was right? 10

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