

Summative Assessment – I, 2011
ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE
Class - X

510042

Maximum Marks: 80

Time: 3 hours

Instructions:

The question paper is divided into four sections.

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| Section A: | Reading | 20 marks |
| Section B: | Writing | 20 marks |
| Section C: | Grammar | 20 marks |
| Section D: | Literature | 20 marks |

SECTION A
(Reading – 20 Marks)

Q1. Read the following passage carefully:

(5 marks)

Next morning I had an idea. It was nothing clear cut, merely speculative, but I considered it all the way to school. Then, after assembly, as soon as they were quiet, I went in. This might be a bit rough I thought, but here goes. 'I am your teacher, and I think it right and proper that I should let you know something of my plans for this class. I tried to pitch my voice into its most informally pleasant manner. We're going to talk, you and I, but will be reasonable with each other. I would like you to listen to me without interrupting in anyway and when I have finished anyone of you may say your piece without interruption from me. I was making it up as I went along and watching them, at the least sign that it wouldn't work. I'd drop it.

They were interested, inspite of themselves, even the dark Denham was leaning forward on his desk watching me. "My business here is to teach you and I shall do my best to make my teaching as interesting as possible. If at any time I say anything which you do not understand or with which you do not agree, I would be pleased if you would let me know. Most of you will be leaving school within six months or so, that means that in a short while you will embark on the very adult business of earning a living. Bearing that in mind, I have decided that from now on you will be treated not as children, but as young men and women, by me and by each other. When we move out of the state of childhood, certain higher standards of conduct are expected of us.

Complete the following statements by selecting the most appropriate options from the ones given below :

- (a) The first paragraph suggests that the teachers, ideas were

- _____.
- (i) carefully thought out.
 - (ii) quite ineffective.
 - (iii) rather hesitant.
 - (iv) very involved.
- (b) As he spoke he watched them carefully in order to _____.
- (i) see whether they understood his proposals.
 - (ii) drop his plan if it wasn't acceptable.
 - (iii) recognize the right reaction when it came.
 - (iv) get out quickly if it didn't work.
- (c) "They were interested, inspite of themselves" means _____.
- (i) they were forced to be interested.
 - (ii) they did not want to be interested.
 - (iii) they could not help being interested.
 - (iv) they did not like the fact they were interested.
- (d) The main change he proposed to introduce was _____.
- (i) to teach them things which were useful.
 - (ii) to show them how to earn their living.
 - (iii) to change them from being children.
 - (iv) to treat them as adults.
- (e) 'Embark on' in the passage means to :
- (i) carry. (ii) light.
 - (iii) begin. (iv) earn.

Q2. Read the following passage carefully:

(5 marks)

The Chinese proverb "without rice, even the cleverest woman cannot cook" is true for innumerable Indians too. Eaten simply boiled, rice is the world's most important staple and it's also had as delectable pulao, biryani, idli, appams, puddings or kheer. And the grain is available in numberless varieties the world over.

Contrary to some urban myths, scientists and diet experts know that rice is

good for you and can't make you the heavier. It mainly comprises carbohydrates that do not add kilos if consumed in moderation. "Rice is not fattening" says Richa Anand, chief dietitian at Dr. L.H. Hiranandani Hospital, Mumbai. "An average 100 gm serving of rice has only about 0.4 gm of fat". Infact this serving has no more than 100 calories. And, writes noted cookery expert Tarla Dalal, "Rice has approximately the same calories as whole wheat and hence is not more fattening."

Rice Kanji is, therefore, a home remedy for diarrhoea. In fact, Kanji along with a few food items like coconut chutney and cooked beans, makes for a healthful meal that millions in Kerala enjoy.

White or Brown? Unpolished brown rice may not be as popular as white, but is a good source of complex carbohydrates providing starch and fibre. It takes relatively more time to digest allowing the body to consume the energy released over an extended period. Brown rice is also richer in B vitamins, vitamin E and minerals like manganese and selenium, which makes it more nutritious than white varieties.

