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SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT 1 (2016-17)
ENGLISH
CLASS IX

Time Allowed : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 70

General Instructions:

1. The question paper is divided into three sections:

Section A — Reading (20 marks)

Section B — Writing and Grammar (25 marks)

Section C — Literature (25 marks)

[Textbook and Long Reading Text]

2. All questions are compulsory.

3. Marks are indicated against each question.

SECTION A — READING

(20 Marks)

1. Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow :

(8 marks)

Computers are capable of doing extremely complicated work in all branches of learning. They can solve the most complex mathematical problems or put thousand unrelated data in order. These machines can be put to varied uses. For instance, they can provide information on the best way to prevent traffic accidents. They work accurately and at high speed. They save research worker's years of hard work. This whole process by which machines can be used to work for us has been called 'Automation'. In future, automation may enable human beings or enjoy more leisure than they do today. The coming of automation is bound to have important social consequences.

Some years ago, an expert on automation, Sir Leon Bagrit pointed out that it was a mistake to believe that these machines could think. There is no possibility that human beings will be controlled by machines. Though computers are capable of learning from their mistakes and improving on their performances they need detailed instructions from human beings to be able to operate. They can never lead independent lives or rule the world by taking decisions of their own.

Sir Leon said that, in future, computers would be developed which would be small enough to be carried in one's pocket. Ordinary people would then be able to use them to obtain valuable information. Computers could be plugged into a wireless network and can be used like radios. For instance, people going on holiday, could be informed about weather conditions. Car drivers can be given an alternative route, when there is a traffic jam. It will also be possible to make tiny translating machines. This will enable people who donot share a common language to talk to each other without any difficulty or to read foreign publications.

It is impossible to assess the importance of a machine of this sort, for many international misunderstandings are caused simply due to our failure to understand each other. Computers will also be used in ordinary public hospitals. By providing a machine with a patient's systems a doctor will be able to diagnose the nature of his illness. Similarly, machines could be used to keep a check on a patient's health record and bring it up to date. Doctors will therefore have immediate access to great many facts which will help them in their work. Book-keepers and Accountants too could be relieved of dull clerical work. For the tedious task of compiling and checking lists of figures could be done entirely by machines. Computers are the most efficient servant man has ever had, and there is no limit to the way they can be used to improve our lives.

QUESTIONS :

1. What is meant by automation ?
2. How would it be possible for computer to work like radios ?
3. In which one quality human beings supersede computers ?
4. How can one benefit by having tiny translation machines ?
5. How can computer be useful in hospitals ?
6. Computers can relieve accountants of dull clerical work . How ?
7. Which word from the passage means 'to detect the disease' ?
8. Give the meaning of the word 'tedious'.

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

(12 marks)

Once upon a time, a Russian nobleman and his wife were going to a distant city in a carriage drawn by four horses. Their way led them through a wood. When they had travelled for a few miles, they were attacked by a pack of wolves. Their servant on seeing the wolves came nearer, begged his master to let him abandon one of the horses. The nobleman consented and one of the horses was sacrificed to the wolves.

The wolves seized the horse and soon tore it into pieces and devoured it. But this did not stop their pursuit of the carriage. They had gone a short distance when the wolves were upon

them again. Having tasted blood, they had, in fact, become more vicious. Again another horse was sacrificed, and again they made their way in safety for a short distance.

But no sooner had the wolves devoured the second horse, then they came rushing from all sides, more vicious and fierce than ever. The servant realized that their situation now was very desperate and demanded some solution. He said, "Please Master, there is no other way to safety than for me to give myself up to these ferocious wolves. While they are following me, you will get enough time to escape. All I ask is that you act as a caretaker to my family and children when I am gone."

The nobleman refused to let his faithful servant sacrifice himself thus, but the servant was firm in his decision. Before his master could stop him, he jumped off the moving carriage and began to run towards the trees. The wolves seeing the fleeing man gave up their pursuit and fell upon their new prey. The carriage with the nobleman and his wife made its way safely to the city.

QUESTIONS :

A. On the basis of your reading of the passage answer the questions below :

1. What was the suggestion given by the servant on seeing the wolves ?
2. What was the desperate situation that the couple and their servant faced ?
3. How did the servant prove his loyalty ?
4. Do you agree that the master was truly noble ? Why ?

B. Find the antonyms from the passage for :

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| (a) mild (para 3) | (b) hopeful (para 3) |
| (c) to eat greedily (para 2) | (d) an act of pursuing (para 4) |

SECTION B- WRITING AND GRAMMAR (25 marks)

3. Environmental awareness is a global issue, be it the greenhouse effect or global warming, all are caused due to human activities, ultimately resulting in the overall climate change that is drastically affecting our environment. We are depending on the resources of Mother Nature for our daily needs. This has led to uncontrolled depletion and even destruction of many of these resources. It is urgent in the 21st century, that we all become vigilant and responsible citizens for the effective conservation of earth's natural resources.

