

SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT – I (2016-2017) 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 / complete the sentences that follow : (1x8) 8

Rafting or white water rafting is a challenging and recreational activity of using an inflatable raft to navigate a river or other bodies of water. This is usually done on white water or different degrees of rough waters for its thrill and excitement. The development of this activity as a leisure sport has become popular since the mid-1970s.

White water rafting can be a dangerous sport, especially if basic safety precautions are not observed. It has its share of injuries and fatalities. It is generally advisable to discuss safety measures with a rafting operator before signing on for a trip. The equipment used and the qualifications of the company and raft guides are essential information to be considered. But like most outdoor sports, rafting has become safer over the years. Expertise has increased, and equipment has become more specialized and better in quality.

Risks in rafting stem from both environmental dangers and improper behaviour. Rafting is often played for the adrenaline rush and this often becomes a problem for people and their own safety. Certain features on rivers are inherently unsafe and have remained consistently so despite the passage of time. These would include fallen trees, dams, rocks and high waterfalls. White water rafting accidents have occurred but are not common. Rafting with experienced guides is the safest way to avoid such features. Thousands of people safely enjoy raft trips every year.

Rafting contributes to the economy of many regions which in turn may contribute to the protection of rivers from hydroelectric power generation, diversion for irrigation, and other development. Additionally, white water rafting trips can promote environmentalism. By experiencing first-hand the beauty of a river, individuals who would otherwise be indifferent to environmental issues may gain a strong desire to protect and preserve that area because of their positive outdoor experience.

- Why is rafting a dangerous sport?
- Why has rafting become popular?
- Why do many accidents occur while rafting?
- How does rafting contribute to the economy of many regions?
- 'Adrenaline rush' refers to the _____.
- Which features are unsafe on rivers?
- How can rafting be safe?

(h) Find the word from the passage which means 'occurrence of deaths by accident, in war, or from disease'.

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Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : $(2 \times 4) + (1 \times 4) = 12$

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On Sunday, October 10, 2004, actor Christopher Reeve died. He was 52 years old. But this superhero will live on in the memory of children all over the world. Christopher Reeve, despite his handsome looks and great physique, was not the first choice for the role of Superman. Many famous actors passed over the role as they felt it would be 'typecast.' Reeve took on the role and the movie hit the theatres in the late 1970s. The movie banner proclaimed, 'See it and you will believe a man can fly!' The audience agreed.

As Superman's popularity grew, toy merchants began selling Superman underpants and vests in department stores all across North America. Kids wore these, donned blue capes, ran around their houses and imagined they were flying! The influence was so strong that people living on the upper floors of apartment buildings, kept their doors and windows closed fearing that children might try to fly. Children needed no urging to believe that he was the last son of Krypton.

The Superman movie and its three sequels were so popular that children demanded Superman figures, lunch boxes, thermoses, costumes and capes. Never before had the movie industry witnessed such a phenomenon. If Christopher Reeve was a hero on the silver screen, he proved to be a bigger hero off screen. He miraculously survived a riding accident in 1995. But he was paralysed from below the neck and was confined to the wheelchair. He also required a respirator to assist his breathing for the rest of his life.

But Christopher Reeve refused to be defeated. He vowed to walk again and, more importantly, set up the Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation, which has raised millions of dollars to help all those confined to wheel chairs. Christopher Reeve will always be celebrated for the life he lived. Reeve not only played Superman on the big screen, he also showed the same 'Man of Steel' character away from the cameras. Whether in a cape or in a chair, Reeve was a hero who exhibited unwavering courage and a tireless work ethic to deliver on his mission. It is important that we keep his memory alive by supporting the causes he believed in.

- (a) Why did many famous actors not accept the role of Superman?
(b) What physical qualities did Christopher Reeve possess?
(c) When Superman became popular, what did the merchants do?
(d) What was the fear of the people living on the upper floors?
(e) What is meant by the word "sequel"? (para 3)
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| (i) a movie | (ii) a serial |
| (iii) a continuation of the same | (iv) an episode |
- (f) What does the word 'restricted' mean? (para 3)
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| (i) defeated | (ii) disappointed |
| (iii) confined | (iv) criticized |
- (g) Find the word in the passage opposite in meaning to 'died'? (para 3)
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| (i) survived | (ii) witnessed |
| (iii) proved | (iv) paralysed |
- (h) Find the word in the passage opposite in meaning to 'accepted'? (para 4)
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| (i) defeated | (ii) celebrated |
| (iii) refused | (iv) vowed |

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 beginning with the given line. Give it a suitable title. 10
- 'As I reached home, I realised that I had forgotten the keys. There was still an hour for my brother to turn up. So, I decided to go to the terrace...'

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

- (a) _____ often the cause of accidents is the failure of the brake system which means the owner of the vehicle does not bother to keep
 (b) _____ machine in good condition. By attending
 (c) _____ the vehicle regularly, a lot of miseries could be avoided.

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(a)	Many	Much	Extremely	Very
(b)	a	the	that	this
(c)	for	by	to	with

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

	Error	Correction
The Gir National Park, also known by Gir Wildlife Sanctuary, is situated in the state of Gujarat. It was one among the major wildlife sanctuaries to north India. It was establishment on 18 September 1965, as a forest reserve primary to conserve the Asiatic Lion.	e.g. by	as
	(a) _____	_____
	(b) _____	_____
	(c) _____	_____
	(d) _____	_____

- 7 Read the conversation given below and complete the paragraph that follows: 3
- Wife : Our new servant has run away.
 Husband : Is anything missing?
 Wife : Yes, I can't locate my watch.
 Husband : Where did you keep it?
 Wife : Near the kitchen sink.

The wife informed her husband that (a) _____. He asked her (b) _____. She replied in the affirmative and added that she could not locate her watch. He asked her (c) _____. She replied that she had kept that near the kitchen sink.

SECTION C : LITERATURE (25 Marks)

- 8 Read one of the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow:- 3
- In the week which followed we saw them frequently, for they proved extremely useful to us.*
- (a) Who is the speaker referring to as 'them'?
- (b) How did they prove to be useful to the speaker?
- (c) Give the antonym of 'frequently'.

OR

Whatever I see I swallow immediately just as it is, unmisted by love or dislike. I am not cruel, only truthful- The eye of the little god.....

- (a) What does 'eye of the little god' in the above lines suggest? 3

(b) What does the mirror mean by saying, 'I am not cruel' ?_

(c) What does the word, 'swallow' mean here ?

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

- 9a In what way is the poet stronger than powerful rulers ? 2
- 9b How was the tiger hunt more beneficial to others than to Mrs. Packletide herself ? 2
- 9c How did Ali reflect on life without Miriam ? What was its effect on him ? 2
- 9d Bring out the irony in the title, 'The Dear Departed'. 2

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

- 10 Even at the time when the grandfather is supposedly dead, the sisters are trying to pull each other down. With reference to the play, *The Dear Departed*, mention the traits that the sisters display. Do you approve of them ? Give a reasoned answer. 4

OR

After reading the poem, *The Frog and the Nightingale* you are filled with compassion and sympathy for the nightingale. With reference to the poem, describe how it was her timid and gullible nature that led to her downfall. 4

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

- 11 Describe the dinner routine followed in the Annexe in 'Diary of a Young Girl'. 10

OR

What was Anne's impression of Peter in the beginning ? How did it change later on ? 10

OR

Why do you think Helen regarded her little sister as an intruder ? 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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