SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT - II, 2012
ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE
Class - IX

Maximum Marks : 90

Instructions :

The Question 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)

Q.1. Read the following passage carefully:

VOICE OF LOVE

1. I was a below average student. Both in schools and colleges, rarely my teachers knew me by name. I don't think I was a dunce; just that I didn't have an academic bent of mind. Since failures were more a habit than an exception, a below par performance never disturbed me. Neither were my teachers proud of me nor did I make my parents feel proud of me.

2. Of course, my parents being noble-hearted, never gave up on me. They never put me down in the presence of others. In fact, to shield me, they always projected a positive image of me to the world.

3. In 1984, while pursuing my graduation in mathematics, I had failed in one of the subjects in my fourth semester. I already had three arrears. For the first time, hearing about my failure, I saw tears in my father's eyes. This was my first experience of seeing my father cry. I couldn't handle his crying. To withdraw myself I escaped to the terrace of my apartment. I suffered a fear like I have never known before. I was trembling. I never wanted my parents to ever cry again because of my failures. But, I was scared. "Was it too late to begin in life," I doubted. I was already over 18, just about 50% marks in my four semesters, 4 arrears to clear and 3 regular papers to face in my fifth semester, no talent, no special abilities, never won a prize in my life, not a single certificate... I truly wanted to make it very big in life, if not for my sake, just to make up for all that I had put my parents through. My thoughts were haunting me, "Rajan, you don't have any taste of success. You just don't know what it is to succeed." With tears flooding, I cried, "Can I still make it big in life or have I missed the bus?"
4. My neighbour, Vijayaraghavan, who learnt about the sobbing of my soul, casually said, "Rajan, the harder you press the spring the faster it will bounce back. So what if your life has been pressed by failures for 18 years. Decide to bounce back and bounce back big in life. Even God will not stop you." Bounce back I did! I bounced back big to clear all the 7 papers in first class and ever since I smile at my failures.

5. After all, what is resilience; a number of times more than you have fallen? I do not remember of times life has pushed me down, but every time I have bounced back big, for, I can hear the message lingering from within me even louder. "The harder you press the spring the faster it will bounce back. Bounce back and bounce back big."

6. Ever since, I have given enough opportunities for my parents to cry... they do, glad they have a son in me.

1.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage complete the following: 1x6 = 6

(a) The author was a below average student because he _____________.
(b) His failures and poor performance made his teachers and parents _____________.
(c) The author couldn’t bear _____________.
(d) At the age of 18, the author felt a deep sense of fear and wondered whether _____________.
(e) After being inspired by his neighbour, he _____________.
(f) The message given by the author is _____________.

1.2 Find words from the passage which are similar in meaning to the following: 1x4 = 4

(a) ability to recover quickly (para 5)
(b) difficult to forget (para 3)
(c) protect (para 2)
(d) to stay on (para 5)

Q.2. Read the following passage carefully:

COLOUR YOUR DIET

1. Just by the use of colours you can balance your diet. All you need to do is to pay a little attention to the food you eat. Nutrition experts strongly recommend adding colours to your diet. Sweets and candy bars are generally colourful, but remember they do not contain natural colours and hence are not healthy. The key is a variety of naturally coloured foods. Deeper the colour, greater the benefits. Getting more colours in your diet doesn’t mean you have to drastically change your current eating habits.

2. Have a glass of 100% juice in the morning. Keep a mix of dried fruits on hand for a quick snack. Grab an apple or banana on your way out. Include at least two vegetables in your dinner. Get into the habit of starting your dinner with a salad. Eat fruit for dessert. Always add greens to sandwiches.

3. Most red fruits and vegetables contain an antioxidant, which offers protection against ultraviolet rays and cancer, and helps to prevent urinary tract infections and diseases related to the circulatory system.
Green vegetables not only look great but also possess excellent antioxidant properties that protect your eyes by keeping the retina in good condition and reduce the risk of cancerous tumours. Orange and yellow group contains beta-carotene, an antioxidant that improves cell communication and thereby helps to stop the spread of cancer. Blue and purple group not only adds an element of tranquility and richness to your plate, but also have an influence on the pineal gland (the third eye) and the nervous system. White group contains sulphur compounds that protect DNA and also contain flavonoids, the antioxidants that protect cell membranes.

4. Therefore, the more colorful your diet is (all natural colors, of course), the better equipped your immune system is to cope with diseases.

