

SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT-I (2015-16)
ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE
CLASS - IX

Time allowed: 3 hours Maximum Marks: 70

General Instructions:

This question paper is divided into three sections.

Section A: Reading (20 marks)

Section B: Writing & Grammar (25 marks)

Section C: Literature & Long Reading Text. (25 marks)

- All questions are compulsory.
 - You may attempt any section at a time.
 - All questions of a particular section must be attempted in the correct order.
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SECTION A
(READING: 20 marks)

Q.1 Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: **(8)**

The world Health Organization estimates that about two million people die prematurely every year as a result of air pollution, while many more suffer from breathing ailments, heart diseases, lung infections and even cancer. Fine particles or microscopic dust from coal or wood fires and heating, cooking and ageing coal or oil-fired power stations.

There are four reasons of air pollutions- emissions of vehicles, thermal power plants, industries and refineries. The problem of indoor air pollution in rural areas and urban slums has increased.

CNG is not without an environment drawback, says a new Central Pollution Control board study. The study says that burning CNG has the highest rates of potentially hazardous carbonyl emission. Methane, a greenhouse gas, is a key contributor to climate change. A greenhouse gas, is a key contributor to climate change. Among the study's findings were that retrofitted CNG car engines emit 30% more methane than original CNG engines.

Almost all CNG car engines in India are retrofitted. Studies conducted in various parts of the

world have revealed strong link between type 2 diabetes and cardiovascular diseases and continuous exposure to ultra fine particulate matter present in the air.

Particulate matter in the air which is very fine and is less than 2.5 microns due in size is called PM 2.5 and has been known to cause diabetes and cardiovascular diseases.

Now answer the following questions:

- (a) How many people die every year due to air pollution?
- (b) What type of diseases people suffer from?
- (c) Write the main causes of air pollution.
- (d) Which gas is the key contributor to climate change?
- (e) Are retrofitted car engines safe for the environment? Give reason.
- (f) Compare the retrofitted car engine and the original car engine.
- (g) What is the status of CNG car engines in India?
- (h) What is PM 2.5?

Q.2 Read the following passage carefully and answer the given question.

1. “Total commitment is not just hard work, it is total involvement. Building a rock wall is back-breaking work. There are some people who build rock walls all their lives. And when they die, there are miles of walls, mute testimonials to how hard those people had worked.”
2. He continued, “But there are other men who, while placing one rock on top of another, have a vision in their minds, a goal. It may be a terrace with roses climbing over the rock wall and chairs set out for lazy summer days. Or the rock wall may enclose an apple orchard or mark a boundary. When they finish, they have more than a wall. It is the goal that makes the difference. Do not make rocketry your profession, your livelihood -make it your religion, your mission.”
3. To succeed in your mission, you must have single-minded devotion to you goal. Individuals like myself are after called ‘workaholics’ I question this term because that implies a pathological condition or an illness If I do that which I desire more than anything else in the world and which makes me happy, such work can never be an aberration. Words from the Twenty-sixth Psalm come to mind while I work: “Examine me, O Lord and prove me.”
4. Total commitment is a crucial quality for those who want to reach the very top of their

profession. The desire to work at optimum capacity leaves hardly any room for anything else. I have had people with me who would scoff at the 40 hours-a-week job they were being paid for. I have known others who used to work 60, 80 and even 100 hours a week. They found their work exciting and rewarding. Total commitment is the common denominator among all successful men and women. Are you able to manage the stresses you encounter in your life? The difference between an energetic and a confused person is the difference in the way their minds handle their experiences. Man needs his difficulties because they are necessary to enjoy success. All of us carry some sort of super-intelligence within us. Let it be stimulated to enable us to examine our deepest thoughts, desires, and beliefs.

5. Once you have done this - charge yourself, as it were, with your commitment to your work - you also need good health and boundless energy. Climbing to the top demands strength, whether it is to the top of Mount Everest or to the top of your career. People are born with different energy reserves and the one who tries first and burns out easily will do well to reorganize his or her life at the earliest.

-Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam

A. Answer the following questions:

- (i) What is the essential requirement for success? (2)
- (ii) When can one enjoy success? (2)
- (iii) Why does the writer not like the term 'workaholic'? (2)
- (iv) What is the writer's view on super-intelligence? (2)

B. Choose the most appropriate option in each of the following: $1 \times 4 = 4$

(i) The word 'mute' in the passage means

- (a) dumb
- (b) passive
- (c) silent
- (d) vocal

(ii) The word 'aberration' in the passage means

- (a) mad
- (b) distorted
- (c) bitterness

(d) awareness

(iii) The word 'scoff' in the same meaning as

(a) enjoy

(b) rebuff

(c) deride

(d) make fun of

(iv) The word 'stimulated' means

(a) enjoyed

(b) inspired

(c) encouraged

(d) deserved

SECTION B

(WRITING & GRAMMAR:25 Marks)

Q.3 On festival days students burst firecrackers, not knowing how much pollution they cause. **(5)**

Write an article to tell them some facts about bursting firecrackers and the other sources of pollution. You may use the following hints:

- Increase in air pollution because of suspended particulate matter, nitrogen oxide, sulphur dioxide etc.
- Increase in respiratory diseases like asthma, bronchitis, heart attacks etc.
- Increase in noise pollution causing deafness.

