

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)

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

Immigration and visa issues, which have long plagued the information technology sector, could come back to hurt Indian IT services companies this year as the US heads towards presidential election in 2016.

In the US, the biggest market for the Indian IT services sector, 'this will be a very, contentious election and immigration reform is right up there for discussion', said Phill Freshet, founder and chief executive of GfS Research. "the displacement of USIT and back - office jobs will be a significant issue leading up to 2016.'

India's \$146-billion IT outsourcing Industry has been a beneficiary of the temporary US work visas that are required by skilled foreign workers to work in that country. The employees working at client locations in the US are issued H-1B visas, which have cap of 65,000 a year.

The US Congress in recent months has been considering bills that seek to triple the cap of H-1B visas to 1,95,000. There is, however, a growing discontent about the H-1B visa process among skilled workers in the US, who say the visas are a way for big companies to hire

cheaper foreign workers.

Recent examples, they cite, include electricity company Southern California Edison and entertainment company Disney, where local employee were laid off and replaced by H-1B visa holders. the layoffs have prompted some US Senators to call for investigations into the visa process used by the companies.

"US workers who have trained a temporary visa-holding replacement as condition of their severance describe it as a profoundly humiliating experience. There workers see a direct connection between the US government's H-1B visa policies and their job loss, and they are furious," said Patrick Thibodeau, senior editor at Computer world.

- (a) The US will see presidential elections in ____
- (b) The employees working at client locations in the US are issued ____
- (c) The US congress has been planning to introduce Bills that would ____ the visas.
- (d) Local companies like _____ and Disney laid off local employees and replaced them with H-1B visa holders.
- (e) Investigations have been initiated by some ____ into the visa process used by the companies.
- (f) The ____ would be the worst affected due to the change in the visa policy.
- (g) US workers find this laying off as a ____ experience.
- (h) In 2016 elections, the _____ reform will be taken up for discussion.

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

$$(2 \times 4) + (1 \times 4) = 12$$

(1) Water one of the five elements of nature is a great healer. It has the unique properties of cleaning, dissolving and removing dirt. It strengthens the body and rejuvenates it. After a day's hard work, we wash our hands, face and feet and become refreshed with water, within a minute or two. In most cultures, people offer a pot full of water to guests visiting their

homes.

(2) Warm water followed by cold water application is very useful. Application of steam produces sweating and helps in detoxification. In swelling of any part of body, obesity and joint aches, (application of steam followed by a wash with cold water is, therefore, very helpful.) One important use of water is to strengthen the legs or hands or any part of the body which has become weak due to any reason or disease. This feat is achieved by using cold water only. For example, if the legs are weak, water is poured on the legs from the upper part of the knees to the feet from all sides of the legs and without drying the water, the legs are covered by a bed-sheet and woolen blanket for half an hour to warm the legs. After washing the legs, one can warm the legs by exercise or walking for half an hour. This application strengthens the legs within 10 to 15 days. Cold water can also be used to increase the vitality or overall health of person. For this, one has to take a bath in cold water quickly within two minutes and without drying the body, wear your clothes and go for a walk. For warming the body, lie on a bed well covered by a blanket.

(3) Many people walk in wet grass with bare feet early in the morning. This is very good practice because it has a good effect on the eyes and in toning up the entire body. If we are more aware, we can increase the benefit of walking on wet grass in the morning. After walking for 10 to 20 minutes, one should immediately wear a pair of dry thick socks (preferably cotton) so that the benefit of walking is increased to a greater extent. If this is not available, one may walk on the road for five to 10 minutes immediately after walking on the grass. In an injury, cold water application is really very effective for getting relief.

Once, a medium-sized hammer fell on the feet of an eight-year-old child. The toe was hit by the hammer and there was a depression on the spot due to the impact of the hammer. The point was discolored and he cried out in pain. His foot was immediately immersed in cold water and there was immediate relief from pain. The foot was kept immersed for three minutes till the pain slowly reduced to tolerable limits. It was finally covered with a Turkish towel for about half an hour. In this way, water therapy gives quick relief to pain.

