

B.C.M. School, Ludhiana, Punjab

**SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT – I (2015-16)**  
**ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE**

**Class - X**

**Maximum Marks: 70**

**Time: 3 hours**

**Instructions :**

The question paper is divided into Three sections.

<b>Section A</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Reading</b>	<b>20 marks</b>
<b>Section B</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Writing &amp; Grammar</b>	<b>25 marks</b>
<b>Section C</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Literature &amp; Long Reading Text</b>	<b>25 marks</b>

**SECTION A**

**(READING :20 marks)**

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Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : (1x8)

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Every time you pick up a glass of milk, pause and think how it made its way to your kitchen. So, where is the milk coming from? Most states have village level dairy co-operatives and the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) guides and helps develop them. The NDDB website has an interesting fact : The dairy co - operative network in India, as on March 2007, was owned by around 12.96 million farmer members, of whom 3.4 million were women.

(When people become members of an organisation on equal terms and use their resources towards achieving common goals, it is called a co-operative) Suppose a person with a cow has surplus milk, he or she might want to sell it and make some money. In villages, the local trader or the middleman would buy this surplus milk at a price which suited him. Then he would add water and sell it at a higher price. Thus, the seller made no profit, the end buyer got diluted milk, but the trader minted money.

This is where a co-operative steps in. The milk sellers form a co-operative. They organise for the milk to be collected at village level and transport it to a plant where it can be pasteurized. Then this milk is packed in pouches and transported to distributors at various towns and cities. Here good quality milk is sold to the end buyer. Co-operatives have a reputation for selling unadulterated goods and do not emphasise maximizing profit. Because every seller of milk is an equal member of the co-operative, they run a transparent organisation and work towards its growth. This avoids traders and money lenders, increases ownership and accountability, ensures better voice of dairy farmers in management, gets them timely payments and provides them access to useful technical guidance and information.

The reason of the stupendous success of co-operatives in India can be summed up in one word - empowerment. The sheer hard work of ordinary and marginalized dairy farmers, their unstinting co-operation with one another, an indomitable will to achieve a common goal, together with the visions of people like V. Kurien, the father of Indian dairy farming, milk co-operatives have scripted success stories like Amul, Verka and Operation Flood. Today milk is country's number one agricultural commodity. Thus both milk producers, mostly marginal, small and landless farmers and consumers, who get value for their money and healthy milk, are mutually benefitted.



- (a) What is a co-operative ?
- (b) How does NDDDB help villages ?
- (c) Why do most people trust dairy co-operatives ?
- (d) Give a reason why milk co - operatives are successful.
- (e) How do co-operatives help the dairy farmers ?
- (f) How has the dairy farming scripted success stories ?
- (g) How have small farmers and consumers benefitted mutually ?
- (h) How do the traders earn big profits ?

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

Current trends in technological and cultural development make it unlikely that public libraries will survive in their traditional format. The beginning of digital age makes public libraries out of date.

Firstly, the book itself is becoming a thing of the past. Although e-book usage has not become widespread as quickly as many anticipated with the coming of the computer, this slow adoption is beginning to accelerate with the recent development of specialized e-book readers which use electronic- paper technology, such as the kindle, which has sold tens of thousands of units. Just as consumers are moving away from hard - copy form in music and videos, towards electronic files, the same will happen with books once e - reader technology reaches the level achieved by the iPod for music. With the decline of the physical book will come the necessary decline of the physical library.

Secondly, the internet is creating a culture where information and files are shared freely, denying the need for public institution to hoard and distribute books. This has already been observed in music and videos - despite their best efforts, recording companies cannot stop the inevitable free sharing of data. The same process is under way with books - Project Gutenberg makes it possible to find almost any popular classic free on-line, while Google Books is doing the same with more unknown selections. Already there is large collection of commercial books which have been turned into digital formats and are available for download.

The internet presents a better way to achieve the goals of libraries than physical libraries themselves - namely free and open access to information and books. Providing free access to the internet would be a more effective way of making media available than building and supporting large buildings filled with unread books. Once this fact becomes apparent to governments, it will become difficult to justify the larger cost of running a traditional library. Less effect on environment is another point in favour of changing to a digital format.

