

SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT – I (2016-2017)
ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE
Class - X

Time: 3hours 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	<p>Read the passage given below and complete the sentences that follow : (1x8)</p> <p>By the time Albert Einstein died at the age of 76, he had totally transformed the way that we see the universe, including our very notions of space and time. Not bad for someone who struggled at school.</p> <p>Einstein was born in Ulm, Germany in 1879. His parents were concerned that he scarcely talked until the age of three, but he was not so much a backward, as a quiet child. As a schoolboy, his work didn't scream 'genius' and even his teachers found it hard to reconcile to the idea that the student they had known, was the great scientist he later became.</p> <p>After working hard in the laboratory but skipping lectures, Einstein graduated with an unexceptional record in 1900. He couldn't find a job in a university so he worked for the Swiss Patent Office and spent his spare time working on theoretical physics problems. At the age of just 26, whilst still at the patent office, he published three papers that changed the way we all view the world.</p> <p>By the time he finally found an academic job in 1909, Einstein's reputation as one of the greatest scientists of all times was spreading rapidly. And in 1915, at the age of 36, Einstein produced his theory of general relativity which delved even further into the working of the universe. After being awarded the 1921 Nobel Prize for physics for his work on the photoelectric effect, Einstein became closely involved with the development of quantum theory before moving on to pursue the search for a grand unified theory that would tie all of physics together.</p> <p>In 1933, Einstein escaped the persecution of Jews by Nazi Germany by accepting a position at the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton, USA where he spent the rest of his life. Although he initially supported the use of atomic weapons as a deterrent in the Second World War he later campaigned for nuclear disarmament and world peace. He died in 1955 of heart failure and became an icon of genius.</p> <p>(a) The phrase that means, 'difficult to accept' is _____.</p> <p>(b) The major anxiety of Einstein's parents was that he _____.</p> <p>(c) Einstein was a _____ student.</p> <p>(d) Einstein had to leave Germany because he _____.</p> <p>(e) 'He was not so much a backward, as a quiet child', means that Einstein was _____.</p> <p>(f) His first job was at the _____.</p> <p>(g) He published three papers at _____.</p> <p>(h) His theory of general relativity described _____.</p>	8
2	<p>Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : (2x4)+(1x4)=12</p> <p>Evelyn Glennie was born in 1965 and grew up on a farm near Aberdeen in Scotland. She loved playing music, and her ambition was to become a solo percussionist. She started having problems with her ears and began to lose her hearing. By the time she was twelve, she was deaf. She couldn't hear at all. Evelyn became very angry; it seemed to her that she would never fulfil her dream of being a great musician.</p> <p>After a while Evelyn stopped being angry and instead found ways of adapting her playing to suit</p>	12

her deafness. At the age of sixteen she became the first deaf student at the Royal Academy in London. She went on to make lots of CDs and is now famous for being the world's only full time solo percussionist. Evelyn likes to play unusual instruments and has over a thousand, some of which she has made herself. She likes to play with musicians from all over the world, and requests composers to create music especially for her. An example of this is a piece which was composed for her by the jazz composer Diango Bates, for which he used kitchen pots and pans as instruments. Her sixteen solo albums (including twelve on the RCA/BMG label) have reached a remarkably diverse public, as have her numerous collaborations with musicians from the non-classical world.

Glennie contends that hearing is a form of touch, and that everyone, whether "deaf" or not, processes sound in an individual way. When Evelyn performs she doesn't wear shoes or socks. This is to enable her to feel the music through the floor and her body. Usually, percussionists play at the back of the Orchestra, Evelyn plays at the front so that she can lip – read signals from the conductor. Glennie has said that she doesn't want an operation to cure her deafness; she likes being who she is and doesn't want to change the way she works. Like many other courageous people, she tries hard to help others. She has helped many deaf children by giving them an opportunity to learn a musical instrument.