Recently a massive forest fire erupted in hilly areas of our country. This has resulted in massive destruction of valuable plant and animal life. Write an article for your school magazine in about 120 words on "Let's protect our natural heritage" stressing on the need to conserve our environment. (5 marks)

OR

On your way to school today you saw a girl of your age working as a maid .She was shabbily dressed up and looked malnourished. Barefooted the girl was rushing to the market not caring about her feet getting hurt. The sight was very disturbing.

Write a diary entry in about 120 words expressing your views on child labour in our country.

(5 marks)

4. Neeta started writing a story but was unable to complete it. Develop an interesting story in about 150-200 words taking help from the input given below . Also give it a suitable title.

Jithu, Kartik and Anand were young boys from Kerela. One day they were going to the river to fetch water when ...

HINTS :

wanted to explore forest — lost the way — night set in — cries of animals — heard "thump thump" sound — a large elephant — more elephants joined — came closer — presence of mind — beat the pots to make loud noise — elephants turned away — life saved

(10 marks)

5. Complete the given paragraph by filling in the blanks. Choose the correct word from the options given below : (3 marks)

Every mistake is a (a) ——— in disguise. Children (b) ——— many mistakes while learning how to (c) ——— a bike or read and write. We don't give (d) ———

a second thought because we know that through (e) ——— mistakes they will learn and eventually master what they are trying to (f) ———.

(a) 1. blessed 2. blesses 3. bless 4. blessing

(b) 1. make 2. made 3. makes 4. had made

(c) 1. rode 2. ride 3. rides 4. ridden

(d) 1. into 2. in 3. on 4. it

(e) 1. them 2. their 3. there 4. there's

(f) 1. did 2. do 3. doing 4. done

6. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction against the correct blank number in your answer sheet. The first one is done as an example. (4 marks)

	INCORRECT	CORRECT
Folk tales offer lots of advice.	eg. lots	lot
Much of them deliver the message	(a)	
quite clarity. There is a story about	(b)	
Birbal not being allowed to attending	(c)	
the King's lunch. The reasons was	(d)	
which he was late and missed the	(e)	
prayer session ago the lunch. Birbal	(f)	
was punished inspite of his positioning	(g)	
he enjoyed in the King's court.	(h)	

7. Rearrange the following words / phrases to make meaningful sentences :

(a) one of the / Saudi Arabia / largest / petroleum / is / world / producers / in / the / of (3 marks)

(b) Saudi Arabia / lifestyle / the / discovery / has changed / of / petroleum / of the people / the / in

(c) petroleum / world / all over / in great / is / demand / the

SECTION C

LITERATURE TEXTBOOK & LONG READING TEXT

25 marks

8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

(3 marks)

I felt so very dependent and helpless. We are well-off, but what use is money when i cannot be independent ?

Questions

(a) Who is the speaker of these lines ?

(b) Why did she feel very dependent and helpless ?

(c) What does the phrase 'well-off' mean here ?

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Read the given extract and answer the questions that follow:

(3 marks)

For the first week, I was annoyed every time I passed that "Villa for sale" sign. The neighbours seemed to look at me in such a strange kind of way that I began to think the whole thing was going to be much more of a sell than a sale.

Questions

(a) Who is the speaker of the above lines ?

(b) What does the 'whole thing' refer to here ?

(c) Pick out the word from the extract which is the antonym of 'pleased' .

9. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each.

(2x4=8marks)

(a) What significant role did Duke play in Chuck Hooper's life which made him an extraordinary dog ?

(b) How is the journey of the brook similar to human life ?

(c) Why was the poet fascinated by the solitary reaper's song ?

(d) In spite of bad weather and stormy sea , the boatman agrees to ferry the couple across the sea. What does this show about his character ?

VALUE BASED QUESTION (80-100 words)

10. 'The choices we make has far-reaching consequences .' Taking ideas from Robert Frost's poem 'The road not taken' , write a paragraph explaining why are the choices that we make in life important and should be done with lot of thought and care?

(4 marks)

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As a result of a terrible accident, Chuck Hooper was crippled and left

bed-ridden. With reference to the story 'A dog named Duke' write a paragraph on the topic "Where there is a will, there's a way."

(4 marks)

NOVEL - LONG READING TEXT (GULLIVER'S TRAVELS)

(150 - 200 words)

(10 marks)

11. Write a brief character sketch of the emperor of Lilliput.

OR

Give a brief description of the country Brobdingnag and its inhabitants.

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