Since rice has no cholestrol or sodium, it is safe for those suffering from hypertension. Diabetics who prefer rice could choose brown (but check with your doctor first).

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Complete the statements given below by choosing the best options from the alternatives that follow :

- (a) Rice is world's most important staple because _____.
- (i) it is low in fats.
 - (ii) it has medicinal value in some cases.
 - (iii) it makes a healthful meal
 - (iv) all of the above.
- (b) Diarrhoea can be treated with _____.
- (i) rice-husk. (ii) rice-pudding.
 - (iii) rice-kanji. (iv) tea-leaves.
- (c) The word that does not mean same as 'delectable' is _____.
- (i) delightful. (ii) charming.
 - (iii) staple. (iv) pleasant.
- (d) 'Urban myth' referred to in the passage says _____.
- (i) that rice is poor source of nutrition.

- (ii) that rice is fattening.
 - (iii) that rice sharpens your memory.
 - (iv) that rice has a good taste.
- (e) Rice may be a safe and healthful meal for a patient suffering from _____.
- (i) anemia.
 - (ii) hypertension.
 - (iii) blood sugar.
 - (iv) asthma.

Q3. Read the following poem carefully:
"Actions Speak Louder Than Words"

(5 marks)

Who Loved BEST?

"I love you, Mother," said little John;
Then, forgetting his work, his cap went on,
And he was off to the garden swing,
And left her the water and the wood to bring.
"I love you, Mother," said Rosy Nell-
"I love you better than tongue can tell,";
Then she teased and pouted full half the day,
Till her mother rejoiced when she went to play.
"I love you, Mother," said little Fan'
"Today I'll help you all I can;
How glad I am that school doesn't keep!"
So she rocked the babe till it fell asleep.
Then, stepping softly, she fetched the broom,
And swept the floor and tidied the room;
Busy and happy all day was she,
Helpful and happy as child could be.
"I love you, Mother," again they said'
Three little children going to bed;
Do you think the mother fussed

Who amongst them loved her the best ?

A. 1. Complete the statements :

- (a) The three children claimed that _____
- (b) The mother rejoiced when Rosy Nell went out to play for _____
- (c) Out of the three _____ loved the mother the most because _____
- (d) The little one fan was busy and happy all day because _____
- (e) 'rocked the babe' means _____

Q4. Read the following passage carefully:

(5 marks)

THE BERMUDA TRIANGLE

At 2 pm on 5 December 1945, five US bombers took off from Fort Lauderdale in the USA for a training flight in perfect weather. Shortly afterwards, the pilots radioed that their flight instruments were all malfunctioning. Two hours after take-off, all contact with the planes was lost. A reconnaissance plane was immediately dispatched to search for the missing planes. Within 20 minutes, radio contact with it had also been lost. No trace of any of the planes was ever found. In all, six planes and 27 men had vanished into the air.

The disappearance of the six planes was far from being the first mysterious incident in the area: for years, navigational problems and strange magnetic forces had been reported. The disappearance was not even the greatest disaster within the triangle. The Cyclops, a 19,000-ton US ship was sailing from Barbados to Norfolk, Virginia. In March 1918, when it vanished with its crew of 309 from the surface of the ocean without making a distress call and without the slightest wreckage ever being found.

The losses of boats and planes in that area defy explanation. The disasters are the origin of a new phrase in the English language – the Bermuda Triangle and this phrase has entered legend. The Bermuda Triangle has been called the Devils' Triangle, the Triangle of Death, the Graveyard of the Atlantic. It has swallowed up 140 ships and planes and more than 1,000 people. Today many airmen and sailors are still afraid of that area of the Atlantic Ocean.

Complete the following sentences in a suitable manner.

- (a) The Bermuda Triangle is also known as _____
- (b) "The Cyclops" was the name of _____
- (c) The Bermuda Triangle has caused _____
- (d) On 5th Dec 1945 _____
- (e) To search for the five bombers a _____.

