

CBSE Question Paper-04 (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)

If you look around, you will find that our dependence on it has increased manifold in the last few years. Internet enable computers in homes and mobile phones are just a few facts of how IT has grown over the years.

It is becoming difficult to think of life without IT. Today, this sector touches almost all the key sectors of economy – agriculture to manufacturing, banking to media, medicine to defence and private sector to government. The use of electronic voting machine in the Lok Sabha / State assemblies polls is an example of the increasing use of IT in governance, i.e., e-governance.

The Indian IT industry has grown manifold in the first few years of this new millennium. Personal computers have doubled to over 10 million in just three years. Internet users have grown threefold to over 20 million. Software exports have double to Rs 60,000 crores. All these point to the IT industry being rated as the fastest growing industry over the years. Indian software professionals have built strong brand equity for themselves worldwide. India, has emerged as the destination of choice for software services and outsourcing.

Answer the following questions:

- (a) How do we know that IT has grown over the years?
- (b) Which key sectors of the economy use IT?
- (c) What is understood by e-governance?
- (d) Give examples that point to the IT industry being rated as the fastest growing industry.
- (e) What role does IT play in our lives?
- (f) Which industry has recorded the fastest growth rate?
- (g) Which sector have the Indian professionals built their brand equity?
- (h) What is India recognized today for?

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

When my brother shifted to US, there was unstated relief amongst the rest of the family, as his interest and acquaintances stopped short of the bizarre. Over the years, his new address has kept him far enough to be fondly remembered.

However, I had a new problem on my hands. Playing host to his friends coming to India was a difficult task. One trip would bring forth a six and half foot rapper, the next a Japanese ballerina, with the German drummer thrown in for good measure. I became a practitioner of sorts in sign language, making up for any with attempted English. So when I was informed that Diane was an 'artist of sorts' I prepared myself for another invasion.

The first surprise was that she looked stunningly normal. A 60 year old lady dressed fashionably in white, graying hair and a pleasant smile. She folded her hands in 'Namaste' to my proffered handshake and chatted pleasantly till we reached home. Her art was in calligraphy, and she wanted to study some miniatures at close range. Some frantic phone calls later I located a museum where we may try our luck.

At the museum, after cajoling and persisting, we were allowed to meet the sahib. Finding a 'phorener' in tow, he seemed to light up, and took us through an extensive narrative on the recent computerization drive, how manuscripts were stored on CDs government grants... etc. After half an hour my guest began to get restless, and asked, "But where are the miniatures?" That put him effectively in his place, and he instructed an attendant to take us upstairs.

Diane was a person transformed in the company of these scripts. She poured over the exquisite handwork and detail with a magnifying glass and made notes over what were no doubt finer nuances.

Diane spend the next couple of days exclusively at the museum staying on as long as they would allow. And yet, the last night of her stay, she confided that she was unhappy. "No, it is

nothing to do with you,” she reassured. “It is the museum director. He is too occupied with his computers and technology. The adventure in calligraphy is producing something that cannot be done any other way.” I could feel her anguish.

Two years down the line, the card she made for me occupies the price of place on my desk. And her words have carved a reminder that not all things bright and beautiful are artificial.

Answer the following questions:

- (a) Why had the author become adept in sign language?
- (b) Why did Diane’s appearance startle the author?
- (c) What was Diane’s reaction when in company of the miniatures?
- (d) What did Diane confide in the author and why?
- (e) Find out a word which means persuasion. (Para 4)
- (f) What is opposite of unchanged. (Para 5)
- (g) Find the synonym of fine distinction. (Para 5)
- (h) What is the meaning of engraved. (Para 7)

Section B

Writing (25 marks)

3. Write an article in about 120 words on “The Rising Level of Noise Pollution in Delhi”.

You can develop your paragraph from the given outlines: (5)

Noise affects our health – behavior – loss of hearing – anxiety – stress – less work efficiency – heavy vehicles – power horns – loudspeakers – can cause permanent loss of hearing – strict laws required.

4. On a rainy day roads blocked with floods and infant floating on water in a wicker basket Use your imagination and complete the story. (10)

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

What we call life is a very complex affair. It is not simply eating, reproducing and finally dying. Every creature (a) _____ these. Man has to lead a highly complicated life. It is like (b) _____ through a maze and coming out. He is an economic being and a social animal. He has to earn, make a home, look after his people and attend (c) _____ obligations to the society and the government. So, in order to be successful he has to develop certain qualities.

- (a) (i) is doing
(ii) will do
(iii) does
(iv) do
- (b) (i) gone
(ii) going
(iii) went
(iv) making
- (c) (i) for
(ii) into
(iii) all
(iv) to

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
In April 12, 1961, major Yuri Gagarin	(a)	_____	_____
become the first man ever to venture	(b)	_____	_____
in space. He did not know for certain	(c)	_____	_____
beforehand that he is to be chose.	(d)	_____	_____

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

- (a) ship / violently / the / storm / rocked / the
- (b) masterpiece / artist / painstakingly / the / his / worked / at
- (c) gift / free / a / dad / offered / firm / by / the / was

Section C

Literature Textbook and Long Reading Text (25 marks)

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

There midnight's all a glimmer, and noon a purple glow,
And evenings gull of the linnet's wings.

Answer the following questions:

- (a) How does the midnight appear in Innisfree?

(b) What do you understand by the second life?

(c) Find the word opposite of darkness'.

Or

I looked into the mirror and smiled. It was an attractive smile. I made another earth-shaking decision. I would always keep that attractive smile on my face to look more handsome. I was after all a bachelor, and a doctor too on top of it!

Answer the following questions:

(a) What did the doctor do looking into the mirror?

(b) What was the decision made by the author?

(c) Pick out a word from the passage which means the same as 'unmarried man'.

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

(a) What does the author Abdul Kalam tell about himself and his family?

(b) What request does the poet make to the wind and why?

(c) Describe Mahendra in 30-40 words.

(d) Why were the people of the kingdom confused when they saw the dead bodies of the king and his minister?

10. Abdul Kalam never saw his father spending on comforts and luxuries. However, all necessities were provide to them. According to him, he had a very secure childhood, both materially and emotionally. What does this tell us about Abdul Kalam? Give reasons to support your answer in 80-100 words. (4)

Or

The little swallow fanned the seamstress's boy to make him feel comfortable. This act of the swallow was full of compassion. Give a real life example of such an act done by you for someone. Write in about 80-100 words.

11. Answer one of the following questions in about 100-120 words: (10)

Draw a character sketch of the farmer in Brobdingnag.

Or

Gulliver is very patriotic. Discuss with reference to his voyage to Brobdingnag.

Or

Describe the confusion at the Waterloo station.

Or

How does the narrator's comment on old houses reveal his aesthetic taste?

