

SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT – I (2015-16)
ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE
Class - X

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)

Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :1x8=8

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Popcorn, also known as popping corn, is a special variety of corn. Each kernel contains a tiny drop of water. When it is heated, the water expands causing the kernel to explode and flip inside out. Most US popcorn is grown in Nebraska and Indiana, and increasingly in Texas.

- ① Native Americans first discovered popcorn thousands of years ago in Guatemala or Mexico. It was popped in China during the Song Dynasty (960-279) as well as in Sumatra and India long before Columbus reached the Americas.

In 1519 when he invaded Mexico, Spanish Conquistador Hernando Cortes first saw popcorn when he met the Aztecs. Popcorn was important to the Aztecs as food, as decoration for ceremonial headdresses and necklaces, and as ornaments on statues of their gods. Around 1612, French explorers around the Great Lakes met Iroquois who used heated sand in a pottery vessel to make popcorn. There is an unproven theory that an Indian named Quadequina brought a deerskin bag of popped corn for first Thanksgiving feast on October 15, 162(a). In 1948 and 1950, anthropologist Herbert Dick and botanist Earle Smith discovered ears of popcorn in the Bat Cave of west central New Mexico. The ears measured from smaller than a penny to about 2 inches. They were determined to be about 5,600 years old. Colonial housewives served popcorn with sugar and cream for breakfast. Some colonists used a cylinder of thin sheet-iron that revolved on an axle in front of the fireplace to make popped corn.

In 1885, Charles Cretors of Chicago, Illinois, invented the first popcorn machine. Street vendors were soon pushing steam or gas-powered poppers through fairs, parks, and public exhibitions.

Today much of the popcorn you buy at movies and fairs is popped in machines manufactured by the Cretors family.

Americans eat more than 17 billion quarts of popcorn a year, an average of 60 quarts per person per year. As the result of an elementary school project, popcorn became the official state snack food of Illinois. January 19 is National Popcorn Day, and October is National Popcorn Month.

- ✓(a) Where are the most popcorns grown?
 ✓(b) Who discovered popcorn?

- ✓(c) When is National Popcorn Day celebrated?
- ✓(d) When did Hernando Cortes first see popcorn?
- ✓(e) With what did colonial housewives serve popcorn for breakfast?
- ✓(f) Who invented first popcorn machine?
- ✓(g) Which is the National Popcorn month?
- (h) Find a word from the passage which means 'of indigenous origin or growth.'

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

Which is better, veg or non - veg ? A lot of people take immense pride in being vegetarians. The idea behind vegetarianism is that of ahimsa, non - violence or compassion towards all. So when you order your veggie Mac with Coke, veggie delight pizza with Pepsi, puri, bhaji, shrikhand, chole batura, dal bhata, jalebi, churma, rasgulla etc, is there no himsa there ? You are killing your own stomach. Too much food is a form of cruelty too; you are being cruel to your own stomach.

Maybe you cringe at the sight of chickens packed in stuffy carriers and goats on carts, and can't generally stand the idea of a chicken or a non - veg dish on the same table as yours; or despise people who eat non - veg. But are you being truly compassionate ? Or is your compassion reserved only for animals ?

Vegetarians need to understand that being a vegetarian is about practising non - violence and compassion towards all, including yourself. Ahimsa is a much deeper philosophy, and not as superficial as ordering eggless pastry, or disallowing non - veg restaurants in your neighbourhood or forcing all restaurants in the neighbourhood to serve only veg food. And like everything else this ahimsa has to start with being kind or compassionate towards yourself. If we continue to load our stomachs then all benefits of vegetarianism are lost. A stuffed stomach is in a much more pitiful condition than the chicken in the stuffy carriers going over speed breakers.

On the other hand there are non-vegetarians who can't stop pitying the poor vegetarians. They argue that vegetarians are deprived of meat which is so rich in proteins and great in taste. Our body's ability to digest and absorb proteins depends on our state of mind, time of the day and most importantly on how full we are feeling. So if you have eaten a lot of your favourite chicken dish, thinking it's all protein so it won't convert to fat, you are just being hopelessly optimistic.

Veg or non - veg, whatever you choose to eat, be kind to yourself and your stomach and eat only a little at one time. Remember the golden rule, just fill half your stomach at one time. With this you will be practising ahimsa even while consuming non - veg food.