SECTION B
(Writing – 20 Marks)

- Q5.** In a competition you won a dinner with Shahrukh Khan. Your sister studying in class IX in a hostel in Shimla wanted to know how the evening went off. Write a factual description in about 80 words. **(4 marks)**
- Q6.** You have gone to your grand parents home in a village for your vacations. Tree – climbing, cycling, “gilli – danda” and swimming in the pond, are some of the fun sports you have enjoyed with your cousins. Share your enjoyment in these, through a letter you write to your school friend, highlighting how these outdoor fun activities (with practically no equipment) offer health benefits. **(about 120 words)** **(8 marks)**
- Q7.** On the ‘World Eye Care Day’ Nita/ Nirmal came across the following poster. **(8 marks)**

Donate Eyes



- **TAKE CARE OF YOUR EYES**
- **VISIT EYE CAMPS REGULARLY**

She / He decided to write an article for the school magazine stressing the need to take care of eyes and about the noble act of donating eyes. Write the article for Nita/Nirmal in not more than 150 words.

SECTION C
(Grammar – 20 Marks)

- Q8.** Read the instructions given below mentioning the different stages of making and using a natural conditioner. Using this information complete the description by choosing the correct options from those given below. **(4 marks)**
- (1) Add some marigold flowers to two glasses of water and bring it to a boil.
 - (2) When the water reduces to half, strain it and add one teaspoon honey.
 - (3) Wash your hair with shampoo.
 - (4) Use the mix after the wash as the last rinse for unbelievably soft hair.

Marigold flowers (a)_____ to two glasses of water. And it (b)_____ to a

boil. When the water (c)_____ to half it is strained and one tsp. honey is added. After your hair is washed the mix (d)_____ as the last rinse for very soft hair.

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| (a) | (i) | are added | (ii) | added |
| | (iii) | is added | (iv) | will be added |
| (b) | (i) | is bringing | (ii) | brought |
| | (iii) | is brought | (iv) | is allowed |
| (c) | (i) | reduces | (ii) | is reduced |
| | (iii) | are reduced | (iv) | reducing |
| (d) | (i) | will be used | (ii) | is used |
| | (iii) | are used | (iv) | used |

Q9. Choose the most appropriate options to complete the dialogue given below. (4 marks)
Write the correct answers in the answer sheet against the correct blank numbers:

Mother : Son, (a)_____ as it is very dirty? I think someone has throw dirt on you.

Son : Yes, mother. As I was cycling back home a speeding car (b)_____ when I came near a hole full of water.

Mother : Oh! God. You are really safe. I fail to understand (c)_____ their cars carefully. I think they enjoy seeing others in difficulties.

Son : I think it is so. The girls cycling ahead of me (d)_____ muddy as the car driver deliberately drove his car near them spilling sewage water from the road.

Mother : Something should be done.

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| (a) | (i) | your shirt is in a bad shape |
| | (ii) | what is wrong with it |
| | (iii) | what's happened to your shirt. |
| | (iv) | who has made a mischief with you |
| (b) | (i) | almost come near me |
| | (ii) | threw it on me |
| | (iii) | ran off near me |

- (iv) almost hit me
- (c) (i) why drivers don't drive
- (ii) car drivers fail to see
- (iii) drivers drive safely and
- (iv) car drivers don't see the pedestrians
- (d) (i) had their dresses fully
- (ii) were cycling on the road
- (iii) didn't see the car
- (iv) were cycling right but their dresses too got.

Q10. Rearrange the following words and phrases to make meaningful sentences. (4 marks)
Write the correct answer in your answer sheet.

Eg a wonderful/ Eiffel Tower/ innovation/ architectural/ is the

The Eiffel Tower is a wonderful architectural innovation.

