

Summative Assessment – I, 2013
ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE
Class - X

510020

Maximum Marks: 80

Time: 3 hours

Instructions:

The question paper is divided into four sections.

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)

Back at the camp, as we rested for the night, I was struck by the absolute calm of the place. Oh, what a great bliss it was to get away from the unending stream of cars and trucks continuously blaring their horns even if it was only for a few days ! The peace and tranquility, we experienced, was really welcome.

Next day, we awoke to the sound of the village cock. We washed at a brook rumbling near by, with clear and cool water fit to drink and cook with. The villagers insisted on cooking our meals for us and would not take a ‘no’ for an answer.

We toured the village again, visiting the ‘Balwadi school’. Then we went to a few houses and were really surprised that they had electricity, radio sets and even a community TV provided by the government for the whole village.

The chief occupation of the villagers was, of course, agriculture. A number of crops were grown and sold in the cities. I was delighted to see tube wells, sprinklers and fertilizers being used by the farmers. Truly, the villagers were progressing towards a good future. The men left their homes at dawn to work in the fields, coming home only for lunch and some rest, returning again to till the soil until dusk. The women helped them during the harvesting of the crops. They also sold their handicraft to a local cottage industry, thus contributing their share to the family income.

Answer the following questions by selecting the most appropriate options from the ones given below :

- (a) What struck the author back at the camp ?
- (i) the unending stream of cars and trucks blaring

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- (ii) the absolute peace that was there in the rural place
- (iii) the comfort of the multi-storeyed buildings in the village
- (iv) the school in the village
- (b) Who prepared the meals for the author and his friends ?
- (i) the villagers who were simple and helpful
- (ii) the village sarpanch
- (iii) the author himself with his friends
- (iv) none of the above
- (c) Why did the author feel that the villagers were progressing towards a good future ?
- (i) because the villagers, both men and women, were hard -
- (ii) working and each one contributed his/her share to the family income
- (iii) because the villagers were farmers but used advanced technology intelligently because many houses had electricity, radio sets and even a community TV and a 'Balwadi school' to educate children
- (iv) all of the above
- (d) The meaning of the word 'rumble' is :
- (i) move things about
- (ii) crumple
- (iii) disturb the peace, around
- (iv) make a deep, heavy, continuous sound
- (e) The writer is a man from :
- (i) a village
- (ii) a city
- (iii) a forest
- (iv) a foreign country

Q2. Read the following passage carefully: (5 marks)

In this age of spiralling fuel costs and greenhouse emissions, any new way to reduce the environmental and economic burden associated with the use of fossil fuels is welcome.. But back in 1950's it was another story. It seems that industrial chemist John Andrews created a revolutionary additive for petrol. He claimed that once this product was added, ordinary tap water could be mixed with petrol and used to run the engine of a car. The mix of water, petrol and additive was, according to Andrews, no less combustible than petrol alone. Now, if this were true, it means that the cost of a tank of petrol could be cut by more than half and pollution dramatically reduced.

Navy officials, on hearing these claims, supposedly went to Andrew's laboratory to see a demonstration of the secret additive but on arrival found the scientist missing and his laboratory ransacked. Andrews was never seen again. Stories circulated about how major oil companies were willing to go to any lengths to protect their products from the impact of alternative fuels—lengths that might have included the abduction of Andrews and the destruction of his research data. That the case came to be discussed in the first place has simply added fuel, so to speak, to the conspiracy theory fire.

Choose the right options from the list of options given in each question.

- (a) John Andrews was a _____ .

- (i) chemist.
 - (ii) naval officer.
 - (iii) industrial chemist.
 - (iv) scientist.
- (b) According to John Andrews the mix of water, petrol and additive was _____.
- (i) less combustible than petrol alone.
 - (ii) not at all combustible.
 - (iii) no less combustible than petrol alone.
 - (iv) none of the above.
- (c) A conspiracy theory is _____.
- (i) a plan to work out theory.
 - (ii) a belief that others secretly plot together.
 - (iii) a way of designing something.
 - (iv) a method of finding the truth.
- (d) Which statement best sums up the main idea in the first paragraph ?
- (i) John Andrews went missing and his laboratory was ransacked.
 - (ii) Oil companies don't like competition.
 - (iii) John Andrews might have made a useful discovery.
 - (iv) Environmental issues are important.
- (e) The last sentence in the second paragraph means _____.
- (i) that fuel is required to keep the home fires burning.
 - (ii) that fuel is the fire's food.
 - (iii) to make a big hue and cry about an existing issue.
 - (iv) none of the above.

Q3. Read the following poem carefully: (5 marks) I know what the caged bird feels.

Ah me, when the sun is bright on the upland slopes,
 when the wind blows soft through the springing grass
 and the river floats like a sheet of glass, when the first
 bird sings and the first bud opens, and the faint
 perfume from its chalice steals.

