

SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT – II (2016-17)
ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE
Class - X

SET A

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 :

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People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) is an American animal rights organization, a non-profit corporation with 300 employees, has three million members and supporters and is the largest animal rights group in the world. Its slogan is "Animals are not ours to eat, wear, experiment on, use for entertainment or abuse in any way."

Founded in March 1980 by Newkirk and fellow animal rights activist Alex Pacheco, the organization first caught the public's attention in the summer of 1981 during what became known as the Silver Spring monkey case. The case lasted ten years, involved the only police raid on an animal laboratory in the United States, triggered an amendment in 1985 to Animal Welfare Act, and established PETA as an internationally known organization. Today it focuses on four core issues-opposition to factory farming, fur farming, animal testing, and animals in entertainment.

PETA runs several programs through its Community Animal Project for cats and dogs in poorer areas of Virginia, near its headquarters. They shelter neglected dogs and cats who are ill and injured, and pursue cruelty cases. They set up dog houses with straw bedding for dogs chained outside all winter. They urge population control through neutering and adoption from shelters. PETA argues that it would have been better for animals had the institution of breeding them as "pets" never emerged, that the desire to own and receive love from animals is selfish, and that their breeding, sale, and purchase can cause immeasurable suffering. They would like to see the population of dogs and cats reduced through neutering, and for people never to purchase animals from pet shops or breeders, but to adopt them from shelters instead. PETA supports hearing dog programs where animals are taken from shelters and placed in appropriate homes. PETA also opposes the keeping of fish in aquarium tanks, suggesting that people view computer videos of fish instead.

- What is the slogan of PETA ?
- What made PETA an internationally known organization ?
- What are the issues focused on by PETA ?
- How does Community Animal Project work ?
- What are the arguments forwarded by PETA ?
- What are the suggestions of the organization related to fish ?
- How can the population of dogs and cats be reduced ?
- How does hearing dog programmes help the animals ?

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

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Pets help to de-stress

(1) During times of stress, it's hard to imagine that caring for a pet can actually reduce stress instead of adding to it, but it is often true. Pets benefit us in so many ways that we end up getting far more than we might ever have expected from the relationship.

(2) Scientists have known for decades that sharing your life with pets can help reduce stress. One of the primary physical ways that pets seem to benefit us is to help reduce blood pressure. Several reports, including a three-year study with over 5000 participants,

suggests a causal link between lower blood pressure and having a pet. One study also suggested a link between pet ownership and a reduction in incidents of dangerous spikes in blood pressure caused by stress that can, over time, lead to a heart attack by weakening blood vessels. Research also indicates that heart attack patients survive longer if they are pet owners.

(3) Most of us have to do very little to find that our overall moods are improved by sharing our lives with a furry friend. It's difficult for even the most disgruntled pet owner to remain so after receiving a warm welcome from a pet. Pets can also distract us from dwelling on our stress because of their fun and entertaining antics.

(4) Pets can provide emotional and social support. With their ability to share unconditional love, pets don't require that we always be in a good mood. They love us even when we're grouchy. Pets provide a topic of conversation with friends, neighbours, and other pet lovers. Having a pet can also stave off loneliness by providing us with a non-judgmental friend to share the events of the day with. Studies indicate that nursing home patients benefit, from visits with dogs, and Alzheimer's patients with pets at home have fewer episodes of acute anxiety.

(5) Most people know that exercise can help reduce stress. Pets can give us a reason to get exercise when we otherwise might sit on the couch. Dog owners who regularly walk their pets benefit from this simple exercise. Like sharing a walk with a good friend, walking your dog or taking him to a local dog park provides you stress-reducing exercise. Pets help reduce stress in numerous ways. From the physical benefits of exercise to the simple emotional support of having a sympathetic ear always available to listen.