- (a) have heard/ People/ the/ all over/ world/ Eiffel Tower/ about/ the
- (b) encloses/ the base/ tower/ of the / an area/ half acres / two and a / of/
- (c) completed / March / 1889/ tower/ in/ the / was
- (d) two months/ within/ two million/ it/ had / people/ visited / the tower

Q11. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. (4 marks)
Write the incorrect word and correction in your answer sheet against the correct question number. Remember to underline the words you have supplied.

| | Incorrect | --- | Correct |
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| Encourage a man, lift her image and | eg. her | | <u>his</u> |
| help him used his abilities. | (a) | _____ | _____ |
| Help him from leave his bad | (b) | _____ | _____ |
| habits. Failure was an event and | (c) | _____ | _____ |
| it is not the person. Teach | (d) | _____ | _____ |
| him into deal with the failure, | (e) | _____ | _____ |
| but don't made him feel like a | (f) | _____ | _____ |

failure. Ever miss a single (g) _____
 opportunity to encourage a person ;
 never miss an chance to offer (h) _____
 honest criticism of his performance.

- Q12. Read the conversation given below and complete the following passage by filling in the blank places appropriately. Do not add new information. Write the correct answers in the answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. (4 marks)**

Mary : Hello, Tom. How are you ?

Tom : I am fine. I am on my way to the bookshop. Would you like to come along with me ?

Mary : Yes, I have to buy a notebook for my sister.

Mary met Tom and asked him (a)_____. Tom replied (b)_____. He told her (c)_____ Mary replied in the affirmative and added that (d)_____

SECTION D (Literature – 20 Marks)

- Q13. (A) Read the extract and answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate options. (3X2=6marks)**

“Day by day the nightingale

Grew more sorrowful and pale.

Night on night her tired song

Zipped and trilled and bounced along.

Till the birds and beasts grew tired

At a voice so uninspired.”

- (i) The nightingale grew more sorrowful and pale _____.
- (a) because she was not suffering from throat infection
 - (b) because she was suffering from throat infection
 - (c) because she worked very hard without taking rest
 - (d) None of the above

- (ii) The birds and the beasts grew tired _____.
- because the nightingale's songs had lost their melody and charm
 - because they were very busy
 - because they liked frog's voice
 - because the nightingale was sick
- (iii) The word zipped means _____.
- closed
 - miserable
 - high pitched
 - sang quickly

OR

"He was staring with wide open eyes at the doorway from which Ali had disappeared. Where could he have gone ? At last he turned to Lakshmi Das. "Yes, I was speaking to Ali." He said.

- (a) Who is 'He' in the first line mentioned in the above extract ?
- Lakshmi Das
 - Postmaster
 - One of the clerks
 - Coachman Ali
- (b) The speaker realises later that _____.
- he was speaking to the coachman Ali who had come to collect the letter
 - he was speaking to the ghost of Ali
 - he was sleeping and saw Ali only in his dream
 - he was trying to clarify things with coachman Ali (alive)
- (c) Lakshmi Das came there _____.
- because he had heard the postmaster's words as he came towards the office from another quarter
 - because the Postmaster called him
 - to see coachman Ali
 - to give all the letters to the postmaster
- (B) 'Yes, he's gone. He was seventy - two a fortnight last Sunday. She sniffs back a tear.'
- Who makes this statement ?
 - Where has 'he' gone?
 - What can you say about her tears?

Q14. Answer any four of the following in 30-40 words each:

(2X4=8 marks)

- What according to Mrs Jordan was her sister's the great mistake?
- Why is Mrs Packletide said to be an exception in this world?
- What new turn did Ali take towards the evening of his life?

- (d) What are the odd jobs Jacopo and Nicola did for a living?
- (e) Why is the woman, looking into the mirror, agitated?

Q15. Answer any one of the following in about 150 words

(6 marks)

How does Sylvia Plath effectively use personification in the poem, "Mirror"?

OR

Imagine you are the narrator in "Two Gentlemen of Verona". You were touched by the love and devotion of the boys towards their sister. Write a letter to a friend about the two boys and the attraction you felt for them.

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