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

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

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SECTION A (READING & OTBA: 20 Marks)

1a Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

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1. If modern architecture deals with integrating man to his environment, the India Habitat Centre (IHC) should serve as a template for Delhi. A massive plot set in the heart of the city, is a complex of offices which range from the National Institute of Design to the Association of Automobile Manufacturers besides housing a library, a visual arts gallery, an auditorium, conference facilities, a variety of restaurants, a hotel and an outdoor theatre. The idea of IHC was to combine these various industries into a vibrant pool where corporate and cultural minds could meet.
 2. Architect Joseph Allen Stein came to India in the fifties. He found hope and ambitions of an emerging nation with its cultural heritage and strong craft tradition, a great pull and stayed on in this country until his retirement in 1995. The Habitat Centre is one of the last buildings he created and the largest space he had to play with. The complex is made up of a number of buildings, six to seven storeys high. Between them lie small patches of garden (a Stein hallmark) and courtyards. Special Lahori brick was manufactured for the IHC facade; as the architectural team was no longer satisfied by the quality of concrete.
 3. An innovative feature of the building is the top two floors being twice as wide as the floors below, making the building's shadow larger than its footprint, and creating a natural umbrella that would provide shade to the people who walk by.
- 1.1 What was the basic idea of IHC ?
 - 1.2 What made Joseph Allen Stein hopeful about India ?
 - 1.3 What does 'Natural Umbrella' refer to ?
 - 1.4 Why were special Lahori bricks manufactured ?
 - 1.5 Give the meaning of the word 'innovative' in (paragraph 3).

1b Read the passage carefully:

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Tatxmg and Wangwu are two mountains with an area of seven hundred Li square and rise to a great height of thousands of ren. They were originally situated south of Jizhou and north of Heyang.

North of the mountains lived an old man called Yugong (literally 'foolish old man') who was nearly ninety years old. Since his home faced the two mountains, he was troubled by the fact that they blocked the way of the inhabitants who had to take a roundabout route whenever they went out. He gathered his family together to discuss the matter.

"Let us do everything in our power to flatten these forbidding mountains so that there is a direct route to the south of Yuzhou reaching the southern bank of the Han River. What do you

say?" Everyone applauded his suggestion.

His wife voiced her doubts. "You are not strong enough even to remove a small hillock like Kuifu. How can you tackle Tatxmg and Wangwu? And where would you dump the earth and rocks?"

"We can dump it into the edge of the Bo Sea and north of Yintu," said everyone. Therefore, Yugong took with him three sons and grandsons who could carry a load on their shoulders. They broke up rocks and dug up mounds of earth which were transported to the edge of the Bo Sea in baskets. His neighbour, a widow by the name of Jingcheng, had a posthumous son who was just at the age of discarding his silk teeth. This vivacious boy jumped at the chance of giving them a hand. From winter through summer the workers only returned home once.

On the basis of your reading of the above passage, fill in the given blanks:

- (1) What troubled Yugong was _____.
- (2) He finally decided to _____.
- (3) The two doubts of his wife were (i) _____ and (ii) _____.
- (4) Perhaps Yugong at the age of ninety was not much bothered about the problem for himself but _____.
- (5) Pick out the word from the passage which means 'throwing away' _____.

(Open Text: 10 Marks)

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

Theme: Nurturing Compassionate Citizens

- 2a Arjun's birthday brought misery and lifelong suffering in the lives of three families. How could have this tragedy been avoided or immediate measures that could've reduced its profound impact? 5
- 2b Imagine you are Arjun. You feel shattered after the accident. You have now become an active member of the Road Safety Club of your school and spread awareness about road safety measures. Prepare a speech to be presented in your school assembly urging the students to follow the laws strictly and in being a witness to a road accident act swiftly, keeping in mind the significance of the 'Golden Hour'. 5

SECTION B(WRITING& GRAMMAR: 25 Marks)

- 3 Write an article in 100 - 120 words on 'Swacch Bharat Abhiyan'. Expressing your ideas on how to make the vision of Prime Ministers come true. 5
- 4 Read the given opening line and weave a story around it in 150 - 200 words. 10
The afternoon was hot and so was the railway carriage. The next stop was Kajiguda
- 5 Choose the most appropriate options from the ones given below to complete the following paragraph. 3
I (a) _____ in Minneapolis. I (b) _____ for more than a month now, and I (c) _____ to think about coming home. Everything I have seen so far is really very interesting.
- (a) (i) have just arrive
(ii) have just arrived
(iii) had just arrived
(iv) arrived
- (b) (i) have been travelling
(ii) travelled
(iii) travel
(iv) have travel

- (e) (i) am beginning
 (ii) have begun
 (iii) has been beginning
 (iv) have been beginning

6 In the following passage one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word 4
 along with the words before and after against the correct blank number.

	Before	Missing Word	After
People have a positive self image	(a) _____	_____	_____
seem to be ones favoured by lady luck.	(b) _____	_____	_____
They are happy lots of friends.	(c) _____	_____	_____
They respected wherever they go.	(d) _____	_____	_____

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

Doctor : Is the patient well?
 Nurse : Yes sir. He has taken his medicines.
 Doctor : Take good care of her.

The doctor asked the nurse (a) _____. The nurse replied that he was well and ^{told} told him
 (b) _____. The doctor directed the nurse to (c) _____.

SECTION C (LITERATURE: 25 Marks)

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

8 The spectacled child considered the point for a moment gravely. Then, nodding, he arranged. 3
 his books in readiness for his return and went out. The front door closed with a decorous
 softness.

- (a) Which point was considered by the spectacled child ?
 (b) What does it tell you about Harold ?
 (c) Which word appearing in the extract, is similar in meaning to 'appropriate'?

OR

I am dotted silver threads dropped from heaven
 By the gods. Nature then takes me, to adorn
 Her fields and valleys.

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- (a) Who is 'I' here ? What does it compare itself with ?
 (b) How does it come to the earth ?
 (c) Which word in the passage means the same as 'decorate' ?

Answer the following questions in 30 to 40 words each: (2+2+2+2)

- 9a What impression do you form of Miss Allyn ? 2
- 9b In the poem, 'Oh! I Wish I'd Looked After Me Teeth', what compelled the poet to gaze up at 2
 the dentist in despair?
- 9c What characteristics would you associate with the sixth stage ?(The Seven Ages) 2

9d Why has the word 'amalgum' been misspelt in the poem, 'Oh! I Wish I'd Looked After Me Teeth'? 2

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

10 The Professor is a prime example of immense talent gone waste. Comment with reference to the lesson 'The Man Who Knew Too Much' and the values required in his character to be acceptable to all. 4

OR

"He has more need of them than I." What makes the Bishop say these words? Comment on the values revealed through the Bishop's character. 4

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

11 Why does Master Houyhnhnm find Gulliver worse than the Yahoos in appearance? 10

OR

Write a character sketch of the Professors in the Academy of Lagado. 10

OR

"Sleep is very important and lack of sleep can change your nature." - Elaborate with reference to "Three Men in a Boat". 10

OR

What do we come to know about the three friends from their experience at Datchet? 10

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