On the basis of your reading of the above passage answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate option from the ones given below:

(a) ____________ can balance one's diet.
   (i) Using naturally coloured foods
   (ii) Nutrition experts
   (iii) Only green vegetables
   (iv) A variety of fruits

(b) Sweets and candy bars ____________.
   (i) are healthy.
   (ii) are unhealthy.
   (iii) do not contain natural colour and are unhealthy.
   (iv) contain natural colours and are healthy.

(c) Cancerous tumours can be prevented by including ____________ in one's diet.
   (i) red fruits and vegetables
   (ii) orange and yellow fruits and vegetables.
   (iii) green vegetables
   (iv) all of the above

(d) Antioxidants help to ________________.
   (i) boost immune system
   (ii) cope with diseases
   (iii) only (i)
   (iv) both (i) and (ii)

(e) The word 'drastically' in Paragraph 1 means the same as ____________.
   (i) generally
   (ii) severely
   (iii) partially
   (iv) frequently
Q.3. Read the poem carefully:

MY FANTASY WORLD

In my vision, when asleep
Come some thoughts
Some light, some deep.
Some smiling ones,
Some sour and sweet,
Some realizations
Which smile and peep.

Down memory lane,
Races my mind,
Searching for joys,
Sometimes my good old toys.

But the best of all is
My fantasy
Which runs wild
With ecstasy.
Mostly I fantasize
Designing clothes for my mother
Blue, black and of different colours.

But sometimes just after reading
An environment magazine when I sleep
My mind fantasizes a different world.

A world where
There are fountains of joy
And many jungles and streams
No pollution or orphan's screams
A world which exists only in my dreams.

A world where there is no poverty
A world where there is always surety
A world where everyone is living happily,
Without any tension of money.

When sometimes I hear my mother say
That every dream has its day,
My heart hums a happy song
I feel relieved that this dream
Will one day come true,
Although it may take long.
And then I make a silent vow
That I will make this dream
A reality somehow.

With this my fantasy horse
Gallops away, leaving me to ponder
On this thought,
Away towards the moon,
And the next day, I wake at noon!

- Anna Sinha
On the basis of your reading of the above poem, answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate option from the ones given below:

(a) The poet is ____________________.
   (i) a nature lover
   (ii) the mother
   (iii) a child
   (iv) a teacher

(b) The poet ‘mostly’ fantasizes about ________________.
   (i) designing clothes for her mother
   (ii) playing with toys
   (iii) searching for joys
   (iv) reading magazines in bed

(c) ‘Every dream has its day’ suggests that ________________.
   (i) dreams are just fantasies
   (ii) dreams will come true
   (iii) one dreams every day
   (iv) children love day-dreaming

(d) ________________ exists in the poet’s dreams.
   (i) Happiness
   (ii) Poverty
   (iii) Pollution
   (iv) Tension

(e) The poet vows to ________________.
   (i) make this world beautiful
   (ii) tell her mother all her dreams
   (iii) make her dream a reality
   (iv) hum a happy song

SECTION - B
(WRITING - 25 Marks)

Q.4. The Hindu, Young World is organizing an Inter School Painting Contest for students from Std. VI – XII on the occasion of World Environmental Day. You are, Rohit Arora / Aarthi Sinha, Cultural Secretary of Hilltop International School, Mumbai. Draft a notice for your School Notice Board requesting students to participate in the contest. Include details like venue, date, timings, materials required, entry fee, prizes and so on. Do not exceed 50 words.

Q.5. Write a Bio-sketch of Steve Paul Jobs, using the information given in 80-100 words:
   Birth : February 24, 1955
   Place : U.S.A
   Parents : Clara and Paul Jobs
   Interest : As a boy, father and son, worked on electronic items in the garage, dismantled and reconstructed.
Q.6. Write an email in about 150 words to your friend describing your plans for the Summer Vacation. You may use the following hints to write your email:

- Two months of vacation.
- Visits to tourist spots.
- Taking up a new hobby/learning an art.
- Loads of holiday homework.