OR

Eating of fast food, lack of exercise, lack of activity, overuse of mobile and internet have been causing lifestyle diseases such as obesity, heart diseases etc. among children. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper on the rising tendency of lifestyle diseases among school children, giving your suggestion to prevent them. You are Aradhana / Ayushman.

Q.4 Frame a story from the given outline: **(10)**

A wolf gorging on an animal which he killed – suddenly a small bone in the meat stuck in his throat – couldn't swallow it – he was in pain – he ran up and down groaning and growling – sought something to relieve pain – tried to induce everyone he met to remove the bone – promised to give anything if one takes it out – a crane agreed to try – asked the crane to lie and open his jaws wide – the crane put its long neck down inside the wolf's throat – took out the bone with its sharp beak – asked the crane for reward – the wolf grinned and showed his teeth – caught hold of the crane's neck and ate him.

Q.5 Fill in the blanks with the correct options given below: **1 / 2 x 6 = 3**

Guru Gobind Singh was born in 1666 to the ninth Guru of (a) Sikhs, Guru Teg Bahadur. He succeeded his father (b) he was just nine years old. During (c) period of Mughals (d) terrorized the people they ruled (e) forcing (f) of them to convert to Islam.

(a)	(i) the	(ii) am	(iii) a	(iv) an
(b)	(i) are	(ii) when	(iii) an	(iv) is
(c)	(i) an	(ii) a	(iii) the	(iv) is
(d)	(i) have	(ii) had	(iii) has	(iv) was
(e)	(i) above	(ii) under	(iii) on	(iv) over
(f)	(i) a	(ii) most	(iii) many	(iv) an

Q.6 The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in the blanks. **(1 / 2 x 8 = 4)**

	Incorrect	Correct
A city of Venice attracts many travelers	(a) ____	____
As it lie sparkling in the sunshine, with	(b) ____	____
Its buildings reflecting in the waters	(c) ____	____

Of the canals. There are much beautiful churches,	(d) ____	____
Places and museums. In fact most of their	(e) ____	____
Buildings are palaces long ago, so they look	(f) ____	____
Grand and stately. Some of them has been	(g) ____	____
Concerted into museums but libraries.	(h) ____	____

Q.7 Rearrange the words and phrases to make meaningful sentences: (1 × 3 = 3)

- (a) resources / is / in / India / rich / human
 (b) skills / needing / of / have / we / jobs / create / to / degrees / high
 (c) an / of / skilled / India / there / supply / is / personnel / adequate / in

SECTION C

(LITERATURE & LONG READING TEXT: 25 Marks)

Q.8 Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow: (3)

No nightingale did ever chant more welcome notes of weary bands
 Of travelers in some shady haunts.
 Among Arabian Sand

- (a) According to the poet, for whom does the nightingale sing?
 (b) What is the effect of nightingale's song on its listeners?
 (c) What does 'shady haunts' refer to?

OR

"But still.. even so. it would be funny if I couldn't manage to sell a place here, a stone's throw from Joinville, the French Hollywood, when all I'm asking is a paltry hundred thousand!"

- (a) Identify the speaker and the listener.
 (b) Where is the villa situated?
 (c) what does 'paltry' mean?

Q.9 Answer the following questions in 30-40 words: $2 \times 4 = 8$

- (a) Describe the theme of 'Kashi Yatre'.
 - (b) Duke was an extraordinary dog. What special qualities did he exhibit?
 - (c) How and why does the brook bicker?
 - (d) Why was Jeanne so much interested in buying Juliette's villa?
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Q.10 Imagine you are Charles Hooper. You have recovered from illness but your pet Duke has left you forever. Write a diary entry to express your feelings. (80-100 words) (4)

OR

You are Jeanne. After coming home you realize that the villa was not actually bought and your husband Gaston has fooled both you and the landlady of the villa. You are filled with rage, disgust and helplessness because of your husband's betrayal. Write a letter to your closest friend to express your feelings.

Q.11 At the station it was all chaotic. Do you think it does happen? What is the real purpose of the writer when he describes the station as an arena to try one's stamina? (Three Men in a Boat) (150 -200 words) (10)

OR

Harris was boastful. What makes you arrive at this decision?
(Hampton Court Maze episode)