(a) What are the uses of water in our day-to-day life?

(b) How is application of steam followed by a wash with cold water helpful to us?

(c) How can we benefit ourselves by walking in the grass?

- (d) What was done to give immediate relief to an eight year old child whose toe was hit by a hammer?
- (e) What is meant by the word 'rejuvenate'? (para-1)
- (f) What is meant by the word 'strengthen'? (para-2)
- (g) What is meant by the word 'depression'? (para-3)
- (h) What is meant by the word 'immerse'? (para-3)

SECTION B
(WRITING & GRAMMAR:25 Marks)

3. Despite The fact that all adventures involve risks, a human being does not hesitate to go for them. Write an article in about 100-120 words on the topics' Seeking Adventure-A Basic Instinct. Take ideas from the MCB unit 'adventure.'

4. Develop a story in about 150-200 words with the following beginning. Also give a suitable title. Martha decided to participate in the 100 m race on the Sports Day of her school. Her father warned her that it would need a lot of courage and stamina but .

5. Complete the following passage by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones given below. Write your answers in the answers sheets against the correct blank number. Do not copy the entire passage.

A man from Haryana (a) ____ for throwing acid on a girl while she (b) ____ in a train. He (c) ____ by the co-passengers.

(a) (i) is arrested

(ii) was arrested

(iii) is being arrested

(iv) is to be arrested

(b) (i) is travelling

(ii) had been travelling

(iii) was travelling

(iv) has been travelling

(c) (i) has been identified

(ii) was being travelling

(iii) is identified

(iv) would be identified

6. There is an error in each line. Write the error and the corrections in the answer sheet as given below :

	Error	correction
The border dispute had resulted	(a) _____	_____
In spoiling the relations among the	(b) _____	_____
Too nuclear neighbors. Kashmir is the	(c) _____	_____
Bigger challenge to the political think -tanks.	(d) _____	_____

7. Rearrange the given words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. Write the correct sentences in your answer sheet.

e.g: feathered giant/An albatross/is/a/with the/longest wingspan

An albatross is a feathered fan with the longest wingspan.

(a) Use/they/their wingspan/ocean winds/ torrid/the

(b) Also/they /float/sea/surface/on/the/of the

(c) Other sea birds/they/salt water/ frink/as do some

SECTION C

(LITERATURE & LONG READING TEXT: 25 Marks)

8. Read one of the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow.

“People, who knew the distance chuck and duke had come together, one fence post at a time, now watched the big man walk alone day after day”

- (a) Which distance is being referred to?
- (b) Why did the big man walk alone?
- (c) What does the phrase 'day after day' mean?

Or

'come back come back. He cried in grief

'across this stormy water:

And I'll forgive your highland chief,

My daughter. O my daughter”

- (i) Who cried to whom to come back?
- (ii) Why is the speaker grieved?
- (iii) Which word in the above passage means the same as sorrow?

9. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words:

- a) Do you think that Duke fulfills the meaning of ‘Dogs are the most faithful friends of man?
- b) How was the poet able to make out that it was some sad song sung by the solitary reaper?
- c) Do you agree that Mrs. Al Smith is the representative of American outlook? Give reason.
- d) How is the road a metaphor ? Use examples from poem, ‘The Road Not Taken ‘to support your answer.

10. Answer one of the following questions in about 80-100 words.

Sudha Murthy's, story 'How I Taught My Grand Mother To Read' taught us that the real practice of religion is practicing humaneness. Give your views on the given statement.

Or

It is difficult to walk in the path of truth and righteousness as it leads to challenges and criticism. How does the poem 'The Road Not Taken' motivate you to take up the 'less travelled road'? Express your views in about 80-100 words.

11. Answer one of the following questions in about 150-200 words.

The King of Brobdingnag needs no gunpowder, no books on the art of government and attaches importance to productivity. Though Gulliver feels the king to be right, he macks his views. Explain.

Or

What is your impression of the emperor of Lilliput? Elaborate on his character.

Or

Describe the incident that terrified the horse.

Or

Do you think Jerome is a hypochondriac? What makes you think so?