- (a) What is hard to imagine especially when one is stressed ?
- (b) How do pets prevent us from dwelling on our stress ?
- (c) How can pets help Alzheimer patients according to a study ?
- (d) How can pets help us to exercise ?
- (e) 'Decades' as used in (para 2) implies _____
 - (i) ten years
 - (ii) ages
 - (iii) short time
 - (iv) momentarily
- (f) 'Overall' in (para 3) means :
 - (i) total
 - (ii) partial
 - (iii) slight
 - (iv) actual
- (g) An antonym of 'increase' as used in (para 5) is _____.
 - (i) Sharing
 - (ii) reduce
 - (iii) benefits
 - (iv) support
- (h) An alternative title to this passage can be :
 - (i) Advantage of owning pets
 - (ii) Stress of having pets
 - (iii) Dogs as pets
 - (iv) Walking with pets

SECTION B (WRITING & GRAMMAR: 25 Marks)

- 3 There is a lot of competition in everything, through the students' life. In 100-120 words, write an article on the topic 'How far is competition necessary in the learning process?' You can use the hints given below. 5
- Competitions create pressure - to work even harder to overcome the competitive challenges.
 - can drive people to cheating to obtain good results.
 - can make one defensive to
- 4 Develop a story in 150-200 words on the basis of the following hints : 10
- During our trip to Kurseong, we surprisingly saw two red pandas imprisoned by the locals and decided to set them free. My friend and I 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. 3
- There are times when we (a) _____ that God has forgotten us. But this is not true. God is always with us whether it is sunshine (b) _____ rain. Man questions God's presence (c) _____ God clarifies his doubts.

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| (a) (i) felt | (ii) feel |
| (b) (iii) feeling | (iv) feels |
| (b) (i) and | (ii) but |
| (b) (iii) or | (iv) either |
| (c) (i) and | (ii) also |
| (c) (iii) but | (iv) sometimes |

6 The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line against which a blank has been given. Write the error and correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. Remember to underline the word that you have supplied. 4

Natural selection almost inevitably cause much extinction to the less improved, various forms of life or induces what I has called divergence of character.		(a)	_____	Error	Correction
		(b)	_____		_____
		(c)	_____		_____
		(d)	_____		_____

7 Read the conversation given below and complete the passage that follows: 3

Rahul - Mom, may I go to play with my friends ?
 Mom - Have you completed your homework ?
 Rahul - Yes, I have prepared for the test too.
 Rahul asked his mother (a) _____. The mother enquired (b) _____. Rahul replied (c) _____ for the test too.

SECTION C (LITERATURE : 25 Marks)

8 Read one of the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow: 3

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow

All in a hot and copper sky,
 The bloody sun, at noon,
 Right up above the mast did stand
 No bigger than the moon.

- (a) Why was the sky 'hot' and 'copper' ?
 (b) 'Bloody' here refers to _____
 (c) Why was it 'no bigger than the moon' ?

OR

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow 3

We are two lions litter'd in one day,
 And I the elder and more terrible :

- (i) Who are the two lions ?
 (ii) What does 'litter'd' mean ?
 (iii) Mention one character trait of the speaker.

Answer the following questions in about 30 - 40 words.

9a "...there are two advanced intelligences on earth ..." What is Michael referring to in the given line and why ? 2

9b Explain the irony in the poem, 'Ozymandias'. 2

9c "I have something to expiate". Explain with reference to the poem, 'Snake'. 2

9d Why does Cassius object when Brutus allows Antony to speak at Caesar's funeral ? How does Brutus counter his argument ? 2

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

10 Helen was helping the narrator to write ghost stories. What was the purpose behind it ? Describe in 80-100 words. 4

OR

Patol Babu was initially disappointed but later accepted what was offered to him. He took the challenge in his stride. Comment on the values exhibited by Patol Babu in this act. 4

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

11 How did Anne react to Miep's attending an engagement party? What was so tragic about it? 10

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Anne thought that she would not be able to marry Peter in spite of their closeness because he did not have 'enough character.' Explain. 10

OR

Explain how Miss Sullivan helped Helen in her studies. 10

OR

Mr. John P. Spaulding was a true mentor and guide for people attached to Perkins Institution. How does Helen describe him? 10

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