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SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT - II (2014-2015) ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE Class - IX

Time: 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 70

Instructions:

The question paper is divided into three sections.

Section A	:	Reading & OTBA	20 marks
Section B	:	Writing and Grammar	25 marks
Section C	:	Literature	25 marks

SECTION A (READING & OTBA: 20 Marks)

1(a) Read the passage given below and answer the questions/complete the sentences that follow 5

Spread over an area of 11,570 acres, Kalesar Reserve Forest is the only one of its kind in Haryana. It is home to a wide range of wild flora and fauna, including a male tiger, 16 male and female leopards, 19 panthers, three elephants and other animals.

Situated on both sides of Yamunanagar-Paonta Sahib Road in Yamunanagar district, it was designated a national park through a government notification in December 2003. However, it is alleged that absence of sufficient funds from the Centre is proving to be a hindrance in wildlife conservation in the national 'sal' tree belt. As for the steps taken to ensure protection of wildlife and environment, it was disclosed that staff had been given weapons by the state government to tackle the menace posed by poachers. The state had also set up two special environmental courts in Kurushetra and Faridabad to deal with crimes related to poaching and illicit felling of trees from the area. Eight watering holes have been dug up across the forest area to ensure that the wildlife does not stray into human habitats on its fringes in search of drinking water. Similarly, the DFO revealed, earthen dams have also been constructed to conserve rainwater for future use of wildlife.

It was reported that the work to fence the area would be undertaken in the near future and more steps taken to ensure that wild fauna does not face drinking water problem in its natural habitat in the reserve forest.

- (1) Kalesar Reserve Forest is spread over an area of _____.
- (2) Kalesar Reserve Forest is the home to a wide range of wild flora and fauna, including male tiger _____ leopards, 19 panthers, three elephants and other animals.
- (3) The state had also set up two special environmental _____ courts _____.
- (4) Eight watering holes have been dug up across the forest area to ensure that _____.
- (5) Find from the passage the word for 'cutting of trees' _____.

- 1(b) **Read the following passage.**
Taught by her unconventional parents to compete and 'to think equally', Kiran Bedi excelled both at school and at tennis, the family passion. In 1972 she entered the Police Academy and in 1974, became the first woman to enter the elite Indian Police Service.

As Deputy Commissioner of Police in Delhi's West and North Districts, Bedi posted constables in blue-and-white 'beat boxes' where citizens could consult them daily. She redirected former bootleggers to honest livelihoods by arranging friendly loans and assistance. As community participation rose, crimes fell.

In 1993, Bedi became Inspector General of Prisons (Delhi) and took charge of Tihar, India's largest prison complex. In this brutally overcrowded purgatory dwelled 9500 prisoners, 90 per cent of whom were unconvicted and merely awaiting trial. Bedi rapidly transformed Tihar. Today its inmates follow a positive regimen of work, study and play. Illiterate prisoners learn to read and write. In prison workshops, prisoners keep their skills tuned and earn wages to save in Tihar's new bank. In yoga classes, they learn meditation techniques to still anger and improve concentration. Complaints placed in the mobile petition box go directly to the top and are taken seriously. Tihar is a different world today.

(extract from 'I Dare' by Kiran Bedi)

Complete the following sentences :

- (a) Kiran Bedi's family passion was _____.
- (b) Kiran Bedi posted constables in 'beat-boxes' so that _____.
- (c) Previously Tihar was overcrowded consisting mainly of _____.
- (d) In Tihar, prisoners are taught to _____ through yoga.
- (e) The word in the passage opposite in meaning to 'gently' is _____.

- 2 **Theme - "The Cleaning up Campaign Sweeps across the Country" (5+5)** 10

- a) (i) What do you understand by the term 'environment' ?
- (ii) How does environment influence the growth of individuals ?

b) Write a letter to your grandfather describing your selfless effort to clean your colony and how you got the children of the colony to take interest in the effort.

