

Summative Assessment – I, 2013
ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE
Class - X

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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)

Dad decided last Sunday that we should all go on a camping trip.

He read an article in the Sunday paper about camping and how it “brings families together under the canopy of nature.”

“Overrated,” I joked. “What about the canopy of television or the canopy of restaurant food” ?

“This will be good for us,” Dad said, sliding the magazine across the coffee table. “Let’s go next week-end.”

I shot a quick look over at my little brother, Paul. He gave me a slow eyebrow raise which meant, “This will probably not go off completely as planned.”

My smile back, I said, “But it will surely be fun.” I started to think back.

Once Dad decided, “we should all learn how to canoe.” We borrowed two canoes from our friends, hoisted them on the van and drove for three hours to a **secluded** lake in Virginia. Once we got there, we discovered that we had forgotten the paddles.

Paul and I got in a canoe with Dad, and our two younger sisters got in a canoe with Mom. We floated aimlessly around the lake for hours. *Then we all jumped in with our life jackets on. We pushed the canoe back to shore.* It was a fantastic trip.

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Another time, Dad decided “we should all learn how to ski.” All of us hate the cold so we spent the week-end huddled by the fire, drinking hot cocoa in the ski lodge and playing board games. It was great. We had a blast.

When I stopped daydreaming, Mom was saying, “Sweetheart, we don” t have a tent.”

“We don” t need one!” Dad said happily. “We” ll take all the seats out of the van when we get to the campsite and put in an air mattress.”

I don” t know what the punch line will be on this **excursion**, but I am sure with Mom, Dad and the four of us kids scrunched in a van at some national park, we are bound to have a good time.

Questions:

- (a) Which title fits this passage best ?
- (i) “No Paddles”
 - (ii) “Never as Planned”
 - (iii) “Hot Cocoa by the Fire”
 - (iv) “Van Camping for Beginners”
- (b) What literary term best describes the narrator” s daydreams ?
- (i) foreshadowing,
 - (ii) irony,
 - (iii) flashback,
 - (iv) metaphor,
- (c) Which of the following could be described as not secluded ?
- (i) a deserted island
 - (ii) an amusement park
 - (iii) a hiking trail known only to a few
 - (iv) an unpopular beach on a rocky coast
- (d) What lesson does the narrator” s family seem to live by ?
- (i) Camping is an adventure.
 - (ii) Danger is only in the imagination.

[get more sample papers](#) (iii) Things don't need to go as planned to have fun.

(iv) Reading newspapers is a prescription for trouble.

(e) Which is best synonym for excursion ?

(i) evolution

(ii) exodus

(iii) expedition

(iv) hiatus

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

It is a sunny August afternoon outside, but conveyor belt no.3 in the arrival lounge of the domestic terminal of New Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport is full of army men in uniform. It is on this belt that the luggage from a special Indian Airlines flight for the armed forces from Srinagar is scheduled to arrive. A motley crew of Army men waits for the belt to move, as other passengers pass them by, without a second glance.

Aditya Varma, 27, cannot help saying, "We don't have that respect and admiration for our army anymore. India remembers her soldiers only during war," he says. Though passionate about the forces, he knew when he was 16 that he would not wear the uniform. "It's not the same Army any more, everything has changed," he says.

Army families across the country share Varma's sentiment. Disillusionment, disappointment, resentment, bitter-sweet nostalgia, a fierce sense of pride and possessiveness....they today battle many contrasting emotions when it comes to the organization that was their universe.

From senior officers getting caught in corruption and sex scandals, to children growing up without their fathers, with every controversy, a bit more of the Army's halo is chipped away. It is a battle between an organization holding onto its values and traditions and a world where the only value is change. And the Army is losing on every front.

(a) The other passengers passed them by without giving a second glance because :

(i) we do not have respect and admiration for our army anymore

(ii) we remember the army only during wars

(iii) with every scandal the army's halo is chipped away (iv) all of the above

(b) At the age of 16 only Aditya Varma had decided :

(i) that he would join the Army

(ii) he would marry before joining the Army

(iii) that he would never join the Army

(iv) he would join the Army very soon

(c) A motley crew of Army men, here „motley“ means :

(i) dull

(iii) scruffy

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- (d) The organization was their universe because :
- (i) earlier a lot of facilities were provided
 - (ii) army means everything to them
 - (iii) it was easy to get into the Army
 - (iv) easy life and good salary
- (e) The Army is losing its importance at every front because of :
- (i) the corruption prevailing in the army
 - (ii) lack of commitment
 - (iii) no ethics and values left
 - (iv) all of the above

Q3. Read the following poem carefully: (5 marks)

WHAT MONEY CAN'T BUY

What do I want that money can't buy?
A raindrop, a dewdrop, the fourth of July.
The pride that comes with a job well done,
My name on the honour roll or a medal I've won,
My mom's bedtime stories – whether funny or scary,
A night-time visit from the generous Tooth Fairy.
Snow days that keep me home from school,
The sand between my toes and the public pool.
Fireflies illuminating a dark summer night,
The perfect autumn day to fly a kite.
Wrestling with my brothers or bugging my dad,
Helping my little sister read makes me feel so glad,
What I really want more than anything are the
Things that money can't buy,
Like love, laughter, happiness – and
The beauty of a sunset that makes me just sigh.

