

SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT - II (2013-2014)
ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE
Class - IX

Time: 3-3½ hours

Maximum Marks: 80

Instructions:

The question paper is divided into four sections.

Section A	:	Reading	20 marks
Section B	:	Writing and Grammar	25 marks
Section C	:	Literature	25 marks
Section D	:	Open Text	10 marks

SECTION A
(READING: 20 Marks)

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

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People often assume smiling in the face of adversity. This is a façade one puts up to hide the turbulence and sadness going on inside a person. However, researchers of a new study found that this might not actually be true and that trying to be happy can actually make a person feel happier and more positive. US academics Yuna L Ferguson and Kennon M Sheldon, in a study published in *The Journal of Positive Psychology*, described experiments they conducted into 'trying to become happier.'

The findings challenge earlier studies suggesting that actually trying to become happier was, in fact, counterproductive. The results suggest that without trying, individuals may not experience higher positive changes in their well-being. Thus practitioners and individuals interested in happiness and interventions might consider the motivational mind-set as an important fact of improving well-being.

Depression can adversely affect the course and outcome of common chronic conditions, such as arthritis, asthma, cardiovascular disease, cancer, diabetes and obesity. Trying to be happy can help keep away depression and fight its symptoms.

On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions :

Q. 1. Choose a suitable heading for the above passage.

- a) Happiness is just a conscious thought away
- b) Positive Changes
- c) Motivational Minds

d) Depression has worse effects

Q. 2. Which one is true for the above passage.

- a) Individuals experience higher positive changes in their well-being
- b) Motivated minds are important for well-being
- c) Depression doesn't affect chronic diseases
- d) People don't try to smile to hide their turbulence.

Q. 3. One who tries to stay happy at times of adversity, faces _____

- a) unhappiness
- b) turbulence
- c) positive changes
- d) depression

Q. 4. Who considers motivational mind as an important factor for improving well-being ?

- a) only practitioners
- b) only scientists
- c) Practitioners and individuals
- d) only psychologists

Q. 5. PERSISTENT is a synonym for _____

- a) chronic
- b) experience
- c) experiment
- d) challenge

2 **Read the following passage carefully.**

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Two generations of Curie family played a prominent role in the development of modern physics. No other family has ever won five Nobel Prizes. Madam Curie received the Nobel prize twice, her husband Pierre Curie once, their daughter Irene Curie and her husband Frederic Juliot Curie once each. Madam Curie was the daughter of a Warsaw school teacher. Her name at birth was Maria Sklodowska. She was a bright student and she worked as a governess for six years to enable her sister Bronya to qualify as a doctor in Paris.

Marie Curie started her career as an assistant to Prof. Becquerel, the man who discovered the radioactivity. One day Marie found some uranium which Becquerel had left in the drawer of his table a few years back. She used it to weigh photo-plates. In 1911, Marie Curie was awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry for her work on the isolation of radium and polonium and for the study of chemical properties of these elements. Marie Curie's US admirers presented her with one gram of radium in 1921. Because she had been so frequently exposed to radiation, she developed leukaemia and died on 4th July 1934.

Choose the most appropriate answer from the alternatives given.

- (1) The uniqueness about Madam Curie's family was that _____
- (a) they all were doctors.
 - (b) they all were scholars.
 - (c) they all were Nobel Prize winners.
 - (d) option C and B both.
- (2) Warsaw school teacher's daughter was _____
- (a) madam Curie
 - (b) Elizabeth Taylor
 - (c) Juliot Curie
 - (d) Marie Becquerel
- (3) In the year 1911, Madam Curie was _____
- (a) awarded the national prize in Physics.
 - (b) awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry.
 - (c) awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics.
 - (d) awarded the national prize in Chemistry.
- (4) US admirers of Marie Curie presented her with _____
- (a) ten Kilos of radium
 - (b) one gram of radium
 - (c) one gram of uranium
 - (d) ten kilos of uranium
- (5) The word 'prominent' means _____
- (a) noticeable
 - (b) subtle
 - (c) obscure
 - (d) famous

During winter holidays I visited a farm where I met Mr. James. When I arrived at the farm, the first thing I noticed was an enormous building. It was made of glass! "That's a greenhouse, isn't it?" I asked. "Yes, it is", said the farmer. He showed me the way inside. "That's where we grow our crops", he said. "It protects them from the cold winter". The plants I admired most were the dark green tomato plants with their juicy red tomatoes. There were a large number of bees in the house and I was frightened.

"Don't be frightened", said Mr. James. "They won't sting you". He told me that he had put 30 bees in the greenhouse only two months ago, and now there were 300! "Older bees keep dying and mix with the soil", he said. "Thus they serve as a good fertilizer. I prefer natural methods instead of chemicals". Ajeet loves to work with his father at the farm. "I like being close to the nature", he said to me. "I enjoy watching the life cycle of plants-how they grow and how they die". When I was leaving, Mrs. James gave me a small bottle of pure honey. She said "We always eat pure and healthy food. You know if you take care of your body; your body will take care of your mind. A healthy mind in a healthy body".

- (1) On the basis of your reading of the passage, complete the following statements.
 - (a) A Greenhouse protects _____.
 - (b) Older bees die _____.
- (2) Answer the following questions.
 - (a) Why did Ajeet like being close to nature ?
 - (b) What gift did Mrs. James give to the author ?
- (3) Find words from the passage which mean the same as :
 - (a) huge
 - (b) scared

4 Read the given poem carefully.

MIRACLES

Each time that I switch on the light

A Miracle it seems to me
That I should rediscover sight
And banish dark so utterly
One moment I am bleakly blind,
The next-exultant life I find.

