

**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.

**SECTION A**  
**(READING: 20 marks)**

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

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 Phil freshet, founder and chief executive of HfS Research. “The displacement of US IT 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 that US are issued H- 1B visas, which have a cap of 65,000 a year.

The US Congress in recent months has been considering bills that seek to trople 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 employees 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 a condition of their severance describe it as a profoundly humiliating experience. These workers see a direct connection between the US government's H-1B visa policies and their job loss, and they are furious,” said Patrick Thibodaux, senior editor at Computer word.

- (a) The US will see presidential election 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 visas 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.
- (h) In 2016 elections, the \_\_ reform will be taken up for discussion.

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

**Q.2** The dormant Ngorongoro volcano and the wilderness that surrounds it are full of surprises. It is a conservation area and a UNESCO World Heritage Site located in the Creator Highlands area of Tanzania. This is where I had one of my most dangerous encounters. Ngorongoro crater, a dormant volcano, is as one of the Seven Natural Wonders of Africa.

The Ngorongoro crater is home to the world's most ferocious lions. These magnificent, black-maned lions are powerfully built, and look more formidable than their cousins anywhere else in the world. These lions are distinguished by their large size and thick black mane around the face. There are over 130 lions in this small area-the highest density of predators

found anywhere in the face. There are over their presence felt; thunderous roars reverberate through the crater every now and then.

That morning, we were trying to film a newborn elephant in the last stages of lab our. We found her near a champ of acacia trees surrounded by thick Savanna grass.

A ware of the power of a protective mother elephant, we stopped a safe distance away. She was tending to the newborn, who was struggling to stand up. The cow went down on her knees and gently used her tusks and trunk to support the calf.

Suddenly, a group of impalas shot out of the thick grass. One female was bleeding heavily. Our forest guard looked through his binoculars.

We could hear little bleats. It was probably a baby impala, dropped by its frightened mother while running away from the leopard. The herd had disappeared; there was no chance of the mother returning and the abandoned newborn had no chance of survival.

- (a) Where did the writer's adventurous encounter take place?
- (b) How are black-maned lions different form others?
- (c) Whay couldn't the baby impala survive?
- (d) Why did the writer and his driver stop a safe distance away from the mother elephant?
- (e) What is meant by 'reverberate'? (Para 2)
- (f) What is meant by 'formidable'? (Para 2)
- (g) Find the word opposite in meaning to 'active'. (Para 1)
- (h) Find the word opposite in meaning to 'death'. (Para 6)

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## SECTION B

### (WRITING & GRAMMAR:25 Marks)

**Q.3** You are a member of the Eco Club of your school. A few weeks back, your school celebrated Earth day. Various informative programmers were showcased in the morning assembly. Write a diary entry in about 100-120 words, describing what you learnt through

those activities. (5)

**Q.4** Write a story in about 150-200 words beginning with the line given below. Also supply a suitable little. (10)

‘A long power cut.’ You went up to the terrace. You froze with terror. There was...

**Q.5** Complete the following paragraph by choosing the appropriate options from the ones given below. Write your answers in the answer sheets against the correct blank number. Do not copy the entire paragraph. (3)

ABC Company's first product was a rice cooker (a) \_\_\_ didn't cook rice so much as burn it. It sold less than 100 units. (b) \_\_\_ setback didn't stop the ABC's team (c) \_\_\_\_ they pushed forward to created a multi-billion-dollar company

(a) (i) but (ii) that (iii) it (iv) this

(b) (i) a (ii) the (iii) this (iv)that

(c) (i) as (ii) that (iii) for (iv) it

**Q.6** The following passage has not been edited. One word is missing from each Line, Identify the missing word and write it in your answer sheet along with the word that comes before and after it. Remember to underline the missing word. The first one has been done as an example for you. (4)

	Word Before	Missing Word	Word After
There several reasons for headache.	E.g. There	<u>are</u>	Several
Physical, emotional mental factors,	a. ____	____	____
Anxiety and tension are few.	b. ____	____	____
Sometimes, headache can a signal	c. ____	____	____
Of underlying disease.	d. ____	____	____

**Q.7** Rearrange the given words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. Write the correct sentences in your answer sheet. (3)

e.g. : sharing/does/rewards/naturally/come/to humans

Does sharing rewards come naturally to humans?

(a) do/humans /their/share/rewards/with others/equitably

(b) comes/naturally/it/to/children/involves/it/ when/collaborative work

(c) are/they/less inclined/it/when/does not/collective action/involve

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### SECTION C

#### (LITERATURE & LONG READING TEXT: 25 Marks)

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

**Q.8** "Bring me up to date on what's happened, will you-so I can get to work?"

(i) who is the speaker in the above extract?

(ii) What is the name of the listener?

(iii) Which phrase in the above passage means the same as well informed?

OR

No Nightingale did ever chant

More welcome notes to weary bands

Of travelers in some shady haunt,

Among Arabian sands : **(3)**

(i) Name the poem and poet of the above extract.

(ii) Why according to the poet, do nightingales sing?

(iii) Write the synonym of the word 'weary'

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Answer the following questions in about 30 -40 words:

**Q.9** (i)'It was like lighting a fuse. Duke shimmied himself U-shaped in anticipation'. Explain. (2)

(ii) Why has the poet used the word, 'babble' for the brook (2)

(iii) What was the maid's suggestion to Juliette in the play 'A Villa For Sale'? (2)

(iv) The title, 'The Road Not Taken' is an appropriate title for the poem. Comment. (2)

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Answer the following questions in about 80 -100 words:

**Q.10** 'It is very difficult to cope with the present world and its challenges without the tool of education'. Justify with reference to 'How I Taught My Grand Mother to Read'. (4)

OR

“Anger is a vice that mars a person's sanity”? Comment with reference to ‘Lord Ullin's Daughter” (4)

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Answer the following questions in about 150 -200 words:

**Q.11** Describe in your won words the encounter between Gulliver and the giant reaper.

OR

Comment on the character of the Queen's Dwarf in about 150-200 words.

OR

Montmorency enjoyed the company of the three friends in the story, ‘Three Men in a Boat' Why

OR

How has Harris been portrayed in “Three Men in a Boat”?