Mary (9-year old)

- (a) Money can buy everything except _____
- (b) „The beauty of sunset that makes me just sigh“ means _____
- (c) The little girl wants things that money cannot buy because _____
- (d) The message that the little girl has conveyed is _____
- (e) „Fireflies illuminating a dark summer night“ means _____

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

Fourteen year old Michael Otto crawled out of his tent still half-sleepy. The scenery captivated him immediately: the river Elbe was steaming in the early morning light as it flowed towards the North Sea. Geese were flying over the water, which the rising sun had turned into a golden carpet. “At that moment, I felt the elemental power of the Elbe,” says Michael Otto 52 years later.

Otto's relationship to the Elbe perfectly describes his way of doing business: it explains why the billionaire has done so much for the environment. Furs, paints and tropical hardwoods were taken off the product line, ecological textiles became the focus early on-and he fought against the expansion of the Elbe as a waterway.

During their early years the Michael family faced trying times. They had to relocate themselves to Hamburg after the Russians marched through West Prussia (now Poland). In Hamburg they were safe but poor. Michael's father decided to improve their lot by setting up a mail-order shoe company. Later the parents divorced. Michael moved out to a rural suburb with his mother but he remained close to his father. The beauty of the landscape-the meadows, forests fascinated him. His desire for discovery turned into wanderlust when he stood at the harbour watching ships.

When he was 15 he accompanied his father on his first business trip to Canada. By 19 he was scouting for real-estate in Canada. He did a bank apprenticeship and studied economics. Later he started a company of his own and travelled extensively across the globe even traversing difficult hilly terrains with the nomads. In 1972 he published a book. „*Limits to Growth*“ where he says, “*we can only exploit the earth to the extent that it can regenerate itself*”. Since then he has used this as a guiding principle of this work. Even in the uppermost circles of business, he ensures that economy and ecology go hand in hand.

- (a) When fourteen years old Otto came out of his tent the three beauties of nature which he enjoyed were _____.
- (b) The three things which he removed from his product line were _____.
- (c) During their early years a great difficulty faced by the Michael family

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- (d) At the age of nineteen Otto was _____.
- (e) The word in para 3 which means the same as „a strong desire to travel“ is _____.

SECTION B

(Writing – 20 Marks)

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

Be a ‘free – vegan’ !

- Vegetarian diet better than non-vegetarian
 - Fruits – colourful ones – storehouse of vitamins A, B, and C.
 - Vegetables give both Vitamin/Minerals and fibre – for cleansing body from within
 - Non – veg food – more expensive, more toxic wastes left in our body •
- Raw fruits/vegs save fuel costs – is more environment friendly.

Q6. Taking help of the points given below, write a letter to the editor of the (8 marks) newspaper expressing your concern regarding the health hazards caused by junk food and its long lasting effects. (Word limit - 120 words)

- tasty and saves time.
- no food value, fried, fine flour used
- effect on body is always disastrous.
- leads to diseases like tension, blood clotting, depression etc.
- wastage of money

[get more sample papers](#) **Q7.** You are asked to deliver a speech on the topic „Health awareness“ in the morning (8 marks) assembly in your school. Use your own ideas along with the ideas from the unit „Health and Medicine“ . Give importance to the various contagious diseases common now and how they can be controlled. (150 words)

SECTION C

(Grammar – 20 Marks)

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

below. Dear Meena,

I am having a super time here in Gangtok (a)_____ the temperature hitting an all time low for this season. (b)_____ I did carry adequate warm clothing, I forgot to bring my umbrella and it has been raining ever since I got here.

Mother plans to stay in the hotel tomorrow (c)_____ I intend to go and explore the city (d)_____ the bad weather. I promise to write you a letter whenever possible.

Your friend,

Harpreet.

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|-------|-----|-------------|------|----------|
| (a) | (i) | while | (ii) | despite |
| (iii) | | although | (iv) | though |
| (b) | (i) | In spite of | (ii) | Although |
| (iii) | | Despite | (iv) | While |
| (c) | (i) | because | (ii) | so |
| (iii) | | while | (iv) | despite |
| (d) | (i) | in spite of | (ii) | though |
| (iii) | | since | (iv) | as |

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

Anne : Excuse me, I think if I am not mistaken, you are Twinkle.

