



SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT - I ENGLISH

Class: VII

Date:

Maximum Marks: 90

Time allowed: 3 hours

General Instructions

- This question paper contains 18 questions and 6 printed pages.
- All the questions are compulsory.
- Marks for each question are indicated against it.

Section A (Reading)

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

After India gained Independence from the British rule, our leaders set to work to prepare a constitution, on the basis of which our country would be governed. With Jawaharlal Nehru as the Prime Minister, the Law Minister, B.R. Ambedkar was given the work of writing the Constitution. For this work, the Constituent Assembly was formed. Many leaders from all over India were in this assembly. The work was completed after three years. When we as a nation accepted the new Constitution and put it into use, we became a Republic.

On January 26, 1950, two-and-a-half years after Independence, India became a Republic. The idea of the Republic is taken from a book by the same name by Greek philosopher Plato in which he describes an ideal state, ruled by the people. Every single citizen got the right to vote, making our country the largest democracy in the world. On the first Republic Day, Nehru told his countrymen, "We are fortunate to witness the emergence of Republic of India and our successors may well envy us this day".

Though the Indian Republic is over 60 years old, our history goes back to 5000 years. However, our society contained many injustices and some people were oppressed and denied equal rights over centuries. Millions suffered due to cast differences. Our Constitution aims at removing these wrongs. Taking into consideration that our country has people of different faiths it declares that India will be a Secular Republic.

On the day our country became a Republic, National Emblems were also announced. The figure of seated lions is from a Buddhist monument in Sarnath.



This lion sculpture originally formed the top portion of a pillar, which contained emperor Ashoka's message to people. The wheel at the centre of our national flag, the Dharma Chakra, is also from the same sculpture. The words, *Satyameva Jyathe*, that are found in Mundukya Upnishad, were chosen as the national motto. Our constitution teaches us to extend respect to these national symbols.

The Republic Day commands the respect of every Indian . India, a sovereign democratic republic secures all its citizens' justice, liberty and equality. The democracy is not a gift, but the fundamental right of every citizen. Apart from fundamental rights, Constitution of India enlists many fundamental duties for us. Therefore it is our sacred responsibility to preserve and protect the legacy of our great leaders and to promote unity of the nation.

- a. On the basis of your reading of the passage, complete the following statements briefly .
- i. After Independence our country needed a constitution in order to..... 1
 - ii. India was declared a secular state because..... 1
- b. Choose the correct meaning of the word 'religiously unbiased' from the options given below. 1
- i. emergence
 - ii. secular
 - iii. successor
 - iv. oppressed
- c. "Our Constitution aims at removing these wrongs". Which wrongs have been mentioned in the passage? 1
- d. How can Indians contribute to promote the unity of our nation? 2

2. Read the following poem and answer the questions that follow:

There's a shed at the bottom of our garden
With a spider's web hanging across the door,
The hinges are rusty and creak in the wind.
When I'm in bed I lie and I listen,

I'll open that door one day
There's a dusty old window around at the side
With three cracked panes of glass,
I often think there's someone staring at me

Each time that I pass,
I'll peep through that window one day.
My brother says there's a ghost in the shed



Who hides under the rotten floorboards,

And if I ever dare to set foot inside
He'll jump out and chop off my head,
But I'll take a peek one day.
I know that there isn't really a ghost,

My brother tells lies to keep the shed for his den;
There isn't anyone staring or making strange noises
And the spider has been gone from his web
Since I don't know when,

I'll go into that shed one day soon,
But not just yet...

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| a. | Describe the window of the shed. | 1 |
| b. | What does the narrator plan to do one day? | 1 |
| c. | What does the brother tell the narrator? Why? | 1 |
| d. | Find out two pairs of rhyming words from the extract. | 2 |
| e. | Which word in the extract means the same as 'a movable joint'? Choose the appropriate option from the following. | 1 |
| i. | peek | |
| ii. | hinge | |
| iii. | web | |
| iv. | panes | |

3. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

You are in a busy public area: coughing or breathing in polluted air. Driving home in peak traffic, you curse as smoke and exhaust fumes assail you from all sides. But when you reach home, you shut the windows, switch on the fan, and relax, breathing a sigh of relief. Feeling safe finally. But are you? Actually not. Right here too countless allergens and pollutants are possibly assailing you. You are being subjected to Indoor Air Pollution(IAP). What's more shocking is that the air pollution is often in the victim's own home. More than half of those deaths are caused by indoor pollutants, which in the developing world largely come from indoor cooking stove fuels like wood, coal, and cow dung.

Few people know this because most studies, media attention and public campaigns have focused on outdoor pollution. But IAP is scarier than you could imagine. India currently has the world's largest number of IAP- related health problems with 75percent of its rural household burning wood, dung cakes and crop residues(agricultural wastes)- the "traditional" biomass fuels. Also an estimated 5,00,000 women and children die in India each year due to IAP- related causes-25 percent of estimated IAP-related deaths worldwide, according to World Bank



report.

Studies at All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi show how unhealthy cooking methods and use of biomass fuels contribute to respiratory-tract infections including chronic bronchitis in women and puts children below five at grave risk. It has also been noted that even poor ventilation also contributes.

