

CBSE Questions Paper-02 (2015-16)
SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT – I
English Language and Literature
Class – IX

Time allowed: 3 hours Maximum Marks: 70

General Instructions:

(i) The Question paper is divided into three sections:

Section A - Reading **20 marks**

Section B - Writing and Grammar **25 marks**

Section C - Literature **25 marks**

(ii) All questions are compulsory.

(iii) You may attempt any section at a time.

(iv) All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.

Section A
Reading (20 marks)

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: (8)

Rainwater harvesting is not new. It has been used around the world for thousands of years. Today, we hear the term more and more, but not in terms of providing potable water for drinking, but as a way to provide irrigation source for landscaping. For instance, a roof area of only 1,000 square feet can provide approximately 600 gallons of water during a one-inch rainfall.

Containment systems like rain barrels are becoming popular again as water quantity becomes scarcer and quality becomes more questionable. Areas known for low rainfall amounts have been using these systems for decades.

The most basic form of rainwater harvesting is simply collecting the water and distributing it immediately to the plants. It's no surprise this method is referred to as a 'simple' system. Rainwater harvesting using rain barrels or other collection devices are classified as a 'complex' system but don't let the name deter you. Complex system simply refer to storing the water after it is collected and providing a way to distribute the water later. When it comes to maintaining your rain collection system, no matter where it's located, there are

certain steps that should be conducted to keep your system operating properly. The collection system must have a cover that adequately encloses the unit first for safety and to minimize by animals or breeding of mosquitoes. Inspect your system after a heavy rain and at the end of the rainy season to see if any obvious concerns need to be addressed – look for leaks, overflows, or water in inappropriate areas.

Answer the following questions given below:

- (a) What purpose does rainwater harvesting serve?
- (b) How many gallons of water can a roof area of 1000 square feet provide?
- (c) Why is rainwater harvesting becoming popular again?
- (d) What is referred to as a 'simple system'?
- (e) What is a 'complex system'?
- (f) What is the basic step to be taken in order to avoid contamination?
- (g) What are the obvious concerns that need to be addressed?
- (h) How does closing the collection system adequately help?

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: (12)

It's not 'cool' to be fat, but that has not prevented an obesity epidemic from occurring among America's youth. Childhood obesity increased from 5 per cent in 1964 to about 13 percent in 1994. Today, it is about 20 percent – and rising. Excessive time spent watching television, using the computer, and playing video games is partly to blame for this escalating rate. Children, on an average, spend up to five to six hours a day involved in these sedentary activities. Perhaps it wouldn't matter if they were sufficiently active at other times, but most of them aren't.

To make matters worse, children are bombarded with well-crafted TV ads from fast food chains and other purveyors of high-fat, high sugar meals and snacks. A recent study reported that two-to-six-years-olds who watch television are more likely to choose food products advertised on TV than children who do not watch such commercials. These highly effective advertising campaigns, combined with a physically inactive lifestyle, have produced a generation of kids who are at high risk for obesity-associated medical conditions.

The major health threat is the early development of Type 2 diabetes (adult onset), particularly in children with a family history of disease. Doctors are reporting a surge in young adolescents developing Type 2 diabetes – which can lead to heart disease, high blood pressure, kidney disease, stroke, limb amputations, and blindness. People who develop

diabetes in adolescence face a diminished quality of life and shortened life span, particularly if the disease progresses untreated. It's a scary prospect for our children but, in many cases, obesity and diabetes are preventable.

When children are spending most of their free time sitting in front of televisions and computers, they are not outside running, jumping or engaging in team sports that would keep their weight down. Parents need to set limits on the time their children are engaged in passive activities. Pediatricians recommend restricting children to one to two hours per day on TV and computers combined – though older children may need additional time for learning activities.

