

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

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 statement that follow : (1x8) 8

(Health insecurity is at an all-time high.) In a time when thousands of people lose their health insurance every day, when health care is becoming elusive to even well-to-do Americans, and when any person is just one pink slip away from becoming uninsured, it becomes clear that health care for all is not just important to achieve, but imperative. At its root, the lack of health care for all in America is fundamentally a moral issue. (The United States is the only industrialized nation that does not have some form of universal health care (defined as a basic guarantee of health care to all of its citizens).)

While other countries have declared health care to be a basic right, (the United States treats health care as a privilege, only available to those who can afford it.) In this sense, health care in America is treated as an economic good like a TV or VCR, not as social or public good. Although it can be very complex and frustrating at times, it has come a long way from the health care organizations of yesterday. Previously, most health care facilities were a place where the sick were housed and cared for until death. Physicians rarely practised in hospitals and only those who were fortunate could afford proper care at home or in private clinics. Today the level of health care has excelled tremendously: presently the goal of the health care is to have a continuum of care for the patient, one which is integrated at all levels. Many hospitals offer a referral service or discharge plan to patients who are being discharged. Plans for the patient are discussed with a discharge planner. (The discharge planner is a person who is trained in assessing what the patient's requirements for health care will be after discharge from the hospital.)

- (a) Why do Americans feel insecure with regard to health care?  
 (b) How is The United States different from other advanced countries in terms of health care as a basic right?  
 (c) Why does America consider health care as a privilege?  
 (d) What is today the level of health care in America?  
 (e) What is presently the goal of health care in the USA?  
 (f) What is a discharge plan?  
 (g) Supply a suitable title for the passage.  
 (h) The word 'assessing' means \_\_\_\_\_.

- 2 Read the passage given below carefully : 12

1. During my growing up years, my siblings and I were taught – both at home and school - to worship the photos and idols of the deities of our respective religions.

When we grew a little older, we were introduced to scriptures like the *Bhagwad Gita*, *Bible* and *Quran*; we were told that there are lot of life lessons to be learnt from these holy books. We were then introduced to mythological stories, through which we learnt about ethics and morality. I learnt also to be respectful towards my parents who made my life comfortable with their love and sacrifice, and my teachers who guided me to become a good student and responsible citizen.

2. Much later in life, I realised that though we learn much from our respective scriptures, there is a lot to learn from much from our surrounding. This realisation dawned upon me when I learnt to enquire and explore. Everything around us — sun, moon, stars, rain, rivers, stones, rocks, birds, plants and animals — teach us many valuable life lessons.

3. No wonder that besides the scriptures, in many cultures, nature is also worshipped. The message that is transmitted is that of maintaining environment and ecological balance. People are taught to live in harmony with nature and recognise that divinity is there everywhere.

4. Nature is great teacher. A river never stops flowing. If it finds an obstruction in the form of a heavy rock, the river water fights to remove it from its path or finds an alternative path to move ahead. This teaches us not only to be nurturing but also to be progressive in life; keeping the fighting spirit alive.

5. We learn a lot in nature's lap but are unwilling to comprehend it. Rather than being considerate to our surrounding and environment, we are being senselessly insensitive. Overcome with greed, [we are destroying nature, the extent of which is profound that we are frequently facing natural disasters like drought, flood and landslides. We refuse to accept that nature is angry with us.] We forget that if the dam of patience bursts, the result is destruction.

6. However, it is never too late to learn. if we imbibe the life-giving and nurturing aspects of Mother Nature, the quality of our life will improve dramatically.

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

- (a) What do the mythological stories teach us?
- (b) What is the message given by the writer about nature?
- (c) What lesson of life do we learn from rivers?
- (d) What are the causes of frequent natural disasters?

(2) Answer the following questions : (1x4)

- (a) Find a word in Para 1 which means the same as 'gods'.
- (b) Which word in Para 2 means the same as 'examine'?
- (c) Find a word in Para 3 which is the antonym of 'received'.
- (d) Find a word in Para 6 which means the same as 'assimilate'.