Broadly, in urban India, the main IAP contributors are aerobiological and irritants. Aerobiologicals are dust mites, cockroaches, pollen and fungi, pet excreta, bacteria and viruses which develop sensitivity and trigger coughing and wheezing. Even our kitchen trash-bin contributes a huge volume of illness causing bacteria and unpleasant odour to indoor air. Cockroach droppings trigger allergic asthma.

Irritants are formaldehyde found in carpets, heavy draperies and in cupboards made of compressed wood causing chronic eye irritation, cough and asthma. Granite emits radon that produces cough. LPG and electricity are healthier for cooking. Modern fuels are especially needed in vulnerable rural areas.

Allow plenty of sunlight into home which kills germs, prevents fungi moulds and permit cross ventilation. Sun-dry the mattresses, pillows and carpets regularly. Restrict relative humidity and keep kitchens scrupulously clean. Pets are kept clean. A better alternative is indoor plants, which absorb carbon dioxide and emit oxygen.

- a. Suggest a suitable title for the passage.
- b. Enlist some of the measures by which IAP can be minimized. **1**
- c. Complete the following with suitable words/phrases describing the hazards matching with the causes. **2**
- | | Causes | Health Hazard | |
|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------|
| i. | dust mites | | 1 |
| ii. | cockroach droppings | | 1 |
| d. | Find words from the passage which mean the same as: | | |
| i. | attacking violently | | 1 |
| ii | very carefully and thoroughly | | 1 |
| e. | IAP is considered to be more harmful because | | |
| i. | it contains more pollutants than outdoor air pollution | | 1 |
| ii | there is lack of awareness in the people in the absence of campaigns | | |
| iii | it leads to serious diseases | | |
| iv | both (b) and (c) | | |

Section B (Writing)

4. You are the Head Girl/Head Boy of your school. You plan to organize an inter class debate competition for the students of classes VI to VIII. Write a notice in **5**



about 50 words inviting the interested students to participate in the debate. Invent all the necessary details like date, time, venue and topic for the debate.

5. Write a paragraph on 'Value of Games' in not more than 70-80 words 6
6. You recently saw the pictures of poachers killing animals in a wildlife sanctuary. Write a diary entry describing your feelings in about 70-80 words. 6
7. Your cousin is a brilliant student but he is not keeping good health because he avoids home-made food and is very fond of eating outside. Write a letter telling him about the harmful effects of junk food and advising him to maintain good health in about 80-90 words. You are Arpit/Arpita of Lawrence Road, Delhi 8

Section C (Grammar)

8. **Rewrite the following sentences after replacing the underlined words/phrases with suitable adverbs.** 4
 - a. She met the guests in a graceful manner.
 - b. She is talking to the host in a nice manner.
 - c. She is chopping the onions in a rough manner.
 - d. She acted in a bad manner.
9. **Change the following sentences into passive voice.** 4
 - a. Why did your brother write such a letter?
 - b. The Guard refused him admittance.
 - c. Thunder and lightning frighten the child.
 - d. Is he speaking English?
10. **Fill in the blanks with the correct degree of comparison.** 4
 - a. The mountaineer was the _____ person I had ever met. (courage)
 - b. The humming bird is the _____ in the whole World. (small)
 - c. I like Marigold flowers _____ than Sunflowers. (much)
 - d. Which of these two pens is _____? (good)
11. **Complete the passage inserting suitable prepositions.** 4
 - a. He was stabbed _____ a lunatic _____ a dragger,
 - b. Paul is very good _____ telling jokes. He reminds me _____ his father.
 - c. If I had to choose _____ going _____ Mumbai or Goa, I'd choose Goa.
 - d. By the time the police found out _____ the crime, the thief was already _____ Mexico.
12. **Rearrange the following jumbled words/phrases to make meaningful sentences.** 4
 - a. his / belief / Gandhiji's / greatest / was / in / strength / God
 - b. shall / misconduct / be / you / for / your / punished
 - c. are / the / description / of / beyond / beauties / nature
 - d. assistants / shop / required / salesmen / and / are/for/a



Section D (Literature)

13. Read the extracts given below and answer the following questions.

I rub my eyes and sit upon my bed
And beneath the light of the flickering moon
Moves the long shadowy outline far away
Like a huge serpent crawling through the night.

- i.** Name the poem from which above lines are taken and also name the poet. **2**
- ii** In the middle of a night, what does the train remind the poet of and why? **1**
- iii** What do you come to know about the poet after reading the poem? **1**

14. I argued that talking is a female trait and do my best to control but I would never be able to break myself off the habit, since my mother talked as much as I did.

- i.** Name the chapter and the writer. **2**
- ii** What was the narrator trying to justify? **1**
- iii** Which inherited trait has been talked about in the extract? **1**

15. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words.

- a.** How does the narrator emerge out to be as a packer? Give reasons for your answer. **2**
- b.** Explain the statement, 'The Endurance was frozen, like an almond in the middle of a chocolate bar'. **2**

16. Answer the following questions in about 40-50 words.

- a.** How does Peta-Lynn play the role of a saviour? What all qualities does she exhibit in the lesson? **3**
- b.** Why did Swami look forward to do during the holidays? **3**

17. Use the following words to Frame meaningful sentences. **2**

- a.** Ridiculous
- b.** Abandoned

(SUPPLEMENTARY READER)

18 Answer the following questions.

- a.** What was the name of Black Beauty's mother? **1**
- b.** Why did Black Beauty leave Gordon's park? **2**
- c.** What was the condition on which Marrylegs sold? **2**