SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT—II, 2013
ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE

Time: 3 hours
Class-X
Maximum Marks: 90

Introduction:
The questions paper is divided into four sections.
Section A: Reading 20 marks
Section B: Writing 25 Marks
Section C: Grammar 20 Marks
Section D: Literature 25 Marks

SECTION—A
(Reading—20 Marks)

1. Read the passage carefully.

Researches around the world are studying the human brain to find out what makes it tick. If nothing else, their finding are great conversation starters—and this alone could make you smarter.

It’s smart to socialize. Experiments have revealed that talking with others exercises your mind. “Short-term social interactions lasting just ten minutes boosted participants’ intellectual performance as much as engaging in “intellectual activities,” says Oscar Ybarra, a psychologist at the university of Michigan. Ybarra’s research shows that talking can improve our memory and thinking skills—which might mean that having a conversation is as helpful as doing a crossword puzzle.

Yawning is cool. Researchers Andrew C Gallup and Gordon G Gallup, Jr say our brains burn up to 33 percent of the calories we consume and generate heat. Yawning cools brain cells, thus making them more efficient. The researchers also found that yawning increases blood flow and helps maintain optimum levels of functioning. And they suggest we are biologically hard-wired to yawn to stay alert and protect ourselves from danger. Use is or lose it. Scientists at the Queensland Brain Institute (QBI) in Australia have discovered that brain cells that aren’t stimulated destroy themselves. Neuroscientist Elizabeth Coulson suggests this self-destruction mechanism is a factor in brain condition such as strokes and Alzheimer’s disease. Professor Perry Bartlett, director of the QBI, says understanding this process allows us to devise “new mechanisms for the treatment of diseases from depression to dementia.”
1. On the basis of your reading of the above passage complete.........the following sentence.

(a) A great topic to start a conversation is.........................
(b) Experiments reveal that talking with others....................
(c) Talking can also .........................
(d) Having a conversation is .........................
(e) Yawning cools the brain thereby ............................
(f) Yawning also helps ......................... and increases blood flow.
(g) We're hard-wired to yawn to .........................

2. Find words from the passage that mean:

(a) To eat or drink.

(b) Best or most favourable.

(c) Competent.

2. Read the following passage carefully:

The Rig Veda, which is the oldest work of the Aryan world and gives a picture of an ancient civilization, explains how the mind of man, in its infancy, worships what is bright and glorious in nature, what is powerful and striking. Among some nations, religion began with the fear of diseases and evil but, among the Aryans, with the adoration of the glorious and powerful objects of nature. It, of course, also shows how the mind is led from nature up to God, all natural phenomena being the action of the unknowable One.

It was the work of the rishis, who later passed from nature to God. Vedid Dyu is simply the sky (literally meaning the shining); Dahana and Ahana, the dawn; Varuna (meaning to cover) is again the sky; Pramatha is fire produced by friction. The Vishnu of the Rig Veda is not the Vishnu, the preserver, but only the Sun God, far below Indra or Varuna, Savitri or Agni. In the Rig Veda, his three steps, covering the universe, simply denote the sun at its rise, its zenith and its setting.

The Rudra of the Rig Veda is not the supreme destroyer but the thunder of the thunder-cloud. The Brahma of the Rig Veda is not the supreme creator but only a prayer. There is no mention of the idols in the Rig Veda, none of the temples of places of worship where the people were to congregate. Every father of a family was his own priest and his home was his temple.
Answer the following questions with the help of given options.

(a) According to the passage, who among Vishnu, Varuna, Savitri, Indra and Agni is considered least important in the Rig Veda?

(i) Vishnu
(ii) Varuna
(iii) Savitri
(iv) Indra

(b) What is ‘Pramatha’ of the Vedas?

(i) Sky
(ii) Fire
(iii) Thunder
(iv) Dawn

(c) Which of the following is most nearly the same in meaning as ‘evil’ as used in the passage?

