

**Summative Assessment-II 2015-2016**  
**English Communicative**  
**Class – IX**

Time allowed: 3 hours Maximum Marks: 70

**General Instructions:**

The question paper is divided into three sections: A, B and C.

Section A: Reading **20 marks**

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

Section C: Literature and Long Reading text **25 marks**

Attempt all questions.

**Section A**  
**(Reading: 20 marks)**

**1. A. Read the passage given below and answer the questions / complete the sentences that follow: (5)**

Pearls are formed from pearl oysters. They are part of a group of animals belonging to the group 'bivalvia'. This includes snails, slugs, etc. Pearls are grown in live oysters far below the surface of the sea. These oysters have a hard shell covering their body. In between the shell and its body there is an empty space called the mantle.

A natural pearl begins its life as a foreign object, such as a parasite or piece of shell that accidentally lodges itself inside the mantle from where it cannot be expelled. It causes some irritation to the oyster. To ease this irritant, the oyster's body begins to secrete a smooth, hard crystalline substance around the irritant. This substance is called 'nacre'. As long as the irritant remains within its body, the oyster will continue to secrete nacre around it, layer upon layer.

Over time, the irritant will be completely encased by the silky crystalline coatings. And the result is a lustrous pearl. Nacre is composed of microscopic crystals of calcium carbonate, aligned perfectly with one another, so that light passing along the axis of one crystal is reflected by another to produce a rainbow of light and colour.

**Answer the following questions briefly:**

- (a) What are the pearl oysters?
- (b) Where does the pearl lodge itself?
- (c) “It causes some irritation to the oyster”. Here, what does ‘it’ refer to?
- (d) Of which thing is ‘Nacre’ composed?
- (e) Pick out from the passage the word that means, “Reflecting light evenly and efficiently without glitter or sparkle.”

**1. B. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: (5)**

Samuel was back at the thrift shop. He had walked into the shop with only one goal in mind to find a book that he had not bought yesterday. The book was one of seven that he had piled up yesterday. He was going to buy all of them. But at the last moment, he changed his mind. He put all seven back on the shelf.

Samuel had a personal library at home that exceeded 1,000 books – almost all unread. He subscribed to seven magazines and one daily newspaper. Samuel had more reading material in his small apartment than he could finish in two lifetimes, yet his urge to buy more books raged on.

He finally put his foot down. Not one more book, he told himself, unless it was really special. Yesterday’s book fit the bill. It was a biography of one of his favourite authors – Stephen King. King is one of America’s most popular fiction authors. But it wasn’t easy for King; early in his career, he got hundreds of rejection slips. Samuel wanted to be a great writer. King was his role model.

Samuel immediately found one of the books he had piled up yesterday, and then another one. All right, he thought. This was going to be easy. In minutes, he found all the books that he had held in his hands yesterday, except one – the Stephen King book. Gee, what a surprise, he thought. The one book that I want to find is the one book that I can’t find.

Samuel took a walk throughout the store, knowing that people often pick up merchandise in one place and then leave it in another place. The book was a thick paperback with a red cover. But it was nowhere to be found.

So, for Samuel, the Big Hunt was on. He was now a man on a mission. Every thrift shop he went to, would involve a search for the King book. This new search added purpose to his

thrift shop life.

Samuel had held something special in his hands. But only when he let it go did he realise its value. When he found it again, he would place the King book prominently on his bookshelf. It would almost certainly be his favourite book that he never got around to reading.

**1. Answer the following questions:**

- (a) What was the goal in the mind of Samuel?
- (b) Why did he want to buy a king's book?
- (c) Why was the book in Samuel's hand special?
- (d) What is the 'Big Hunt' of Samuel?
- (e) Pick out a word from the fifth paragraph that means the manufactured goods bought and sold in any business'.

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**Section – B**

**(Writing and Grammar: 25 Marks)**

**3. Write an article for a leading magazine on how population explosion is responsible for condemning the children to a wasteful existence and how it makes the future of these children bleak, how their poor parents do not make but spoil their life and how this is going to have an adverse effect on the nation. Your answer should not exceed 120-150 words. (5)**

**4. Complete the story that begins with the following statement in not more than 150-200 words. (10)**

A man searches for his Old Guru – prays to God – dreams of finding him near a seashore – next morning goes there – gets success – sees his Guru as a fisherman – feels ashamed – does not recognise and moves – faints due to heat – fisherman picks him up – takes to safe place – when he wakes up, sees fisherman at his side protecting him – man realises his mistake – touches Guru's feet – feels sorry.

**5. Complete the following passage by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones given. (3)**

Spending time (i) \_\_\_\_\_ their kids brings immediate as well as long-term gains (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ fathers. Children of an involved dad (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ more popular, get on better with their peers and are (iv) \_\_\_\_\_ empathetic according to a research published (v) \_\_\_\_\_ a Canadian

study. Today, thanks (vi) \_\_\_\_\_ the modern technology, fathers can spend more time with their children even when they are away from home.

(i)	(a) of	(b) with	(c) beside	(d) besides
(ii)	(a) to	(b) in	(c) with	(d) at
(iii)	(a) is	(b) was	(c) were	(d) are
(iv)	(a) more	(b) more than	(c) most	(d) the most
(v)	(a) with	(b) to	(c) by	(d) on
(vi)	(a) to	(b) of	(c) off	(d) with

**6. The following passages have not been edited. There is an error in each of the lines against which a blank is given. Write the incorrect word and the correction in the space provided. (4)**

		Incorrect	correct
My cat Tugger be the toughest animal I know.	e.g.	be	is
He has survived much close calls. Three years ago,	(a)	_____	_____
he were caught inside a car's engine. His right ear	(b)	_____	_____
was tom off when he lost the sight in one eye. We are	(c)	_____	_____
surprised that he lived from the accident.	(d)	_____	_____

**7. Read the conversation between two friends and complete the paragraph given below. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. Do not copy the whole sentences. (3)**

Teacher: Do you know what is global warming?

Student: Yes, sir.

Teacher: Then write an article on it.

The teacher asked the student (a) \_\_\_\_\_. The student said respectfully that (b) \_\_\_\_\_. The teacher asked him (c) \_\_\_\_\_.

**Section – C**

**(Literature and Long Reading Text – 25 Marks)**

**8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: (3)**

“I hope you are keeping it from Harold. It is the least you can do.”

- (i) Who is the speaker here?
- (ii) What suggestion does he make to Mrs Bramble?
- (iii) Give the meaning of ‘keeping it from.’

**9. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words: (8)**

- (i) John A. Pescud is a hypocrite. How?
- (ii) What did the professor mean by intelligent reading?
- (iii) Where did the convict plan to go? How did the Bishop help him?
- (iv) How does Shakespeare describe the last stage of life?

**10.** “Arrogance weaves one’s fall.” Keeping in view the above statement and the plight of Professor due to his excessive pride in his knowledge, write a paragraph in about 80-100 words. What values would you focus on by showing the fall of Professor? **(4)**

**Or**

Was John A Pescud a hypocrite? He pretends to have moral standards, opinions he never practises in life. Justify your answer by giving examples.

**11. A. Show your acquaintance with the king of Laputa. (10)**

**Or**

Give a brief character sketch of Munodi.

**11. B. What reminded George of his stay at one Mrs Gippings? What was most puzzling to him? (10)**

**Or**

Comment upon the ending of the novel ‘Three Men in a Boat’.