I know what the caged bird feels.

I know why the caged bird beats his wing till
 its blood is red on the cruel bars, for he must
 fly back to his perch and cling when he fain
 would be on the bough a swing And the

blood still throbs in the old, old scars and
they pulse again with a keener sting.

I know why he beats his wing.

I know why the caged bird sings.

Ah, me, when its wings are bruised and its bosom sore.

It beats its bars and would be free. It's not a carol of
joy or glee, but a prayer that it sends from its
heart's deep core, a plea that upward to heaven it
flings.

I know why the caged bird sings.

Complete the following statements.

- (a) The 'first bird sings and the first bud opens' is symbolic of _____.
- (b) The bird is beating its wing to try and _____.
- (c) Its 'carol' is a _____.
- (d) The poet uses the image of _____ to symbolize restricted freedom :
- (e) The poet's attitude to the bird's plight is one of _____.

Q4. Read the following passage carefully: (5 marks)

Many great whales like the Humpback have been so brutally massacred by mankind that whalers consider them commercially extinct. Whales are still overexploited. Typical is the Blue whale, the largest animal that has ever lived on this earth – 100 feet (30 meters) long and weighing 160 tons. Since 1900 we humans have killed over 300,000 of them and there are only a few thousand left. Despite international demands to stop the slaughter, whalers – mainly Japanese and Russian – are destroying four other species of great whale; some have already been reduced to 20 per cent of their former population. Whalers can turn to other trades but the great whales can never be recreated. They have much to teach us. These peaceful creatures have highly developed brains and close family and social organization. They can communicate over great distances, and dive to great depths. We cannot yet explain their full role in the ecology of the seas, but if they are wiped out and we find their role was a vital one, it will be too late. The World Wildlife Fund is campaigning to save the life and resources of the seas – for our own sake and that of our children.

Complete the following sentences in a suitable manner.

- (a) This text is an _____ about Whales and their survival.
- (b) World Wildlife Fund is campaigning to protect _____.
- (c) The word 'recreated' in the passage means _____.
- (d) These peaceful creatures have _____.
- (e) These creatures have a great power of _____ over great distances.

SECTION B

(Writing – 20 Marks)

Q5. Use the following notes to write a paragraph of about 80 words : (4 marks)

A fire – burning huts – people ran out – a child trapped inside – you/your friends – deeply moved – risky but decided to save – succeeded – bravery award.

Q6. Japan, the country known for its diligence has recently faced an earthquake and tsunami disastrously. To add fuel to fire nuclear reactors also have opened up their mouths in the form of leakage. You feel this would cause great damage to the earth and the neighboring countries. With this view in mind, write a letter to the editor of a national daily describing the horrible act and the possible dangers which the future world could face, suggesting a few precautionary steps to confront it . (120 words), you are Rita/ Raj. (8 marks)

Q7. Taking help from the notes given below, write an article on the topic, ‘We Hosted Commonwealth Games Successfully’. (150 words) and (8 marks)

- held in Oct.. 2010
- infrastructure Projects – construction and upgradation of stadia and training venues; underpasses overbridges; highways – signal free, new track of Metro;
- A. C. Buses , training to Taxi drivers.
- beautification projects – plantation of trees and plants , better maintenance of parks; making green - belt ; higher electric – poles. • difficulties – rising cost ; finance shortage; administrative problems
- C. M. – assurance given – all work completed in record time ; no let down
- rose to the occasion ;

- successfully completed-better claim for organising Olympics in 2020.

SECTION C
(Grammar – 20 Marks)

Q8. Complete the following paragraph by choosing the correct options from those given(4 marks) below :

Andhra Pradesh is (a)_____ state abounding (b)_____ natural wonders, rich in cultural heritage and most of all excellent tourism spots. Andhra Pradesh (c)_____ this day retains much of its regal glory (d)_____ old worldly charm. one of (ii)

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|-----|-------|------------|------|------------|------|------|
| (a) | (i) | a | (iv) | on | (ii) | only |
| | (iii) | | | | | |
| (b) | (i) | along with | (iv) | solely | with | |
| | (ii) | in | | into | | |
| (c) | (i) | (ii) to | | up to | | |
| | (iii) | (iv) | | along with | | |
| (d) | (i) | and | (ii) | with | | |
| | (iii) | inside | (iv) | besides | | |

Q9. Complete the following passage by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones given below. Write the answer in your answer sheet. (4 marks)

Kamla Das also (a) _____ is (b) _____. She (c) 'My Story' when she was 42 years old. Her autobiography (d) into many foreign languages.