(i) Immoral
(ii) Sinful
(iii) Harmful
(iv) Unpleasant

(d) Which of the following is a pair of names expressing two different aspects of the same deity?

(i) Indra and Varuna
(ii) Savitri and Agni
(iii) Vishnu and Sun God
(iv) Brahma and Rudra

(e) In the passage what does ‘Glorious’ mean?

(i) new
(ii) shining
(iii) bright
(iv) praiseworthy

3. Read the poem given:

I saw a boy, with eager eye
Open a bok upon, a stall
And read, as he’d devour it all
Which when the stall-man did espy
Soon to the boy I heard him call.
“You, sir, you never buy a book.”
The boy passed slowly on, and with a sigh
He wished he never had been taught to read
Then of the old churl’s book, he should have had no need.
Of suffering the poor have many

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Which never can the rich annoy
I soon perceived another boy
Who looked as if he had not any
Food for that day at least, enjoy
The sight of cold meat in a tavern larder
This boy’s case then thought I is surely harder
Thus, hungry longing thus without a penny
Beholding choice of dainty-dressed meat,
Would be no wonder, if he wished he
Never had learned to eat.

—By Marty Lamb

On the basis of your reading of the above poem complete following statements by choosing the cored options from the ones given below:

(i) The bookstall owner stopped the boy from looking at the book because..............
(a) he felt he was eating it.
(b) he ever bought a book
(c) he never set eyes on them
(d) he passed slowly by them

(ii) The boy felt dejected at ..............
(a) the rude behaviour of the owner
(b) the owner’s spying on him
(c) the owner calling him
(d) the pleasant personality of the owner

(iii) He wished he were illiterate because..............
(a) he would not feel hungry
(b) he would not have the urge to read
(c) he would enjoy reading
(d) he would enjoy at the stall.

(iv) The penniless hungry boy on seeing the tasty food wished that ..............
(a) he was illiterate
(b) he had never learned to read
(c) he was literate
(d) he had never learned to eat
(v) The phrase, 'dainty-dressed from the poem means...................
(a) wearing clothes
(b) dressed up stylishly
(c) attractively garnished
(d) wishing for

SECTION-B
(Writing—25 Marks)

4. You are the Head Boy/Head Girl of your school. An inter-School Science Project Competition is going to take place in your school. Write a notice in 50-60 words, informing the students about the time and date of the competition.

5. Vinod, a student of class IX, stood first in the declamation contest and was awarded a prize in the Annual Prize Distribution Function. Since it was his first ever achievement he felt greatly pleased, satisfied and excited. He decided to write a diary entry about this. Write this diary entry for him in 50-60 words.

6. Last week you attended the wedding of your cousin. Give a description of the ceremony in 80-100 words.

7. You have been reading incidents of foreign tourists being cheated of their money and valuables, incidents of inhospitable behaviour and eve teasing. As a concerned citizen, write an e-mail in 120-150 words to a friend expressing your views on the issue and also giving suggestions as to how to make our city a safer tourist destination.

8. On Sunday I was watching T.V. Suddenly I heard people shouting outside..........................Complete the story in 120-150 words with the help of lines written above.

9. You have read an article on the newspaper that increasing population is one of the major problems that our country is now facing. Prepare a speech in 120-150 words on the problems on increasing population.

SECTION-C
(Grammar—20 Marks)

10. Ruskin: What happened to Mr. Johnsons. The one had leprosy?

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Granny: I've no idea (a)................................................. 
Ruskin: ......................................................... 
Granny: I don't think so. (c) ....................................... 
Ruskin: Peraps he'll get better in England (d) ...................... 
Granny: If they let him enter the country. 

(a) (i) The Johnsons must have taken him along too. 
(ii) Johnsons must have taken him along to. 
(iii) Johnson’s must have taken him along too. 
(iv) Johnsons’ must have taken him along too. 

(b) (i) What if he has died. 
(ii) What if he died. 
(iii) Perhaps he died. 
(iv) Perhaps he has died. 