(*Please ensure that open text of the given theme is supplied with this question paper)

SECTION B (WRITING & GRAMMAR: 25 Marks)

- 3 Every year thousands of people die due to natural calamities like floods, earthquakes etc. Write an article in 100-120 words on the 'Importance of being prepared for Disasters'. 5
- 4 Complete the story in 150 - 200 words on the basis of the beginning given below. 10
The asteroid was hurtling straight for Earth...almost all natives of the village were standing outside their homes in the big field...looking up in the sky...terror on their faces ...

5 Choose the most appropriate options from the ones given below to complete the following paragraph. 3

Walt Disney rakes in billions from merchandise, movies and theme parks (a) _____ the world, but Disney himself had a bit of a rough start. He was fired (b) _____ a newspaper editor because, "he lacked imagination and had no good ideas." After that, Disney started a number of businesses that didn't last and ended (c) _____ bankruptcy and failure.

- (a) (i) in (ii) around (iii) of (iv) through
 (b) (i) by (ii) of (iii) at (iv) off
 (c) (i) on (ii) at (iii) off (iv) in

6 The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in the space provided against the correct blank number. 4

During the water cycle some of a water in
 the oceans and freshwater bodies are warmed
 on the sun and it evaporates. During the process
 of evaporation, impurities in the water is left behind.

Error Correction

- (a) _____
 (b) _____
 (c) _____
 (d) _____

7 Read the conversation given below and complete the paragraph that follows. Write the answers against the correct blank numbers in your answer sheet. Do not copy the whole sentences. 3

Alex : Where are you going?
 Tom : I am going to the kitchen.
 Alex : Can you get me a glass of juice?

Alex asked Tom (a) _____. Tom told him (b) _____ to the kitchen. Alex requested (c) _____.

SECTION C (LITERATURE: 25 Marks)

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

8 *In the silence that followed, a dark flush stained the tan of Corporal's face. "Here," he said at last, "you give this lecture". As if afraid to say any more, he tossed the grenade to the Professor. Quite unabashed, Private Quelch climbed to his feet and with the air of a man coming into his birth-right, gave us an unexceptionable lecture on the grenade.* 3

- (a) Why did the Corporal ask Private Quelch to give the lecture?
 (b) Why was there a silence?
 (c) What does the word, 'stained' mean?

OR

*I am the sight of the sea;
The laughter of the field;
The tears of heaven.*

So with love -

*Sighs from the deep sea of affection; Laughter from the colourful
field of the spirit; Tears from the endless heaven of memories.*

- (1) What does the rain compare itself with ?
- (2) What does the rain bring with it ?
- (3) Which word in the passage means the same as 'fondness' ?

Answer the following questions in about 30 to 40 words each:

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| 9(i) | Why did the Bishop give the candlesticks to the convict ? (The Bishop's Candlesticks) | 2 |
| 9(ii) | There was a change in the attitude of the other Privates towards the Professor. Elaborate. | 2 |
| 9(iii) | Justify the title : "Oh, I Wish I'd Looked After Me Teeth" | 2 |
| 9(iv) | Why was everybody happy when he was shifted to the cookhouse ? | 2 |

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

- 10 A newspaper reporter hears of the marriage of Pescud and Jessie. He wants to write an article on how truth and honesty can make impossible even possible. 4

OR

After the convict left, the Bishop, was very happy that he was able to redeem the convict and that he went back happy. Put down the feelings of the Bishop in the form of a diary entry expressing his state of happiness. Discuss the values reflected through the Bishop's action of kindness. 4

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

- 11 Describe Gulliver's journey from Luggnagg to Japan. 10

OR

Laputians are a race of absent-minded scientists and philosophers. Illustrate.

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OR

Bring out the elements of humour in the procession that followed the three friends after they had made their purchases at Marlow

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OR

What does the incident of finding a hotel at Datchet tell us about Harris?

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