Twinkle : Oh! What a great surprise! You Anne! How (a)_____much?

Anne : You too! I think we are meeting after a long time. But tell me

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(b) _____ to Pondicherry. Your husband, I remember was posted in Mumbai.

Twinkle : We came here last month. My husband (c) _____ after promotion as Area Manager. Of course, we stayed in Mumbai for five years.

Anne : Rikki must have joined a college now. When I saw her last she was a little chubby thing. What about Priya?

Twinkle : Yes, she is in I year. Priya has become very naughty.

Anne : How is Mona? She (d) _____ in a medical college when I saw her last.

Twinkle : She is a full fledged doctor now. We are thinking of her marriage. Tell me about a suitable match.

Anne : It is a wonderful news. I shall tell you definitely. Let's go to the park.

We'll talk there.

- (a) (i) had you changed so (ii) have you been changed so
(iii) have you changed so (iv) has you changed so
- (b) (i) what had brought you here (ii) what have brought you here
(iii) what was brought you here (iv) what has brought you here
- (c) (i) has been transferred here (ii) had been transferred here
(iii) have been transferred here (iv) was transferred here
- (d) (i) was studying (ii) has been studying
(iii) have been studying (iv) is studying

Q10. Rearrange the following words / phrases to make meaningful sentences.

(4 marks)

eg. You/ your/ up/ to/ bring/ me/ know/ I / Daddy/ sacrificed/ youth

I know Daddy, you sacrificed your youth to bring me up.

(1) me/ you/ your/ portion/ of/ fed/ food/ with

(2) cannot/ the/ you carried / me/ I / forget/ number of days

(3) to/ you/ I / my/ express/ gratitude/ cannot

(4) one/ not/ you/ enough/ to thank/ lifetime / is.

Q11. Edit the following passage. There is one missing word in each line. Write the missing word in your answer sheet. Write the word before and the word after along with the answer.

(4 marks)

	Before	Answer	After
Corvus is the Latin name the crow family.		_____	
I have started calling my pupil this name.		_____	
At first, he would turn stare at me,		_____	
now he has begun respond verbally.		_____	
Corvus learning English now. His training	_____	takes	
place between eight and nine in morning.	_____		
The rest of the time he hangs here, but in the		_____	
evening he still prefers go back to the mango tree		_____	
in my garden.			

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

(4 marks)

Maya : Could I borrow your pen for a moment ? I just want to write my name on my answer sheet.

Riya : I have not finished my work yet. Could you wait for a moment ?

Maya : I cannot wait long. I have to submit my answer script to the teacher.

Maya asked Riya (a)_____adding that (b)_____. Riya informed that she had not finished her work yet and requested her (c)_____. Maya informed Riya that (d)_____as she had to submit the answer script to the teacher.

SECTION D
(Literature – 20 Marks)

Q13. (A) Read the extract and answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate options. (3X2=6marks)
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I think it“ s part of my heart but it flickers

Faces and darkness separate us over and

over

(a) Who is the speaker ?

(i) the lady (ii) candle

(iii) mirror (iv) moon

(b) What is separated from it ?

(i) the wall (ii) the lake

(iii) the lady (iv) the lake

(c) The poetic device used here is _____

(i) simile (ii) metaphor

(iii) alliteration (iv) personification

OR

The post office one of the uninteresting buildings in the world, became the place of

[get more sample images](#) With boundless faith and infinite patience he came everyday.

1. Who was the person who went to the post office daily ?
 - (a) The Postman
 - (b) Lakshmi Das
 - (c) Miriam
 - (d) Ali

2. He came everyday because he was _____.
 - (a) courageous
 - (b) optimistic
 - (c) foolish
 - (d) will power

3. The post office is referred to as his place of pilgrimage since.
 - (a) he visited it daily
 - (b) came there to pray for his daughter
 - (c) went there with faith and hope
 - (d) believed God would bless him if he went there.

(B) She" ll come fast enough after her share of what grandfather" s left. You know how hard she can be when she likes. Where she gets it from I can" t tell.

- (i) Who speaks these words and about whom ?
- (ii) The speaker implies that „she" is _____.
- (iii) The literary device used in the above lines is _____.

Q14. Answer **any four** of the following questions in 30-40 words each. **(2X4=8 marks)**

- (a) Depict the instances of humour in the chapter, "Mrs. Packletides Tiger."
- (b) Briefly describe the character of Victoria in, „The Dear Departed."
- (c) Why has the mirror been called a four-cornered god ?
- (d) How did the frog once again become the unrivalled king of the bog ?

(e) How did the post master's attitude towards Ali eventually change ?

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

(6 marks)

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.

OR „The Frog and the Nightingale” is a symbolic poem. What lesson do you learn from it ?

