

SHIVALIK PUBLIC SCHOOL, CHANDIGARH
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)

1 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 musicians, 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.

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

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

Music helps to distress ?

- (1) Music can have a profound effect on both the emotions and the body. Faster music can make you feel more alert and concentrate better. Upbeat music can make you feel more optimistic and positive about life. A slower tempo can quiet your mind and relax your muscles, making you feel soothed while releasing the stress of the day. Music is effective for relaxation and stress management.
- (2) Research confirms these personal experiences with music. Current findings indicate that music around 60 beats per minute can cause the brain to synchronize with the beat causing alpha brainwaves (frequencies from 8-14 hertz or cycles per second). This alpha brainwave is what is present when we are relaxed and conscious. To induce sleep (a delta brainwave of 5 hertz), a person may need to devote at least 45 minutes, in a relaxed position, listening to calming music. Researchers at Stanford University (press release 2006) have said that "listening to music seems to be able to change brain functioning to the same extent as medication." They noted that music is something that almost anybody can access and makes it an easy stress reduction tool.
- (3) So what type of music reduces stress the best? A bit surprising is that Native American, Celtic, Indian stringed-instruments, drums, and flutes are very effective at relaxing the mind even when played moderately loud. Sounds of rain, thunder, and nature sounds may also be relaxing particularly when mixed with other music, such as light jazz, classical (the "largo" movement), and easy listening music. Since with music we are rarely told the beats per minute, how do you choose the relaxation music that is best for you? The answer partly rests with you: You must first like the music being played, and then it must relax you. You could start by simply exploring the music on the web. Some may relax you, some may not. Forcing yourself to listen to relaxation music that irritates you can create tension, not reduce it. If that happens, try looking for alternatives on the internet or consult with Counseling Service staff for other musical suggestions. It is important to remember that quieting your mind does not mean you will automatically feel sleepy. It means your brain and body are relaxed, and with your new calm self, you can then function at your best in many activities.
- (a) What is the effect of slow music on a person ?
- (b) What are alpha brainwaves ?
- (c) According to research, what type of music reduces stress the best ?
- (d) What is meant by quieting your mind ?
- (e) Which of this is not a synonym of 'profound' (as used in para 1)
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| (i) deep | (ii) intense |
| (iii) insightful | (iv) apprehension |
- (f) The word that can best replace the word 'indicates' as used in (para 2) is _____.
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| (i) shows | (ii) teaches |
| (iii) reveals | (iv) analysis |
- (g) Which word used in (para 3) is an antonym of 'increases' ?
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| (i) reduces | (ii) shortens |
| (iii) heightens | (iv) elevates |
- (h) 'Upbeat music' as used in (para 1) means : _____.
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| (i) fast music | (ii) buoyant music |
| (iii) rock music | (iv) sad music |

SECTION B : WRITING AND GRAMMAR(25 Marks)

3 Education for all is not the responsibility of the government but a process in which all should take initiative. Write an article in 100 - 120 words. on the topics Education is everyone's birth right.

4 Using the hints given below develop a story in 150-200 words :
An unnatural smell slowly overpowered my senses as soon as I unlocked the door and it took me a lot of time and courage to figure out what was going on and then.....

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.

Lata Mangeshkar (a) _____ considered the queen of Bollywood. She possesses a melodious voice (b) _____ leaves an everlasting impression on the minds of (c) _____ listeners.

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| (a) | (i) is | (ii) has |
| | (iii) was | (iv) are |
| (b) | (i) this | (ii) that |
| | (iii) it | (iv) those |
| (c) | (i) a | (ii) out |
| | (iii) the | (iv) all |

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.

Sowing 20s and 30s are golden years	(a)	Before	Word	After
the seeds of wealth creation. These also	(b)	_____	_____	_____
the years when an individual, the beginning	(c)	_____	_____	_____
of a career tastes power of earning.	(d)	_____	_____	_____

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

Example : knowledge/self/ourselves/is/awareness/about

Self-awareness is knowledge about ourselves.

(a) discovering/is/own/inner/it/self/our

(b) strengths/means/and/self awareness/knowing/
weaknesses/our

(c) it teaches/use/to/our strengths/weaknesses

/us/to overcome/our

SECTION C : LITERATURE(25 Marks)

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

8	<p>Our reasons are so full of regard That were you, Anthony, the son of Caesar, you should be satisfied. (i) What, according to the speaker, were the reasons ? (ii) What does 'satisfied' mean here ? (iii) What did Anthony ask for ?</p>	3
OR		
	<p>'My hero !' she squealed. 'Take me away from all this.' Behind me I could hear the dragon roaring. 'Rescue me now,' the princess said urgently. 'Never mind her,' came a voice, and a second knight appeared from the wardrobe 'It's me who needs rescuing.' (a) What is the name of the game being played ? (b) Who is the second knight ? (c) What does 'knight' refer to ?</p>	3
Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each.		
9a	What are the conditions imposed by the conspirators on Antony before allowing him to speak at Caesar's funeral ?	2
9b	How did Decius convince Caesar to come to the senate ?	2
9c	Describe the land that the traveller mentions in the poem, 'Ozymandias'.	2
9d	Who was Nishikantho Ghosh and how was he related to Naresh Dutt ?	2
Answer one of the following questions in about 80-100 words:		
10	The poem, 'Snake', highlights the conflict between the head and the heart. Elucidate.	4
OR		
	Positive attitude helps a person overcome all hurdles in life. Comment on the same while keeping in mind Michael's and Sebastian's 'Never say Die' attitude in the lesson 'Virtually True'.	4
Answer one of the following questions in about 150-200 words:		
11	Why did Anne want to pursue writing ?	10
OR		
	Anne records her feelings, thoughts and emotions at every stage of her life. What are your views about the character of Anne Franks ?	10
OR		
	What difficulties did Helen face when she took her final examinations for admission to Radcliffe College ?	10
OR		
	Attempt a character sketch of Bishop Brooks.	10

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