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SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT – II (2015-2016)
ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE
Class - X

Time: 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 70

Instructions :

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

SECTION A : READING (Reading : 20 Marks)

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

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La Tomatina is a festival that is held in the Valencian town of Bunol, a town located 30 kms from the Mediterranean, the participants throw tomatoes and get involved in this tomato fight purely for fun. *La Tomatina* started on the last Wednesday of August in 1945 when some young people spent time in the town square to attend the Giants and Big-Heads figures parade. The young boys decided to have a place among the retinue of a parade with musicianso, Giants and Big-Heads figures. The energy of these young people made that one participant fell off. The participant flew into a fit of rage, started to hit everything in his path. There was a market stall of vegetables that fell victim to the furious crowd : people started to pelt each other with tomatoes until the local forces ended that vegetable battle. Another important landmark in the history of this festival is the year 1975. From this year onwards, "San Luis Bertran, the patron of the town of Bunol organised the whole festival and brought in tomatoes which had previously been brought by the local people. Soon after this, in 1980, the town hall took the responsibility of organizing the festival.

At around 10.a.m., festivities begin with the first event of the *Tomatina*. It is the "palo jabon". The goal is to climb a greased pole with a piece of meat on top. Once someone is able to drop the piece of meat off the pole, the start signal for the tomato fight is given by firing the water shot in the air and trucks make their entry. Several trucks throw tomatoes in abundance in the Plaza del Pueblo. For the participants the use of goggles and gloves is recommended. The tomatoes must be crushed before being thrown so as to reduce the risk of injury. The whole town square is colored red and rivers of tomato juice flow freely. Fire trucks hose down the streets and participants use hoses that locals provide to remove the tomato paste from their bodies.

- Where is the festival celebrated ?
- How is it celebrated ?
- How did this festival start ?
- What is an important landmark in the history of this festival ?
- What do you mean by palo jabon ?
- What happens once someone is able to drop the piece of meat off the pole ?
- What are the rules laid down for this game ?
- How are the streets cleaned after the game is finished ?

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Read the following passage and answer the questions given below :

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Cataract is a medical condition that affects the eye. A cloudy layer grows over the lease of the eye, causing blurred vision. The progressive capacity of the eye lens can lead to gradual loss of sight. So in short, *Cataract* is *opacity* in the lens of the eye. The normal lens allows light to reach the retina. When it becomes *opaque* and does not allow light to reach the retina, we are unable to see clearly. Today, modern medical *advances* have made *cataract surgery* very successful. New surgical techniques and *intraocular lenses* can restore *excellent vision* in 97 percent of all cases. In the 1960s, Dr. Charles Kelman from the U.S. started a technique called Phacoemulsification in which cataract was removed through *minute incision*. Then in 1998, Dr. Amar Agarwal from India started a technique called Phakonit in which cataracts were removed through a 3 mm opening. In 2001, a special lens was made which went through a small opening of one to 1.5 mm. This was called the Rollable Intraocular Lens.

The causes for cataract formation are not fully known. It is basically an aging phenomenon. Next to old age are other factors like *deficiency* of food like proteins and vitamins, some *toxic drugs*, general diseases like *diabetes*, *infections* and injuries. To delay the *onset* of cataract, one should take *nourishing* diet rich in proteins and vitamins, food such as liver, eggs, milk products, carrots, cabbages and yeast are good. One must protect eyes from *excessive exposure* to sunrays, X-rays, intense heat and injuries. Diseases such as diabetes and syphilis should be treated early and effectively.

There is no medical treatment for cataract. The only treatment is surgery which is performed only when the cataract is ripe. Once the cataract is removed, the eye is unable to focus, as there is no lens. So, one has to use an artificial lens. This can either be a pair of spectacles, contact lens or an intraocular lens. Spectacles can be used as they are cheap and within the reach of the common man. But these are very heavy and not comfortable. Further, if one removes them the person is blind. Other disadvantages are that everything is magnified and the side view is very poor.

Answer the following questions : (2x4)

1. What is cataract ?
2. What causes the formation of cataract ?
3. What happened in the 1960's ?
4. After the surgery what is one supposed to do ?

Answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate option.
(1x4)

5. The word 'restore' means :

- (a) to get back
- (b) to go back
- (c) rest
- (d) perceive

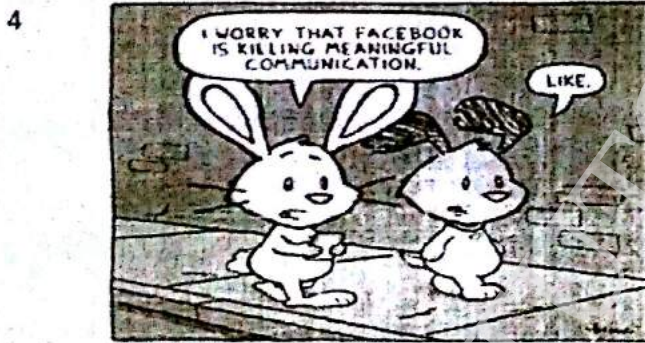
6. The word 'opaque' means :

- (a) impossible to see through
- (b) possible to see very clearly
- (c) somewhat able to see

7. (d) no vision
The verb form of 'magnified' is :
(a) magnificent
(b) magnify
(c) dignified
(d) maturity
8. The verb form of 'exposure' is :
(a) expose
(b) exposition
(c) expository
(d) external

SECTION B : WRITING AND GRAMMAR (25 Marks)

3. Write an article in 100 - 120 words on a 'User friendly technology'. All modern gadgets are very easy to handle. That is why they are very popular. You are Anu/Anup. 5



Write a story in about 150-200 words using the visual input provided. Imagine yourself in a conversation with BUNNY on your way back home from coaching.

5. Read the following passage. Fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones given below. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. Do not copy the whole passage. 3

The population graph of India goes higher with (a) _____ coming year. It is the moral duty of all (b) _____ citizens to keep a check on it (c) _____ things go out of hand.

- (a) (i) any (ii) some (iii) every (iv) plenty
(b) (i) a (ii) some (iii) the (iv) an
(c) (i) after (ii) before (iii) now (iv) then

6. The following paragraph has not been edited. One word has been omitted in each line. Write the omitted word along with the word that comes before and the word which comes after against the blank number. 4

He has learnt the judiciary
is not happy the prime

- | | Before | Word | After |
|-----|--------|-------|-------|
| (a) | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| (b) | _____ | _____ | _____ |

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minister's decision pass the pending (c) _____
bill with amendment that benefits collage (d) _____
students. _____

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Look at the words/phrases given below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences as given in the example 3

Example : are/values/moral/for/life/important
values are important for life.

Moral

- (a) build/character/they/the
- (b) also/they/help/to/succeed/life/in/us
- (c) incomplete/are/humans/values/without

SECTION C : LITERATURE (25 Marks)

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

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In the deep, strange-scented shade of the great dark carob-tree 3
I came down the steps with my pitcher
And must wait, must stand and wait, for there he was at the trough before me.
(a) What did the poet find at the water-trough ?
(b) What does 'trough' mean ?
(c) What did the poet do ? Why ?

OR

'Please go back where you were standing. I'll come to you in a short while and do the necessary.'

- (a) Who is the speaker and who is he talking to ?
- (b) When are these lines spoken ?
- (c) What does 'necessary' mean here ?

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

9a Why does Decius Brutus interpret Calpurnia's dream the way he does ? 2

9b Why did Antony request the public not to force him to read Caesar's will ? 2

9c What is the theme of the poem, 'The Rime of the Ancient Mariner' ? 2

9d Why were Helen and other ghosts, going on strike ? What condition did they lay down for providing help ? 2

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

10 The world is full of examples of wonderful works of masonry. Are they all an indication of man's hidden desire to be famous till eternity. Elucidate. 4

OR

Patol Babu glanced at the paper and found that a single word had been scrawled on it- 4
'Oh'..... Sosanko said , "What is the matter, Grandpa ? You don't seem too pleased ." In spite of his initial disappointment, he came to terms with what was offered to him and finally achieved satisfaction and happiness. Write a speech for your school magazine entitled, 'Take Challenges in your stride'.

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

11 How does Anne describe the 'invasion' which the radio announcement calls 'D-day' ? 10

OR

Give a brief character sketch of Franz Liszt. 10

OR

Whose speech on political subjects was more instructive to Helen ? How did this speech 10
impact her ?

OR

What impact did Mr. J.E. Chamberlin's initiation into the mysteries of nature have on Helen ? 10

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