- (a) (i) called as Kamla Suraiyya
 - (ii) known by Kamla Suraiyya
 - (iii) known as Kamla Suraiyya
 - (iv) said as Kamla Suraiyya.
- (b) (i) famous Indian writer
 - (ii) a famous Indian writer
 - (iii) the famous Indian writer
 - (iv) famous as the Indian writer
- (c) (i) published her autobiography titled
 - (ii) published an autobiography titled
 - (iii) published autobiography titled as
 - (iv) published an autobiography as
- (d) (i) is being translated
 - (ii) has been translated
 - (iii) will be translated
 - (iv) have been translated

Q10. Rearrange the following words or phrases into meaningful sentences. (4 marks)

- (a) young learners/ as a / body/ formidable/often regard/grammar/ of rules
- (b) learning/and pleasurable/this book/makes/unforced/of grammar/
- (c) provided/grammatical item/explanations are/each/for/and structure
- (d) relevant/ more/and/content/the/is/challenging

Q11. Following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction as given in the example against the correct blank number in your answer sheet. Underline the correct word that you have supplied. (4 marks)

		incorrect		correct <u>writing</u>
		write		
In this letter I am write about	eg	_____		_____
the picnic what I enjoyed. It	(a)	_____		_____
was a more pleasant day. A	(b)	_____		_____
cool breeze is blowing. It	(c)	_____		_____
was a season of mangoes.	(d) (e)	_____		_____
We carry ripe mangoes with us. The		_____		_____
music proved very sweetly in such		_____		_____
natural surrounding.	(f)	_____		_____
We enjoyed ourselves in the river	(g)	_____		_____
bank.	(h)	_____		_____

Q12. Read the headings given below and complete the news stories. (4 marks)

(a) PAWAR, DAUGHTER DENY INVOLVEMENT IN IPL

Sharad Pawar and his daughter Supriya Sule on

Friday _____any cricket team.

(b) IM DECLARED TERROR OUTFIT

The Indian Mujahideen (IM), suspected to be a shadow

outfit of the banned Students Islamic

Movement of India _____a terror outfit

(c) 5 PASSENGERS KILLED AS TRAIN RAMS INTO MINI-BUS

_____at an unmanned level crossing on

Friday when a train rammed into a minibus.

(d) INDIAN CONSUMERS MOST ECO

FRIENDLY, FINDS GLOBAL SURVEY

_____, says a 17 - nation survey on

consumer behaviour and environmental impact.

SECTION D

(Literature – 20 Marks)

Q13. (A) Read the extract and answer the following questions by choosing the most (3x2=6 marks) appropriate options.

(a) ‘Did you....did you like my song’ ?

—Not too bad-but far too long.

The technique was fine, of

course,

But it lacked a certain force.

(i) ‘You’ in the above lines refers to _____.

(a) the nightingale

(b) Mozart

(c) the frog

(d) the poet

(ii) The opinion expressed about the song _____.

(a) carries a lot of weight

(b) is meant to discourage the singer

(c) is meant to wholeheartedly support the singer

(d) is quite genuine.

(iii) The first line reveals that the speaker _____.

(a) is feeling nervous

(b) is quite sure about her singing talent

(c) has readily believed the listener

(d) is feeling confident about herself

OR Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the most appropriate options.

Don't show your ignorance, Ben. All artistic things are second hand. Look at those artists.

- (a) Who is the speaker?
- (i) Mrs Jordan (ii) Henry (iii) Victoria (iv) Amelia
- (b) The artistic thing being referred to here is a _____
- (i) chest of drawers (ii) bureau (iii) clock (iv) watch
- (c) The speaker made this remark because he/she _____
- (i) did not want them to know it was cheap
- (ii) loved it
- (iii) did not want them to know it was father's
- (iv) did not like it

B. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follows.

Write each answer in your answer sheet in one or two sentences only.

—For several days Ali had not come to the post -office. There was no one with enough sympathy or understanding to guess the reason, but all were curious to know what had stopped the old man.¶

- (a) Why did Ali come to the post office ?
- (b) Why had Ali stopped coming to the post office ?
- (c) Why were all curious to know ?

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

(2X4=8 marks)

- (a) What traits of the boys attracted the narrator towards them? How were the children helpful to the narrator?
- (b) How did the villagers react to the tiger's death ?
- (c) Why did Coachman Ali give up his favourite sport ?
- (d) Why does the woman dislike the mirror ?
- (e) What were the programmes scheduled for Monday next by the grandfather ?

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

(6 marks)

—The two boys' devotion had touched me deeply. War had not broken their spirit. Their selfless action brought a new nobility to human life, gave promise of a greater hope for human society. ||

Comment upon this statement made by the narrator of the lesson, 'Two Gentlemen of Verona' bringing out the reasons.

OR

Hurt by her parents' behaviour, Victoria expresses her emotions in a letter to a close friend. Write the letter on behalf of Victoria.

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