

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)**

Mountains are a wonderful place to go for a holiday. The climate is cool and refreshing and the air is pure and clean. Of course, the magnificent scenery is an important reason why more and more tourists are making mountains as their destinations. In fact, more than 50 million people visit the mountains every year which shows how popular mountain holidays are.

There is so much to do on the mountains. You can go for sightseeing, trekking or simply climbing the mountain. Some people enjoy rock climbing while others like paragliding. Lovers of wildlife can go for bird watching or photographing. If you feel more energetic, you can even try mountain biking. Mountains offer a variety of winter sports.

Skiing and sledging are very popular, but there are many other sports like ice-skating, snow-shoe trekking and ice fall climbing.

Answer the following questions briefly:

- (i) What according to the writer are wonderful places for holidays?
- (ii) Why is the climate of hills good for health?
- (iii) What shows the popularity of mountain holidays.
- (iv) Name the winter sports to be enjoyed on the mountains?
- (v) Find the word in the passage which means, 'liked by all'.

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

I am what is best described as an arm-chair traveller. A paucity of funds means that I can hardly buy myself a decent travel guide, leave alone a full-fledged travel itinerary. Yet, like most parched souls in the scorching summer months and beyond, the dreams of distant hill refuges play a calming effect on fraught nerves.

So, I sit with a worn out and tattered guidebook and surround myself with broad sheets of travel supplements brought out by the newspapers. While glancing longingly at advertisements and frowning at their prices I can come to the most obvious conclusion, so obvious in fact that I need not even mention it. Though my editor says that one does not need money to travel and admittedly I find that to be hugely encouraging.

Others are, thankfully not so unfortunate. And before this piece begins to take the shape of a personal grievance at it all, there lies the silver lining in the shape of the aforementioned advertisements. One might not notice it in a single week but with the passage of time the mind becomes sharper and one recognises that most of the photographs in these advertisements are morphed. How otherwise would the same shot of the same hotel from the same angle have, in one week the image of a lofty mountain right behind it and on another, a cheerfully shimmering lake, or rolling plains. It used to baffle me but now no more.

Answer the following questions:

- (i) Why does the writer call herself an 'arm-chair traveller'?
- (ii) Why is the writer not able to travel?

- (iii) During the scorching summer months what does the writer dream of?
- (iv) While glancing at the advertisement in newspaper what does the author conclude?
- (v) What does the word 'scorching' mean?

2. OTBA (10)

Section – B

(Writing and Grammar: 25 Marks)

3. You topped the list of successful candidates in class IX examination of CBSE in the school. Your school principal, teachers and others congratulated you. This made you very happy and excited. You decided to write a diary page registering your feelings in about 120 words. **(5)**
4. Complete the story that begins with the following statement in not more than 150-200 words. **(10)**

Last month I received a parcel from a stranger. No one wanted to open it, thinking it might contain something undesirable...

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

Road safety is essential (i) _____ young people because (ii) _____ a time, they (iii) _____ the cause as well as the victim of serious road accidents. They risk (iv) _____ own lives by driving at breakneck speed. They become a potent source (v) _____ danger to others, (vi) _____ root causes of accidents are haste, rash driving or reckless driving and flouting the traffic rules.

(i)	(a) to	(b) about	(c) of	(d) for
(ii)	(a) many	(b) such	(c) once	(d) at
(iii)	(a) have	(b) is	(c) are	(d) has
(iv)	(a) there	(b) their	(c) those	(d) this
(v)	(a) of	(b) on	(c) for	(d) because
(vi)	(a) A	(b) The	(c) An	(d) For

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)

Man's efficiency increases hard work.	e.g.,	Increases	after	hard
If he does work hard, his practice suffers.	(a)	_____	_____	_____
The lawyer is judged by cases that	(b)	_____	_____	_____
he wins. The writer examined	(c)	_____	_____	_____
by the of readers he has.	(d)	_____	_____	_____

7. Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. The first one has been done for you as an example. (3)

(a) an / flattery / which / can be / is / art / mastered / easily

(b) this art / always / is / a master / subtle / of

(c) everybody / excel / at flattery / not / can

Section – C

(Literature and Long Reading Text – 25 Marks)

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

“Listen to this”, said he. “Trevelyan is sitting with the Princess Alwynna at the back end of the tulip-garden.”

(a) Who are Trevelyan and Princess Alwynna referred to?

(b) Who is ‘he’ in this extract?

(c) What is the subject of discussion?

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

(a) What was Private Quelch’s first impression before narrator?

(b) How did Harold come to know that his father was a boxer?

(c) Why do you think the Colonel allowed the salesman to marry his daughter even though he came from a lineage of Earls?

(d) How do the last two stages of man's life portray decay, degeneration and death?

10. Compare and contrast the character of Bishop with that of his sister, Persome. **(4)**

Or

“Excess exhibitionism of knowledge turns a man into virus and infects one.” Explain with examples.

11. **A.** Give an account of Astronomer's cave in flying land, Laputa. **(10)**

Or

Explain the third voyage of Gulliver.

11. **B.** For the writer, the sailing is the most thrilling sensation. How? **(10)**

Or

What was Harris's idea about the comic songs? How did the narrator think about Harris's ability?