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

3 Imagine you have been selected as a member of the Football Team of India. You had always wanted to be included in this for a long time and wanted to work with the Indian Football Team captain. You are in the seventh heaven. Write a diary entry in about 100 - 120 words about your feelings at this moment. 5

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

Class X Board results were out. The students were very excited. There was a lot of hustle and bustle in the school building but Sudhir was sitting alone on the desk. His classmate Namrata

- 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

Once my eyes got used to the dim, I gazed (a) \_\_\_\_\_, hoping to see shimmering rocks littering the floor, (b) \_\_\_\_\_ dust was all I saw. Frank walked past me to where the walls narrowed, and then disappeared around (c) \_\_\_\_\_ curve.

- (a) (i) around (ii) through  
(iii) by (iv) at  
(b) (i) as (ii) but  
(iii) since (iv) for  
(c) (i) some (ii) one  
(iii) an (iv) the

- 6 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

Ulhas Mandlik, 35, is power-loom owner Maharashtra. He and his mother going home one evening when rain forced them take shelter beneath a bridge little distance away

eg, is	<u>a</u>	power-loom
(a) _____	_____	_____
(b) _____	_____	_____
(c) _____	_____	_____
(d) _____	_____	_____

7 Sentence Transformation 3

Read the dialogue given below and complete the paragraph.

Tom: What are you doing there Jerry?

Jerry: I'm writing a letter to my friend.

Tom: How long will it take you to finish it?

Jerry: I may finish it in ten minutes.

Tom asked Jerry what \_\_\_\_\_(a)\_\_\_\_\_. Jerry answered that he was writing a letter to his friend. \_\_\_\_\_ Tom wanted to know how long \_\_\_\_\_(b)\_\_\_\_\_ to finish it. Jerry said that \_\_\_\_\_(c)\_\_\_\_\_ it in ten minutes.

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

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

- 8 "She nodded but did not reply. I did not understand and forgot about it. In the night, after dinner, we were sleeping in the open terrace of the house." 3

- (i) Who are 'she' and 'I' in the above extract?  
(ii) What did 'I' not understand?  
(iii) Which word in the above passage means the same as deck?

OR

Then took the other, as just as fair,  
And having perhaps the better claim  
Because it was grassy and wanted wear,

- (i) How was the second road different from the first?  
(ii) "And took the other, as just as fair, and having perhaps the better claim." What is the 'better claim' ?  
(iii) Identify the poetic device in the above extract.

Answer the following questions in about 30 - 40 words:

- 9a Which incident reveals that Marcy's attitude towards Duke had undergone a change? 2

- 9b Why is Gaston not interested in buying the villa in the beginning? 2
- 9c Why does Lord Ullin's wrath change into wailing on seeing his daughter? 2
- 9d "Stop here, or gently pass". Why does the poet in 'The Solitary Reaper', ask the passers by to stop or gently pass? 2

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

- 10 Today we live in a world full of cut-throat competition. In this world, only those who are smart and resourceful can survive. In the play 'Villa for Sale', the character of Gaston may be labelled as someone who is very cunning but a good businessman. Based on Gaston's character sketch, write a paragraph on the topic 'Business should not be all about exploiting opportunities' highlighting the values of honesty and fairness. 4

**OR**

- 10 'Obstacles and hurdles are part and parcel of life'. The Brook teaches us never to give up under any circumstances. Express your views in 80 -100 words on the given statement. 4

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

- 11 What were the conditions imposed on Gulliver by the king of Lilliput for setting him free? Describe in about 150 - 200 words. 10

**OR**

- The farmer in Brobdingnag is both a saviour and exploiter of Gulliver. Elaborate. 10

**OR**

- 11 'George and Cheese' enjoyed the whole compartment to themselves in each other's company in spite of the great crowd. How was it possible? 10

**OR**

- The narrator believed that George and Harris were the worst packers in this world. Justify the given statement. 10

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