(c) (i) I would have heard. 
(ii) I will have heard. 
(iii) I could have heard. 
(iv) I shall had heard. 

(d) (i) and wherever they have gone. 
(ii) and wherever they had gone. 
(iii) or wherever they have gone. 
(iv) or where they've gone. 

11. Rearrange the following words/phrases into meaningful sentences: 

(a) born out of the/ star is/ big dust/ a/ and gas clouds 
(b) many/ clouds/ there/ in space/ are/ such 
(c) pulls/ gas and/ dust/ all/ together/ gravity/ the 
(d) become/ ball/ the/ begins/ to/ glow fiercely/ a star/ to 

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Example: Chamber music was intended of a small group

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and was performed used musical Instruments like flutes, violas, violins but a harpsichord.
Later the fortepiano placed the harpsichord.
Chamber groups was created in the days of Mozart.

13. Read the following news headlines and complete the news reports that follow: 4

(a) BATCH MATES QUESTIONED, NO WITNESSES FOUND

Batchmates of Sita Agarwal but no witnesses to the murder have been found by the police so far.

(b) REVISED B.Ed SYLLABUS TO STRESS CLASSROOM TEACHING SKILLS

Syllabus of the B.Ed. Course by the Education Board of India to enhance the classroom teaching skills of future teachers.

(c) MOVIE STAR LOSES ALL TO BANDRA FIRE

All possessions of Amina Ali, a star of the yesteryears in the fire that raged in the Bandra area.

(d) VICTIM HYPNOTISED AND ROBBED GANG ARRESTED

A member of a gang that hypnotized and robbed an elderly lady by the police.

14. A boy greets the postman and enquires (a) . The postman says that (b) . Then he asks him his name. The boy unhappily says (c) . He further explains that it (d) .
SECTION-D
(Literature—25 Marks)

15 (A) Read the extract given below and complete the statements that follow by choosing the correct options:

Of that colossal wreck, boundless and bare
The lone and level sands stretch far away.

(a) ‘that colossal wreck,’ here means
(i) a huge broken statue
(ii) the base of a statue
(iii) the huge broken statue of King Ozymandias.
(iv) A broken ship in the desert.

(b) The poetic device used in these lines is..............
(i) metaphor
(ii) alliteration
(iii) simile
(iv) repetition

(c) The writer of the poem, ‘Ozymandias’ is:
(i) Sylvia Plath
(ii) William Shakespeare
(iii) Coleridge
(iv) Percy Bysshe Shelley

15 (B) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

Patol Babu was always in demand. His name had appeared in handbills on countless occasions. Once it appeared in bold type near the top, ‘Sitalakanto Ray (Patol Babu) in the role of Parasar.’ Indeed, there was a time when people bought tickets especially to see him.

(a) Explain the phrase, ‘in demand.’

(b) Where was Patol Babu in demand?

(c) What does the last sentence tell you about Patol Babu?
15 (C) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

They that have don this deed are honourable,
What private griefs they have, alas, I know not,
That made them do it.

(a) Who is the speaker and who is being spoken to?
(b) Who are ‘they’?
(c) What is the tone of the speaker?

16. Answer any three of the following questions:

(1) Describe Patol Babu’s film shot.
(2) Why did John Hallock wish he were dead?
(3) Describe the conflicting emotions the narrator experienced when the snake came to drink at his trough?
(4) What does Antony wish for on seeing Caesar’s dead body?

17. “Its those Ouija Board fanatics………..we sit at our desk and answer questions now. And questions!”

Nowadays people are greatly influenced by astrology, numerology, occult sciences etc and let their actions be guided by the advice given to them by pundits, soothsayers instead of using their reason. Give two reasons why people do so and what would be your advice to them.

18. Justify the title, ‘Virtually True.’ Why is it called virtually?

OR

D.H. Lawrence is torn between the two voices that reflect a conflict between civilized social education and basic natural human instinct. Elaborate in a letter to your friend.