

CBSE Question Paper-05 (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)

Baisakhi, which occurs on April 13 (and rarely on April 14), is the beginning of the year. It is also a harvest festival. The rabi crop is ready for harvest; the fields are lush green and heavy with the grains; it is a season of plenty. Naturally the mood of the people in the villages is one of joy. What better things to do than to celebrate, to sing and dance?

That's what Baisakhi is all about; it is a community festival. The men and women dance the robust and energetic bhangra and giddha.

People wear bright coloured traditional dresses for the festival. Traditionally the festivities take place on the banks of rivers. People eat 'rotis' made out of freshly ground atta (wheat flour) along with desi ghee and gud (jaggery). On the whole, it is a day of merry-making and feasting. A bonfire is lit, and the dance are performed around it.

For the Sikhs, Baisakhi also marks the beginning of the Khalsa movement. It was on this day, that the tenth Guru, Gobind Singh, initiated the Khalsa Movement of the Sikh Brotherhood in 1699. For Hindus, it is the part of the second month of New Year after Chaitr, and is celebrated with requisite bathing, partying, and worshipping. It's believed that thousands of

years ago, Goddess Ganga descended to earth and in her honour, many Hindus gather along the sacred Ganges River for ritual baths. The action is centered in the holy cities along the Ganges in north India, or in Srinagar's Mughal Gardens, Jammu's Nagbani Temples, or anywhere in Tamil Nadu. Hindus plant poles (wrapped in flags of gold-embroidered silk) in front of their homes, and hang pots of brass, copper or silver on top. Swami Dayanand Saraswati founded the Arya Samaj on vaisakhi, in 1875.

Apart from the Sikhs and Hindus, vaisakhi is an important day for the Buddhists as well. The name is Vesakha, Vaisakha, Vesak or Wesak. It commemorates the Birth, the Awakening and the Enlightened Passing Away of Gautama Buddha who was born as prince Siddhartha.

Answer the following questions:

- (a) Apart from being a festival, what makes Baisakhi an important one?
- (b) Name the folk dances of Punjab.
- (c) How is the festival celebrated.
- (d) What importance does Baisakhi hold for Sikhs?
- (e) Who founded Arya Samaj and when?
- (f) How is Baisakhi an important day for Buddhists?
- (g) What is the Hindu belief referred to in the passage?
- (h) Find the word from the passage which means same as 'healthy and forceful'.

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

In 1974, Ken Arnold, a pilot, saw something very strange. While flying, he looked out of the window and saw nine saucer-like objects flying past, in line. Each 'saucer', a hundred feet wide, was travelling at a great speed – around 1200 miles per hour. What were these objects? After he landed, Arnold reported what he had seen. Scientists seemed to have no answer. So object came to be known as 'Unidentified Flying Objects' or "UFO's".

Since 1947, more than 60,000 UFO's have been reported. The US Air Force checked out the reports of 11,109 UFO sighting and found that 94% or 10,432 of these reports were 'misidentifications'. That is, people mistook stars, flights of gees, comets, meteors, sunlight on clouds, weather follows, satellites and other such objects for a UFO.

But there are reasons to believe that UFO's have been actually sighted. One astronomer saw a UFO in broad daylight while travelling by train. The UFO was flying parallel the train. He could see it for four or five minutes, before it rose out of sight and disappeared.

While most sights described as UFOs turn out to be misidentified known natural and

artificial phenomena, many hundreds do not. It is these that form the core of the UFO mystery. That UFOs constitute a distinct category of describable sights is based on hundreds of highly detailed and consistent descriptions by professionals (especially airline and military pilots) of their close-up, broad daylight observations of unique flying machines. Careful review of the vast array of relevant evidence clearly lead to the conclusion that some unidentified flying objects are intelligently controlled vehicles whose origin is outside our solar system. All the arguments against the extraterrestrial origin seem to be based upon false reasoning, misrepresentation of evidence, neglect of relevant information, ignorance of relevant technology, or pseudo sophisticated assumptions about alien appearance, motivation, or government secrecy.

Answer the following questions:

- (a) How was the term UFO coined?
- (b) Why most reports were called ‘mis-identifications’?
- (c) What reason does the writer give us that UFOs exist?
- (d) What does careful review of these sighting suggest?
- (e) What is meant by ‘distinct’? (Para 5)
- (f) What is meant by ‘neglect’? (Para 6)
- (g) Find the word opposite to ‘unrelated’. (Para 6)
- (h) Find the word opposite to ‘natural’. (Para 5)

Section B

Writing (25 marks)

3. You are Jitender / Jeetu. You have been working on a project related to effect of modern life on youth. You interviewed school and college students for the project. Write an article on the subject in about 150 – 200 words. (5)

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

Night before the zonal competition everyone was fast asleep, while I was practicing suddenly,

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

Not many people appreciate the magnitude (a) ____ the extent of the scientific technological revolution in which we are involved. Today there is no other influence comparable (b) ____ science in changing the foundations of our lives. Our very existence is so completely dependent on science and technology that it (c) ____ be impossible to materially alter our present methods.

(a) (i) and

(ii) or

(iii) of

(iv) on

(b) (i) with

(ii) to

(iii) for

(iv) and

(c) (i) will

(ii) would

(iii) could

(iv) can

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
“Either you or your friend Shalu have stolen my note	(a)	_____	_____
book”, shouted Shreya. Neither I nor my friend were	(b)	_____	_____
your culprit, said Shalu. We both are not in the class	(c)	_____	_____
since			
morning. We are out for the annual day function.	(d)	_____	_____

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

(a) always / his / I / honesty / shall / remember

(b) that / life / animal / plant / everyone / has / whether / or / breathes

(c) I / nervous / the / but / were / kind / was / in / beginning / teacher / very

Section C

Literature Textbook and Long Reading Text (25 marks)

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

Therefore she kneaded another,
And still a smaller one;
But it looked, when she turned it over,
As large as the first had done.

Answer the following questions:

- (a) Who does 'she' here refer to?
- (b) Why did the little woman kneaded and baked another cake?
- (c) What does the word 'kneaded' in the stanza mean?

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", says 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 Einstein's playmates call him 'Brother Boring'?
- (b) Why did Saint Peter curse the little woman?
- (c) Why did the Guru want that he and his disciple should die first?
- (d) What did God ask his angel to bring? And what did the angel bring?

10. "Every child is born with some inherited characteristics, into a specific socio-economic and emotional environment and trained in certain ways by figures of authority." Do you agree with the statement? If yes, then justify your answer in about 80-100 words. (4)

Or

Write a paragraph expressing your views on the topic: 'Nobility dwells in Human Beings'

with reference to the story of the 'The Happy Prince'.

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

Why did the dwarf harbor ill-will against Gulliver? What did he do to give expression to his feelings? (10)

Or

Describe the incident of Gulliver's encounter with the gardener's dog in the palace garden.

Or

How does Jim make his point that a boat excursion cannot be enjoyed if you are thinking about your dresses all the time.

Or

Bring out the character traits of Herr Slossenn Boschen.