2.1 On the basis of your understanding of the above passage answer the questions that follow : (2x4)

- (a) Why do lot of people take pride in being vegetarians ?
- (b) According to the writer, "Too much food is a form of cruelty too." How ?
- (c) Why do non - vegetarians pity vegetarians ?
- (d) What golden rule must be followed while eating food ?

2.2 Answer the following questions by selecting the correct options : (1x4)

- (a) What is meant by the word, 'compassion' ? (Para 1)

- (i) cruelty (ii) indifference
 (iii) care (iv) passion
- (b) What is meant by the word, 'cringe' ? (Para 2)
 ✓(i) Shudder (ii) confidence
 (iii) shout (iv) hate
- (c) What is the antonym of the word, 'superficial' ? (Para 3)
 ✓(i) genuine (ii) thoughtless
 (iii) casual (iv) artificial
- (d) What is the antonym of the word, 'optimistic' ? (Para 4)
 (i) vivacious (ii) light hearted
 (iii) depressed (iv) pessimistic

SECTION B
(WRITING & GRAMMAR: 25 Marks)

- 3 Mobile phones, video games, internet and play station have replaced the conventional outdoor games that children used to play. Do you agree? Write an article in about 100-120 words, expressing your agreement or disagreement with the same. 5
- 4 "That day I can never forget..... my father came home with a baby monkey ..." Complete this story in about 150-200 words. 10
- 5 Read the paragraph given below. Fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate words / phrases from the given options. 3
 Albert Einstein was born in the nineteenth century (a) to poor parents. He started out with (b) no means whatsoever, living in destitution and misery. But, from the very outset, he was an ambitious person (c) and was blessed with a very special sagacity - the determination to pursue his goal to the very end.

	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)
(a)	of	to ✓	for	as
(b)	no ✓	some	any	all
(c)	but	that ✓	and	which

- 6 The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each marked line. Write the error and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. The first one has been done as an example. 4

	Error	Correction
In my mind I can picture the stream now-the crystal cleared	e.g. cleared	clear
water washing over the pebbles, the grain of soil underneath, (a) _____	(b) _____	(c) _____
silk and slow moving. I can see life in the water		
and in the plants in the banks		

experiences

as the current water ^{slides} slides around it.

(d) _____

7 Rearrange the following words/phrases to make meaningful sentences. 3

- (a) vast space/a multitude of /about/is wandering/stars/in the-
(b) majority/a few/a few/form groups/but the /solitary/of them
(c) a / they/universe/travel/very/through/ spacious

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

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

- 8 *The old man, shivering at times but fixed of purpose, plodded on till he came out of the town gate on to a straight road. Along this he now went at a somewhat slower pace, supporting himself on his old staff.* 3
- (a) Who was the old man and why was he shivering?
(b) Where was he going so early?
(c) What does the phrase, 'plodded on' mean?

OR

"I felt I was a burden to you, so I found someone who'd think it a pleasure to look after me." 3

- (a) Who is the speaker?
(b) Why did he conclude that he was a burden?
(c) What does the phrase 'to look after' mean?

Dear Departed

Answer the following questions in about 30 - 40 words.

- 9(i) What motivated Mrs. Packletide to deviate towards the foot steps of Nimrod? 2
- ✓ 9(ii) How did the nightingale admire the frog? 2
- 9(iii) What are the three things that the grandfather planned to do on Monday? 2
- ✓ 9(iv) Why did the frog call the nightingale a 'brainless bird'? 2

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

- 10 'I knew they would prefer to feel that they had safely kept their secret'. The boys placed their 4

trust in the narrator when they accepted his offer of driving them to Poleta, yet the narrator finds out their secret. Keeping this in view, write an article on the topic, 'Trust once reposed must be kept'. (Two Gentlemen of Verona).

OR

The poem 'Not Marble, not the Gilded monuments' brings out the affection and admiration of the poet for his friend. Elaborate. 4

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

11 Apart from her father, why couldn't Anne have comfortable relationship with any one? 10

OR

How was Anne's relationship with her mother and father different? 10

OR

Bring out the significance of the role played by Anne Sullivan in Helen Keller's life. 10

OR

Describe Miss Sarah Fuller, Principal of the Horace Maun School, as a result oriented language teacher. 10

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