

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)

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

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Chess is called the game of kings. It has been around for a long time. People have been playing it for over 500 years. The chess we play today is from Europe. Chess is a two - player game. One player uses the white pieces. The other uses the black pieces. Each piece moves in a special way. One piece is called the king. Each player has one. The players take turns moving their pieces. If a player lands on a piece, he or she takes it. (The game ends when a player loses his or her king.) There are a few more rules, but these are the basics.

Some people think that chess is more than a game. They think that it makes the mind stronger. Good chess players use their brains. They take their time. They think about what will happen next.) These skills are useful in life and in chess. (Chess is like a workout for the brain.)

You don't always have lots of time to think when playing chess. There is a type of chess with short time limits. It's called blitz chess. (In blitz chess, each player gets ten minutes to use for the whole game.) Your clock runs during your turn. You hit the time clock after your move.

(This stops your clock.) It also starts the other player's clock. If you run out of time, you lose. Games of blitz chess are fast - paced.

Chess is not just for people. Computers have been playing chess since the 1970s. (At first they did not play well. They made mistakes. As time went on they grew stronger. In 1997, a computer beat the best player in the world for the first time.) It was a computer called Deep Blue. Deep Blue was big. It took up a whole room. By 2006 a cell phone could beat the best players in the world. Chess sure has come a long way. Don't you think so?

- (a) How does a game of chess end ?
- (b) How is playing chess good for people ?
- (c) How is chess more than a game ?
- (d) How is blitz chess different from regular chess ?
- (e) If it's your turn in blitz chess, what happens when you hit the clock ?
- (f) What is the main idea of the fourth paragraph ?
- (g) When did a computer first beat a strong human player in chess ?
- (h) How have computer chess programs changed over time ?

Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : (2x4)+(1x4)=12

The difference in the ways of thinking and perception in the people of two different generations which results in behavioral differences and sometimes, conflict among them is usually called generation gap. In other words, it is the difference in the thinking of the people of the older and younger generation which is generally connoted with the lack of understanding or misunderstanding between them. 1

Generation gap is generally seen in the family between parents and their children. It is not only because of the gap in age but also because of the way parents react to a particular situation. Children being very young and immature do not understand the way of thinking of their parents. In many cases, the parents, even if they are matured, do not empathize with the changing values and thinking pattern of the modern world. This creates a communication gap between these two generations. 2

Generation gap between parents and children is mostly caused by parents themselves. They do not talk openly to their children and take part in solving their problems. That behaviour gives the impression about parents being authoritative persons, because they only dictate without understanding the problems faced by their children. As a result, the children become mentally isolated from their parents. Some parents become so busy with their work that they don't spend quality time with their family which makes them completely unaware of how their children are growing, what kind of mentality is being developed in them, and so on. This ultimately creates a gap between them. They only realize it when it is too late. 3

Changes in technology have led to the generation gap in this modern world. (Children tend to spend most of their time with their digital devices and are so busy with social media that they do not discuss their problems with their parents.) The internet provides solutions to most of the worldly problems. So children, instead of contacting their own parents, use the help of the internet in case of any problem, thus again reducing the communication, leading to a generation gap between them. 4

The generation gap has greatly increased these days because the time is changing fast and people find it difficult to cope with this change. To overcome this problem parents should show interest in all matters of their children and deal with them positively instead of just scolding them and leaving them alone to deal with their problems. Giving time to the children, having open communication, and allowing the child to feel free and not in any kind of pressure, will eventually reduce the generation gap to a tolerable extent. 5

- (A) What causes the gap between the parents and their children?
 (B) Why do children view their parents as dictatorial?
 (C) Advancement in technology has also led to the generation gap?
 (d) What steps need to be taken to bridge this gap?
 (e) What is meant by the word, 'particular'? (Para 2)
 (i) specific (ii) usual
 (iii) normal (iv) instant
 (f) What is meant by the word, 'isolated'? (Para 3)
 (i) bound (ii) grown
 (iii) separated (iv) unconcerned
 (g) What is the antonym of the word, 'solutions'? (Para 5)
 (i) difficulties (ii) irritations

- (h) (iii) problems* ?
 What is the **antonym** of the word, 'reduce' ? (Para 6)
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| (i) tear | (ii) expand |
| (iii) open | (iv) abridge |

SECTION B
(WRITING & GRAMMAR: 25 Marks)

3 Write an article in about 100-120 words, highlighting the benefits of a balanced diet and regular exercise. 5

4 When Lata went for her usual morning walk, she found a baby lying on the footpath. The baby had been abandoned. She tried to look around for the baby's parents... 10

Complete the story with a proper title in about 150-200 words.

5 Complete the following paragraph by choosing the appropriate options from the ones given below. Write your answers in the answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. Do not copy the entire paragraph. 3

Many contemporary dancers are trained daily (a) for classical ballet. This helps to keep up (b) with the technicality of the given choreography. These dancers tend (c) to follow ideals of efficient bodily movements.

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| | I | II | III | IV |
| (a) | in | for | at | of |
| (b) | to | of | with | for |
| (c) | at | to | of | as |

6 In the following paragraph one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the words that come before and after it. The first one has been done as an example. 4

Ithaa is world's first under water restaurant located in the Republic of Maldives.

e.g. is the World's

In amazingly strange world that we live ~~in~~, you would find very restaurants which can compete the dining experience that one gets the Ithaa Underwater restaurant.

- (a) In such amazing
 (b) very different
 (c) can to the
 (d) gets @ the

Rearrange the following words/phrases to make meaningful sentences.

- (a) causing/ we are/ our environment/ an/ to/ irreparable damage
 (b) our cities/ is/ choking/ our citizens/ air pollution/ and
 (c) we/ nothing/ are/ generations/ leaving/ next/ for/ our

SECTION C

(LITERATURE & LONG READING TEXT: 25 Marks)

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

8 "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 ?

undiscoverable
foolish
broke her own
is dead

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

9(i) Why does Ali go to the post office everyday ?

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9(ii) Why, according to the poet, will written monuments last longer than marbled monuments ?

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9(iii) What is 'Ring-O-Bell' ? Why does Abel go there very often ? (The Dear Departed)

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9(iv) What according to the poet, will outlive marble and gilded monuments and how ?

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

10 'When you live for a strong purpose, then hard work isn't an option. It is a necessity.' Both Nicola and Jacopo were hard working and uncomplaining. You too realised the importance of hard work after reading their story. Write an article in 120- 150 words on the 'Virtues of Hard Work'

OR

The monuments and statues brave the ravages of time and tell their history. But sadly, they are neglected. As a concerned citizen write a letter to the editor of the newspaper airing your concern on the ill- treatment of historical monuments and their surroundings.(Nor marble, nor the gilded monuments) 4

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

- 11 Anne's diary is one of the most moving personal documents ever written by a thirteen year old girl. Comment 10

OR

Mr. Dussel arrives in the Annexe and is shocked to meet the Franks. He had completely been taken in by the story that they had escaped. In the context of the above statement draw a pen picture of Mr. Dussel. 10

OR

What does Anne mean when she says, "I shall be amazed to think that we should have sunk to such low level". 10

OR

Miss Sullivan understood Helen and taught her according to her abilities and needs. Comment on this statement in the light of the innovative methods adopted by Miss Sullivan. 10

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