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

Maximum Marks: 70

Time: 3 hours

Instructions :

The question paper is divided into Three sections.

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| 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 answer the questions/complete the statements that follow : (1x8) 8

The Olive Ridley turtle has a circumtropical distribution, living in tropical and warm waters of the Pacific and Indian Oceans from India, Arabia, Japan, and Micronesia south to southern Africa, Australia, and New Zealand. In the Atlantic Ocean, it has been observed off the western coast of Africa and the coasts of northern Brazil, Suriname, Guyana, French Guiana, and Venezuela. Historically, this species has been widely regarded as the most abundant sea turtle in the world. More than one million Olive Ridleys were commercially harvested off the coasts of Mexico in 1968 alone.

The Chennai Seacoast is a breeding ground for the endangered Olive Ridley turtles. (The 'Turtle walk' is an initiative aimed at educating the fishing community and the general public living near the beach on the need to protect Oliver Ridley turtle and its turtle nests.)

During the night, under normal conditions, the sea is a brighter source of light than the land. (But now with urbanization and night time lighting, the shore is brighter than the sea at night. This distracts the Olive Ridley turtles that come ashore to lay eggs. Even the hatchlings get distracted. Instead of going in the direction of the sea, the hatchlings and adults stray towards human habitations.)

The volunteers, during their walk, begin their enthusiastic search for turtles and their egg-laden nests. Some may be lucky enough to witness at close quarters, a large. Turtles come ashore, dig their nests in the sand, lay eggs, over the nest, and then walk back into the sea. The volunteers trace many such nests and dig out the turtle eggs. While newborns are prone to attack by crows and dogs, adult turtles face the threat of being run over by vehicles. Eggs are collected and carried back to the hatchery where they would be kept safely for hatching, and once hatched, they are released into the sea. They also rescue love baby turtles, which could have been hatched from one of the undiscovered nests, and had strayed away on account of the distracting lights on the shore. They carry them to the sea, and let them free in the water.

- (a) The Olive Ridley turtle is an _____ species.
- (b) Where do the Olive Ridley breed in India?
- (c) What is The Turtle Walk?
- (d) Why do the adult turtles and hatchlings go towards human habitation?
- (e) The word, "enthusiastic" means _____.

- (f) What is the danger to the newborns?
 (g) After rescuing love baby turtles, what is done to them?
 (h) Find a word from the passage which means "disturbing".

2 Read the passage given below carefully.

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- (1) Drug abuse is a great social evil. It is a serious problem in modern society. It is harmful for the family and society also. Drug abuse is a global problem. Drug abuse refers to taking drugs—mostly intoxicants—for other than medical reasons.)
 (2) Drug abuse means illicit consuming of any naturally occurring or pharmaceutical substance to bring about a change in their existing situation. They ignore the physical mental damage that causes the drug abuse. Drug abuse causes many health problems. It includes weakness, loss of body weight and respiratory disorders. One of the most important effects of drug abuse is impaired judgment and lack of rational thinking. (A drug addict develops certain psychological problems such as anxiety, depression, irritability and personality problems.)
 (3) People start taking drugs for several reasons. Some take it out of curiosity and recreation or to cope with stress. Those who start taking drugs are either unemployed or frustrated due to some social or family problem. Once started as a recreation, it turns out to be a dependency. An addict finds it difficult to live without drugs. At this stage, even if he tries to give up his habits, he is helpless. Lack of drug causes severe withdrawal symptoms, which disappear when the drug is taken again.
 (4) According to National Survey, hardly a third of drug dependents reported having taken treatment. In the findings of other agency it was found as low as two percent. It is largely because people do not see drug abuse as a medical problem. Besides, lack of rehabilitation and access to treatment facilities are various other causes for not seeking treatment.
 (5) There are various agencies working to eradicate this social evil. But they do not work sincerely towards this. They need to be sensitive towards this problem. Besides other non-government organisations, media should come forward to create awareness in masses against this evil. An addict needs care and affection. Our society should change its attitude. He should be provided with all the support and care. He should be properly rehabilitated. Moral education should be made a part of our curriculum. Society should be made aware from the early stage. We can eradicate this evil.)