Below the sable of the sky
My eyelids double darkness make
Sleep is divine, yet oh how I
Am glad with wonder to awake !
To welcome, glimmery and wan
The mighty Miracle of Dawn.

For I've mad moments when I seem,
With all the marvel of a child,
To dwell within a world of dream,
To sober fact unreconciled.
Each simple act has struck me thus-
Incredibly miraculous.

When every thing I see and do
So magical can seem to me
How vain it is to seek the True,
The riddle of Reality...
So let me with joy lyrical

SUNIL TUTORIAL

Proclaim all life a Miracle!

1. Based on the given poem, complete the summary by filling in only one word in each blank :

The poet finds that life is a big (a) _____. Each time, when he switches on the light, he is surprised how it vanishes (b) _____ completely. Every morning, when he wakes up, he experiences the miracle of (c) _____. He realizes that it is (d) _____ to seek Reality and one should enjoy life's wonders.

2. Find a word from the poem which is opposite to 'weak'.

SECTION B
(WRITING & GRAMMAR: 25 Marks)

5. Mishra, Nimish of 2-Queens Avenue, Park Lane, Pitampura comes across the following data published in the newspaper. She/he feels that despite the government's ban on tobacco related advertisements and the law against public smoking, the consumption of tobacco is growing steadily in India. She/he is of opinion that instead of just banning such ads, the government should order the closure of tobacco industry to eliminate the evil from its root. She/he decided to write a letter to the editor of a national daily expressing her/his views and suggestions. Using the information given below together with your own ideas, write Mishra/Mursh's letter in not more than 150 words.

There are 18.4 crore smokers in India.
8 lakh persons annually or 2200 daily die of tobacco related diseases.
There are 25 tobacco related diseases including cancer, lung ailments and heart diseases.
19% smoke cigarettes.
54% smoke buds.
27% chew tobacco.

6. You are a member of your school's social service league. You here decided to visit a nearby village from your school on a holiday to speak to the villagers on how smoking is a silent killer of life besides being a drain on the limited income earner. Write the speech in about 120 words.

7 You are Asha/Avneet of M J Public School. You lost your spectacles in school. Write a notice for the notice board of your school, giving necessary details. 4

8 Choose the most appropriate option from the ones given below to complete the following passage. 3

Bill Gates didn't (a) _____ like a shoe-in for success after dropping out of Harvard and starting a failed first business with Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen (b) _____ Traf-O-Data. While this early idea didn't work, Gates' later, (c) _____ the global empire that is Microsoft.

- a) (i) seemed (ii) seems (iii) seeming (iv) seem
b) (i) called (ii) calls (iii) calling (iv) call
c) (i) created (ii) creates (iii) creating (iv) is creating

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

Before	Missing	After
Our army, paramilitary forces,	_____	numerous officers
and staff, the Central and State governments,	_____	
worked in partnership with,	_____	common
to provide relief to,	_____	who were stranded

10 Look at the words/phrases given below and rearrange these words to form meaningful sentences. 3

Example: ground/that/Brahmi/herb/4/on/spreads/is

Brahmi is a herb that spreads on ground

- a. around/it is/ 96 countries/cultivated in/the world
b. in Africa/about 5000 years/grown/ago/it was/ first
c. say that / at the / it was grown/ some researchers/same time/ in India

SECTION C
(LITERATURE: 25 Marks)

- 11 Read the passage given below carefully and answer the questions that follow: 3
- Men are very clumsy', said she. I know you were on every train. I thought you were going to speak to me, and I'm glad you didn't.
- (a) Who is 'she' in the above lines?
 - (b) Why was she glad?
 - (c) Why does she say: 'Men are very clumsy'?

Answer the questions in about 30 to 40 words each:

- 12 (A) Who was 'Young Porky'? Why was he popular? 2
- 12 (B) Describe the house of Miss Allyn. 2
- 12 (C) "Prevention is better than cure" - Do you think the given proverb is appropriate for the poem and why? 2
- 12 (D) How do you think the song of the rain is the song of the soul? 2
- 13 Bishop tells Person that there is so much suffering in the world and he can do so little to lesson it. What suffering did Bishop talk about and what did he do for that? 4

OR

A newspaper reporter hears of the marriage of Pescud and Jessie. He expresses a desire (liking their story) to write an article for all the people that your dedication and honesty can make

impossible even possible Never take things for granted but always give your best shot to be successful in life.

Attempt either Part A or Part B

Part A

14 (A) Throw light on the academy of Lagado. 5

15 (A) Write a paragraph on the character portrayal of the women of Laputa? 5

Part B

14 (B) Describe the attempts of the three friends to open the pineapple tin. 5

15 (B) The novel is a series of comic characters and their experiences. Elaborate with any two examples. 5

Section-D
(Open Text -10 Marks)

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

16 **Theme-1 (Information Technology and Values) (5+5) 10**

- (a) New technologies and a growing global consciousness have created innovative opportunities for young people to connect locally, nationally and internationally for social action. Express your views on the same.
- (b) John is a very successful businessman who also owns a large share in a multi-national company. Due to a technical error and negligence from the company, some critical information about John leaked in the Internet. This greatly affected his business and his share value in the company too. From this case, would you conclude that technology has brought more harm to one's privacy rather than protecting it? Support your answer with more examples.