Format of an e-mail:

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Q.7. Overuse of the computer makes children lose out on outdoor games which are essential for developing a healthy body and a healthy mind. Taking ideas from the Unit ‘Children’, together with your own ideas write an article in about 150 words on the topic ‘Children and Computer Addiction’.
SECTION - C
(GRAMMAR - 20 Marks)

Q.8. In the passage given below, some words are missing. Choose the correct word from the given options to complete the passage meaningfully:

Fossil fuels (a) _______ increasingly becoming expensive due to (b) _______ scarcity of fuel and the (c) _______ in demand. In addition: (d) _______ this the environmental (e) _______ social impact (f) _______ the consumption of fossil fuels are (g) _______ of serious concern. The impact of (h) _______ these include air pollution, global warming and depletion of natural resources.

(a) (i) is (ii) are (iii) has (iv) were
(b) (i) that (ii) this (iii) other (iv) the
(c) (i) rise (ii) rising (iii) raise (iv) raising
(d) (i) on (ii) in (iii) to (iv) of
(e) (i) but (ii) as (iii) so (iv) and
(f) (i) of (ii) off (iii) in (iv) with
(g) (i) matter (ii) matters (iii) mattered (iv) mattering
(h) (i) use (ii) uses (iii) using (iv) used to

Q.9. Given below is a set of instructions for preparing bread toast on an electric toaster. Use them to complete the paragraph that follows:

HOW TO PREPARE TOAST ON AN ELECTRIC TOASTER
* Switch on the electric toaster.
* Insert two slices of bread into the slots.
* Leave them inside for about two minutes.
* Switch off the toaster and take out the toast.

The electric toaster (a) _______. Then two slices of bread (b) _______ into the slot. They (c) _______ inside for about two minutes. The toaster (d) _______ and the toast is taken out.

Q.10. Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences:

(a) enjoyable and / educative hobby / is an / bird watching
(b) go on a bird trail / merge with the surroundings / clothes that / when you / wear dull coloured
(c) that would / avoid any jerky / disturb a bird / or loud movements
(d) field guide / to help you identify / take a / unfamiliar birds

Q.11. Read the dialogue and complete the passage given below by choosing the correct option from those given below:

Mum : Have you done your good deed for the day?
Ronnie : Yes, I have. My friend was about to lose in a race, and I helped him win!
Mum : Wow! How did you do that?
Ronnie : I sent our dog after him!

Ronnie's mother asked him (a) _______ for that day. Ronnie replied in the affirmative and said that his friend was about to lose in a race and (b) _______. The mother exclaimed and wondered (c) _______. Ronnie answered that (d) _______.

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Q.12. Look at the following passage. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correct word against the correct blank number in your answer sheet. One example has been done for you.

In a country as vast of ours, keeping an eye on every child is a Herculean task. Many children are still employing in factories while its childhood goes unnoticed. They washed utensils when they should not been playing with dolls and get married even as they reach adolescence. Most children don’t know that they are entitled for certain right - Child Rights.

eh. of (a) e.g. of (b) as (c)

SECTION - D
(LITERATURE - 25 Marks)

13. (A) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the correct option.

“All the world’s a stage And all the men and women merely players: They have their exits and entrances!”

(1) The world is called a stage because ________.
   (a) it is vast
   (b) it has many people in it
   (c) it shows different forms of life
   (d) the drama of life takes place here

(2) 'Exits and entrances' means ________.  
   (a) birth and death
   (b) beginning and end of the play
   (c) coming and going of actors
   (d) the end of the era

(3) The poetic device used in the first line is ________. 
   (a) simile
   (b) metaphor
   (c) alliteration
   (d) personification

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

“I need to only draw your attention to the sheer waste of vitamin values”

(1) Who does ‘I’ refer to?
(2) ‘Draw your attention’. Whose attention is drawn here?
(3) What does the speaker mean by ‘waste of vitamin values’?

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

“You told him she was feeling poorly, did you? And so my brother is to be kept out of his bed, and go without his supper.”
14. Answer any FOUR of the following questions in about 30-40 words.

(1) Why did Harold's parents keep his father's profession a secret from him?
(2) Why did the poet go to the dentist? How could she have avoided it?
(3) What was John.A. Pescud's opinion about best sellers?
(4) "I am like earthly life...... "Why does the poet call the rain as earthly life?"
(5) "..... Now I'm a number, number 15729 and I've lived in Hell for ten years'. What is the 'Hell' the convict refers to and how did he reach there?

15. Answer any ONE of the following questions in about 150-175 words.

Despite being siblings, the Bishop and Persome were poles apart. Comment with examples from the text.

OR

Do you think Corporal Turnbull was right in awarding Private Quelch such a harsh punishment? Justify.