(1) Answer the following questions briefly. (2x4)

- (a) What do you mean by 'drug abuse'?
 (b) How does drug addiction affect a person?
 (c) Why do people start taking drugs?
 (d) How can we eradicate this evil of drug addiction?

(2) Answer the following. (1x4)

- (a) Find a word in Para 2 which means the same as 'illegal'.
 (b) Which word in Para 2 means the same as 'defective'?
 (c) Which word in Para 5 is the opposite of 'continue'?
 (d) Find a word in Para 4 which means the same as 'reformation'.

SECTION B (WRITING & GRAMMAR: 25 Marks)

3 Your mother usually cleans up your room when you are at school. While cleaning it up, she keeps your things at places where it is difficult for you to locate them. This frequently results in an argument. Express your feelings in your diary in about 100 - 120 words.

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You were fast asleep. Funny sounds came from all sides. You discovered yourself amidst all cartoon characters. Narrate what follows in about 150-200 words.

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

At first Tinmay appeared to be quite afraid of the puppy and (a) _____ back if it came too near. He would run and touch it (b) _____ his large forepaws, and (c) _____ retreat to a safe distance. Finally, he allowed the puppy to crawl on his back and rest there.

- (a) (i) run (ii) ran (iii) running (iv) runs
 (b) (i) by (ii) with (iii) from (iv) of
 (c) (i) than (ii) then (iii) go (iv) make

The following passage has not been edited. One word is missing from each line. Identify the missing word and write it in your answer sheet along with the word that comes before and after it. Remember to underline the missing word. The first one has been done as an example for you. 4

| | Word Before | Missing Word | Word After |
|--|-------------|--------------|------------|
| While making popcorn, cover bottom | eg. cover | <u>the</u> | bottom |
| of the pan cooking oil. Put | (a) _____ | _____ | _____ |
| the burner, on ^{the} gas stove | (b) _____ | _____ | _____ |
| and turn flame to high. Gas stoves | _____ | (c) _____ | _____ |
| heat more ^{and} quickly evenly. | (d) _____ | _____ | _____ |

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

e.g. : Australian bird / Emu / is / an / being farmed / in India / now
 Emu is an Australian bird and now being farmed in India.

- (a) they / resistant / are / very / to / diseases
 (b) oil / the / produced / them / by / is / medicated
 (c) has / it / zero / cholesterol / is prescribed / American doctors / and / by

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

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

"I am touching the feet of a teacher, not my granddaughter." 3

- (i) Who is 'I' in the above lines?
 (ii) Why does the speaker say so?
 (iii) Explain the meaning, 'I am touching the feet of a teacher, not my granddaughter'?

OR

I shall be telling this with a sigh 3

*Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I -
I took the one less travelled by,
And that has made all the difference.*

- (i) What would be the nature of the sigh that the poet expects while telling his story ages and ages hence ?
(ii) The poet finally took the second road. What difference did it make in his life ?
(iii) Write the synonym of 'diverged'.

Answer the following questions in about 30 - 40 words:

- 9a ✓ What problems did Chuck face when he returned to the company headquarters ? 2
9b ✓ Why does Jeanne want to buy a villa ? 2
9c ✓ Describe the boatman in the poem 'Lord Ullin's Daughter'. 2
9d ✓ Who are the 'weary bands of travellers' ? How do they respond to the 'notes of the nightingale' ? 2

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

- 10 ✓ 'An opportunist and manipulative person gives much importance to his personal gains, regardless of what others feel.' Comment with reference to 'A Villa for Sale' 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 ✓ Why was Gulliver afraid to be seen near the Blefuscu side of the coast ? 10

OR

The little nurse Glumdalclitch was Gulliver's saviour. Sketch her character in about 150 - 200 words. 10

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✓ The narrator has compared 'life to a boat'. Explain Jerome's remark with reference to the novel. 10

OR

What do you know about J's 'dress sense' ? Why is he critical of his friends' taste in clothes ? 10

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