Furthermore, the internet has demonstrated its effectiveness for bringing people together in a social network to share preferences within a given area. Last fm is a popular music sharing and discovery resource. These types of sites are popular amongst the current generation, and are a likely candidate to replace the community served by traditional libraries. Trends indicate that traditional libraries will become outdated.

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

- (a) Books are becoming a thing of the past. Why ?
- (b) What will lead to the decline of the public libraries ?
- (c) What change has come about in the music and video industry ?
- (d) Why will it become difficult to run a traditional library ?

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





- (a) What is meant by the word, 'anticipated' ? (Para 2)
- (i) adopted (ii) expected  
(iii) committed (iv) requested
- (b) What is meant by the word, 'inevitable' ? (Para 3)
- (i) incapable (ii) unmanageable  
(iii) impossible (iv) unavoidable
- (c) What is the antonym of the word, 'access' ? (Para 4)
- (i) approach (ii) entry  
(iii) denial (iv) admission
- (d) What is the antonym of the word, 'current' ? (Para 5)
- (i) older (ii) accepted  
(iii) favourite (iv) famous

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

3 Underage driving is not safe, i.e., below 18 years of age. We should follow the traffic rules. 5  
Write an article, in about 100-120 words, bringing out the risks involved.

4 Write the story in about 150-200 words which begins as the following : 10  
'Sitting alone on a beach I felt myself like a speck of sand against the vastness of the sea. Suddenly I saw a boat coming towards the shore...

5 Read the paragraph given below. Fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate words 3  
/ phrases from the given options.

Phalke (a) \_\_\_\_\_ a film company, Hindustan Films in (b) \_\_\_\_\_ with five businessmen from Mumbai, in (c) \_\_\_\_\_ hope that, by having the financial aspect of his profession handled by experts, he would be free to pursue the creative aspect.

	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)
(a)	forms	formed	form	forming
(b)	partnership	partner	partnerships	partners
(c)	a	the	this	an

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

The year 2012 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary for the James Bond films. A first James Bond

	Error	Correction
e.g.	for	of
(a)	_____	_____

7 movie title, 'Dr. No' was released in 1962.  
Numerous events was held for fans  
over the world.

(b) \_\_\_\_\_  
(c) \_\_\_\_\_  
(d) \_\_\_\_\_



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Rearrange the following words/phrases to make meaningful sentences.

- (a) place to place/ move from/like to/because I/ I travel
- (b) the sense/enjoy/ of freedom/I/it gives/ me
- (c) it pleases/ of duties/to be rid/ me/and responsibilities

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

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

"The whole universe is built up through love and the grief of separation is inescapable".

- (a) When did the speaker acquire this philosophy ?
- (b) What pain has the speaker gone through ?
- (c) What does the word, 'inescapable' mean ?

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OR

Now the frog puffed up with rage.  
"Brainless bird-you're on the stage-  
Use your wits and follow fashion.  
Puff your lungs out with your passion".

- (a) Why was the frog puffed up with rage ?
- (b) Give the antonym of 'Brainless' ?
- (c) What happened when the nightingale puffed up her lungs ?

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Answer the following questions in about 30 - 40 words.

9(i) Ali had 'exhausted his patience, but not his faith'. Explain.

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9(ii) Why did the creatures of the bog react to the frog's song ?

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9(iii) How is Victoria different from her mother ?

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9(iv) How did the two boys Nicola and Jacopo prove to be useful to the narrator?

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



10 ✓ The story *Mrs. Packletide's Tiger* revolves around big time shooting. Though hunting is banned now-a-days, animals are still being hunted. Write an article for 'Earth Today' magazine voicing your concern over the killing of animals and its impact on the environment. 4

OR

✚ The mirror is a symbol of truth whereas candle light and moon-light are called liars, which flatter the woman. Elaborate how flattery can be harmful and truth even though cruel is always pleasing at the end. 4

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

11 ✓ The Frank family led a dignified life even in the secret annexe. Comment. 10

OR

✚ Write a detailed character-sketch of Mr. Van Daan. 10

OR

✚ What was life like in the village Helen visited during the winter? 10

OR

✚ Write the character sketch of Miss Sullivan as a wonderful teacher. 10