Parental involvement remains the most important key to our children's healthy diets. Programs to educate parents about nutrition are essential. Fast foods should be consumed only in moderation. Caregivers, who are often busy and harried, must avoid the temptation to whisk their kids into fast food restaurants or to pick up fast food for dinner at home. Changing eating habits and lifestyles is not easy, but the health benefits for our children is a wonderful payoff for parents willing to take on the task.

Answer the following questions:

- (a) How are advertisements responsible for obesity related problems?
- (b) How does diabetes affect adolescents?
- (c) What do parents play in children's healthy diets?
- (d) What temptation according to the passage should the caregivers avoid?
- (e) What is the opposite of inactive. (Para 1)
- (f) Find out a word which means sellers. (Para 2)
- (g) What is the opposite of ineffective. (Para 2)
- (h) Find the synonym of declined. (Para 3)

Section B

Writing (25 marks)

3. You are Tushar. You have been asked by your teacher to write an article on the topic "What is Ailing Our Tourism". (5)

4. Complete the story with the following beginning in about 150-200 words. Also give it a suitable title. (10)

Ratan was in Goa on a school trip. The teacher asked everyone to play and remain on the

seashore

5. Read the passage given below. Fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate words from the given options. (3)

In volcanic area, underground water (a) _____ often rise to a temperature of 200⁰C. Now a day, wells (b) _____ drilled to extract the steam which is used to drive turbines. This is (c) _____ of world's fastest growing sources of energy.

(a) (i) can

(ii) could

(iii) must

(iv) might

(b) (i) is

(ii) been

(iii) are

(iv) being

(c) (i) any

(ii) some

(iii) one

(iv) few

6. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Identify the wrong word and write it with the correction in the spaces given. (4)

		Incorrect	Correct
England has been long famous for the dramatists,	(a)	_____	_____
the greatest of who was William Shakespeare.	(b)	_____	_____
It is hard to find the educated man in	(c)	_____	_____
the English speaking world who has not heard	(d)	_____	_____
for his name. The actor and playwright	(e)	_____	_____
born more than 400 years ago had	(f)	_____	_____
become not only for Englishman but for	(g)	_____	_____

the whole world chief symbol for	(f)	_____	_____
British culture. He is a dramatist and a poet.			

7. Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. (3)

- (a) far/ live/ they/ thoughts/ travel/and
 (b) care/ think/ so/ you/ of/ take/ what
 (c) are/ have/ what/ us/ we/ made/ thoughts/ our

Section C

Literature Textbook and Long Reading Text (25 marks)

8. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow. (3)

There, look what you did – you, threw them all down.

You tore the pages of the books.

You brought rain again.

Answer the following questions:

- (a) What does ‘you’ refer to?
 (b) what has the wind done?
 (c) Which is the word in the stanza that means ‘slashed or shredded’?

Or

It was then discovered that her hearing was severely impaired as a result of gradual nerve damage. They were advised that she should be fitted with hearing aids and sent to a school for the deaf. “Everything suddenly looked black”, say Evelyn.

- (a) What was the reason for her deafness?
 (b) What advice was given to the parents?
 (c) Pick out a word from the passage which means the same as ‘injury’.

9. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each. (8)

- (a) Why did Emperor Aurangzeb ban the playing of pungi in the royal residence?
 (b) Why did Kezia stammer in front of her father? What did she try to do?
 (c) Where did the child go with his parents? What did she he want there?
 (d) Why did Mahendra become fond of Iswaran?

10. A fearful situation makes us lose our senses. Express our views with reference to ‘The

Snake and the Mirror' on the doctor's reaction in not more than 80-100 words. (4)

Or

The story 'The Lost Child' at every step teaches us to be a good human being. How can you say no? Write in not more than 80-100 words with reference to the lost child.

11. Answer one of the following questions in about 100-120 words:

What condition was Gulliver in when he woke up on the island of Lilliput? (10)

Or

Name the persons who plotted against Gulliver? What was the punishment suggested by them?

Or

The three friends shuddered at the idea of taking oil with them. Why?

Or

Narrate Jerome's experience while carrying his friend's cheese cubes.