

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 complete the statements that follow: 8

Cancer has emerged as the second-leading cause of death globally after cardiovascular diseases. Proportion of deaths due to cancer around the world increased from 12% in 1990 to 15% in 2013 while the number of new cases almost doubled in India during the period.

In India, deaths from the disease have increased by 60%, according to the latest report 'Global Burden of Cancer-2013', released worldwide on Friday.

“Even if we adjust for the rise in population in India over this period, the new cancer cases have increased by 30% per unit population and deaths have risen by 10%,” says Lalit Dodona, co-author of the study and professor at the public health foundation of India and Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation.

In 2013, there were 14.9 million new cancer registered globally, whereas 8.2 million people died due to the disease. The report is based on a global study of 28 cancer groups in 188 countries by a consortium of international researchers from University of Washington and Institute of Health Metrics and Evaluation.

The report suggests that new cases of virtually all types of cancer are rising in countries globally -regardless of income-but the death rates from cancer are falling in many countries primarily due to its prevention and treatment. However, it says there is a threat of increasing incidence in developing countries due to ill-equipped health systems.

While incidence of breast cancer is highest in India as well as globally, most number of cancer deaths in India are caused due to stomach cancer, which is globally the second most common reason for death.

- (a) Cancer is next only to ____ Diseases resulting in deaths, worldwide.
- (b) The report ____ claimed that cancer deaths in India have risen.
- (c) The death rates from cancer in many countries are coming down mainly due to ____ and treatment.
- (d) The developing countries have failed to control the death rate due to ____.
- (e) All types of cancer are on an increase regardless of ____.
- (f) The incidence of ____ is the highest in India as well as globally.
- (g) Most number of cancer deaths in India are caused due to ____.
- (h) The synonym of the word phrase 'come out' is ____ (last Para)

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

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 Crater 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-mined 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 world. They make their presence felt; thunderous roars reverberate through the crater every now and then.

That morning, we were trying to film a newborn elephant. Zobe, my jeep driver and friend of many years, is an expert tracker. He had seen the mother elephant in the last stages of labor. We found her near a champ of acacia trees surrounded by thick Savanna grass.

Aware 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 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-mined lions different from others?
- (c) Why 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)

SECTION B

(WRITING & GRAMMAR:25 Marks)

Q.3 Write an article in about 100-120 words for a leading magazine on how pollution is responsible for turning rivers into dirty drains and what steps should be taken to restore the rivers. Use your own ideas along with ideas from the MCB unit Environment and the following hints. 5.

Factories discharging chemicals-daring-washing clothes-burning dead bodies near river banks-throwing garbage-river Ganga and Yamuna- a perfect example-government- action plan-steps and initiatives.

Q.4 Write a story using the following hints in about 150-200 words. Give it a suitable title. 1C

Sakslu driving - busy road - late for college - attends a call - becomes absent - ended and careless ion a moment - C R A S H - a pedestrian seriously injured.

Q.5 Complete the following passage by choosing the most appropriate options form the ones gives below. Write your answers in the answer sheets against the correct blank number. Do not copy the entire passage. 3

At first Tin may appeared to be quite afraid of the puppy and (a) ___ back if it came too near. He would run and touch it (b) ___ his large forepaws, and (c) ___ retreat to a safe distance. Finally, he allowed the puppy to crawl on his back and rest there.

(a) (i) run (ii) ran (iii) running (iv) runs

(b) (i) by (ii) with (iii) from (iv) of

(c) (i) than (ii) then (iii) go (iv) make

Q.6 The following paragraph has not been edited. One word is missing from each line. Identify the missing word and write it along with the word before and the word after in your answer sheet. 4

	Word Before	Missing Word	Word After
I met him the first time	e.g. him	for	the
At weekend leadership camp.	a. ____	_____	_____
All the students been invited	b. ____	_____	_____
To sing up become more	c. ____	_____	_____
Involved their communities.	d. ____	_____	_____

Q.7 Rearrange the given words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. Write the correct sentences in your answer sheet. 4

e.g. rear cattle/we/for/mainly/their milk

We rear cattle mainly for their milk.

(a) even/but surprisingly /the/rear cows / smallest of ants

(b) of the ant/ the cow /small green/ is a/ called aphid/creature

(c) insects/Aphids/a e/ suck/ that/juices of plants/ the

SECTION C

(LITERATURE & LONG READING TEXT: 25 Marks)

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

Q.8 He would lie down with a reproachful eye on Hooper. An hour later he would come over to the bed again and yap and poke. He wouldn't leave but just sit there. **3**

(i) Who is he?

(ii) Explain: reproachful eye

(iii) Which word/phrase in the extract denotes the dog?

OR

And draw them all along, and flow **3**

To join the brimming river

For men may come and men may go.

But I go on forever.

(i) What does the brook draw along with it?

(ii) Where is the brook going?

(iii) Which poetic device is used in last two lines?

Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words: 2

Q.9 (i) How did Duke meet his end?

(ii) Explain the statement: "And that has made all the difference" with reference to the poem 'The road Not Taken'. **2**

(iii) Why does Juliette call her house 'a wretched place'? 2

(iv) How is the road a metaphor? Use examples from the poem, 'The Road Not Taken' to support your answer. 2

Answer the following questions in about 80-100 words: 4

Q.10 With reference to the chapter, 'How I taught my Grandmother to Read', Write a paragraph on the topic, 'Girl's Education is Necessary for Social Development'.

OR

Based on your reading of the poem, 'The Solitary Reaper', describe the values of peace and tranquility in a paragraph on the topic, 'Music transcends all boundaries.'

Answer the following questions in about 150-200 words: 10

Q.11 Describe how young Gulliver worked hard and which subjects he studied to equip himself for his future voyages.

OR

Write a brief character sketch of William Prichard in about 150-200 words. **10**

OR

The novel "Three Men in a Boat" is a rich tale of adventure narrated in a humorous way.

Describe any one episode from the novel which you consider the most funny. **10**

OR

Can 'face' reflect the mind? What do you think of Montmorency? **10**