- (a) What was Gennies's ambition?
- (b) Why did she become very angry?
- (c) What is she now famous for?
- (d) Why does she not wear shoes or socks when she performs?
- (e) What is meant by the word 'ambition'? (para 1)
 - (i) goal in life (ii) hope
 - (iii) employment (iv) success
- (f) What is meant by the word 'unusual'? (para 2)
 - (i) uncommon (ii) unknown
 - (iii) employment (iv) uncover
- (g) Find the word opposite in meaning to 'happy'? (para 1)
 - (i) solo (ii) angry
 - (iii) hearing (iv) helpless
- (h) Find the word opposite in meaning to 'disable'? (para 3)
 - (i) enable (ii) retain
 - (iii) keep (iv) draw

SECTION B : WRITING AND GRAMMAR (25 Marks)

3 Technology has become an essential part of our lives. It has transformed luxuries into necessities. Do you agree? Express your views on the same in an article in about 100-120 words. 5

4 **Write the story in about 150-200 words which begins as the following :**
' A soon as Mama and Papa left and I locked the door. After about an hour I heard the glass of my window crash...'
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5 **Read the paragraph given below. Fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate words / phrases from the given options.** 3

Blue is (a) _____ colour of light (b) _____ violet and green on the visible spectrum. Blues vary (c) _____ shade or tint ; darker shades of blue contain black or grey, while lighter tints contain white.

	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)
(a)	a	the	an	this
(b)	among	between	in	within
(c)	at	on	in	with

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

Space Shuttle Atlantis which is orbiter	e.g.	is	<u>an</u>	orbiter
began its first flight October 1985 and	(a)	_____	_____	_____

	retired recently after completing last flight in July 2011. weighed around 80 tonnes. It spent 306 days, 14 hours, 12 minutes, 43 seconds in space.	(b)	_____	_____	_____	
		(c)	_____	_____	_____	
		(d)	_____	_____	_____	
7	Rearrange the following words/phrases to make meaningful sentences. (a) vast space/a multitude of /about/is wandering/stars/in the (b) majority/a few/are/form groups/but the /solitary/of them (c) a / they/universe/travel/very/through/ spacious					3
SECTION C : LITERATURE (25 Marks)						
Read one of the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow:-						
8	<i>"Don't buy" warned Luigi, our cautious driver. You will.....</i> (a) What was being sold and by whom ? (b) Why did the driver dissuade the narrator from buying anything ? (c) What does word, 'cautious' mean here?					3
OR						
	<i>'I am silver and exact. I have no preconceptions. Whatever I see I swallow immediately Just as it is, unmisted by love or dislike.'</i> (a) What does 'I' refer to in these lines ? (b) Why has the mirror been described as 'unmisted' ? (c) What is meant by, 'I have no preconceptions' ?					3
Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each.						
9a	Describe how the monuments and statues brave the ravages of time.					2
9b	"How amused everyone would be if they knew what really happened ! " Which incident is referred to here ? Why would it amuse everyone ?					2
9c	Why is the post office referred to as Ali's place of pilgrimage ? wha trait of Ali does it reflect					2
9d	Why do you think Elizabeth would not make a claim for the bureau and the clock ?					2
Answer one of the following questions in about 80-100 words:						
10	'Materialism makes for shaky relationships'. Do you agree with the statement? Explain with reference to the play, 'The Dear Departed ', highlighting the values required by the two sisters.					4
OR						
	The poem, <i>The Frog and the Nightingale</i> tells us how simple and genuine talent is exploited by people for their personal gains. Write a letter to the poet Vikram Seth mentioning how deeply you were touched by the poem and how beautifully it exposes the bitter truth of life.					4
Answer one of the following questions in about 150-200 words:						
11	'Misfortunes never come singly'. When did Anne observe it ?					10
OR						
	Why does Anne say that there are two Annes ? With which Anne do you sympathize more ?					10
OR						
	Why did Helen take a long time to climb another tree ? What did she find there ?=					10
OR						
	Mr. William Endicott is portrayed as a friend in 'Story of My Life'. In the light of the statement, give your views on his character.					10
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