

## Summative Assessment II, 2011-2012

Subject : English (Language and Literature)

Time : 3 Hrs.]

Class : IX

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### General Instructions :

(i) The question paper is divided into four section :

Section A :	Reading	20 marks
Section B :	Writing	20 marks
Section-C :	Grammar	15 marks
Section-D :	Literature/Text Books	35 marks

(ii) All questions are compulsory.

(iii) Marks are indicated against each question.

### SECTION – A

(Reading : 20 Marks)

1. Read the passage given below and complete the sentences that follow by choosing the most appropriate options from those given : 5

Travelling is a pleasure particularly for the young. The desire to see new places and get the feel of a new environment makes travel a wonderful experience. But do we make it trouble-free for others ?

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Don't start a conversation with a co-passenger without first knowing his willingness to converse with you. He/she might like to read or have a nap and not necessarily be in a mood to talk.

Place your baggage in the rack above your seat. Don't encroach upon another's space. Also wait till the plane bus/train comes to a stop to pull your luggage out.

Be eco-friendly. Remember that place where you stand had been visited and has to be visited by thousands more. Carry a plastic bag for waste on sight seeing trips; you can empty it later in a dustbin. "Sustainable Tourism" is the only way to protect the resource and beauty of the earth.

If you want to enjoy the hospitality of friends or relatives residing in the place you visit, inform them in advance. Don't drop in like bolt from the blue.

Be considerable towards your hosts. Help your host/hostess in domestic chores. Go on sight-seeing trips without troubling them to come to your help. Use your own toiletries and towels. Use the telephone of your host sparingly and only when necessary. Don't interfere in their domestic affairs unless you are asked to join. Don't expect your host to attend to your needs all the time.

(a) Travelling gives us happiness because.....

(i) we see hills

(ii) we see oceans

(iii) we see new places

(iv) of better weather conditions.

- (b) We should not bother our fellow passengers by.....
- (i) talking needlessly      ~~(ii)~~ taking their reading material
- (iii) taking their sleeping space      (iv) not pulling their luggage out.
- (c) Being eco-friendly, in the passage, implies.....
- (i) planting trees      (ii) not wasting things
- ~~(iii)~~ not littering the place      (iv) being kind to your friends.
- (d) One can be considerate towards the hosts by.....
- (i) not visiting them      (ii) carrying plastic bag
- ~~(iii)~~ not overstaying      (iv) not expecting too much
- (e) The word which means the same as 'a task that you do regularly' is.....
- (i) host      (ii) domestic
- ~~(iii)~~ chore      (iv) needs

2. Read the passage given below and complete the sentences that follow by writing the options that you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet : 5

Migratory birds are those which leave their place of living to migrate to another place whenever climate becomes incongenial. They do so because it is difficult for them to survive in colder regions. The birds generally eat insects and worms and during the winter their food becomes scarce. Some birds move from hot places to the cold places of the south, some

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groups of birds move from lower regions to higher altitudes. The birds are able to guess about the coming weather by watching the duration of the day. Birds have a special gland which helps them in understanding the change in the season. Some scientists are of the view that birds are extra sensitive to the earth's magnetic field and on the basis of this sensitivity they are able to determine where they have come from.

- (a) The main reason of the migration of birds is.....
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| (i) change of food       | (ii) change of climate |
| (iii) change of interest | (iv) change of habits. |
- (b) The birds are able to know about the change in weather by.....
- |                      |                                    |
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| (i) wings            | (ii) beak                          |
| (iii) special glands | (iv) watching the duration of day. |
- (c) The appropriate word for the meaning 'to move from one place to another is' .....
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| (i) determine | (ii) congenial |
| (iii) region  | (iv) migrate.  |
- (d) The migratory birds generally eat.....
- |                         |              |
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| (i) grains              | (ii) nuts    |
| (iii) insects and worms | (iv) fruits. |

(e) The word which means the same as 'available in small quantities is' .....

(i) scarce

(ii) a lot of

(iii) maximum

(iv) less

3. Read the poem given below and answer the questions that follow :

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### The Solitary Reaper

Behold her, single in the field

Yon solitary Highland lass!

Reaping and singing by herself,

Stop here, or gently pass!

Alone she cuts and binds the grain,

And sings a melancholy strain :

O listen! for the vale profound

Is overflowing with sound.

No nightingale did ever chant,

More welcome notes to weary bands

Of travellers in some shady haunt,

Among the Arabian sands.

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A voice so thrilling never was heard

In spring time from the cuckoo bird

Breaking the silence of the seas

Among the farthest Hebrides.

- (a) What sort of song does the solitary reaper sing ?
- (b) Whom does the poet say, 'stop here and gently pass' ?
- (c) Is the song of the solitary reaper sweeter than the song of a cuckoo ?
- (d) What impresses the poet ?
- (e) "The melancoly strain." What does the 'strain' here mean ?

4. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

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The white tiger is one of the rarest wild animals not only in India but perhaps in the world. Infact all the white tigers found in India and abroad are the descendants of a nine-month old white cub that was captured in 1951 in the forest of Rewa in Madhya Pradesh. At present there are 38 white tigers in the world, out of which 24 are in India.

The white tiger is a magnificent animal. It has snow-white coat with brown or ash coloured strips and is larger than a normal tiger. About 10 years ago, it was reported that there are light coloured tigers in the forests of Assam, Bengal and Bihar, but they were not truly white tigers. The forests of Rewa are the only region where real white tigers are found.

- (a) Name one of the most rare wild animals in the world.
- (b) List any two characteristics of a white tiger ?

- (c) Whose descendants are the white tigers ?
- (d) Which country has the maximum white tigers in the world ?
- (e) Which word in the passage means the same as 'most uncommon' ?

**SECTION – B**

**(Writing : 20 Marks)**

5. You are Manish/Manisha, living at Palam, New Delhi. The footpaths of this area have been occupied by motor mechanics and shopkeepers. Write a letter to the Municipal Commissioner, Delhi requesting him to get the footpaths cleared. (In 100 words) 8

**OR**

The road accidents are increasing day by day. Write a letter to the Editor of 'The Times of India' expressing your views in about 100 words. Your name is Shobha/Shubham living at Sec. 2, Dwarka, New Delhi.

6. Your school is organizing a debate competition on the topic 'Plastic should be banned'. Prepare a debate in favour or against the topic using the following hints : (word-limit 120) 8

**Against :** Plastic versatile, cost effective and integral part of daily life.

**For :** Pollutes water bodies, kills marine life and animals by choking, non-biodegradable, contaminates food, highly polluting product.

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OR

Children are the future of the nation. School play a very important role in the development of all round personality of the child. Write an article on the topic 'Role of school in a child's life'.  
(100 words)

7. You visited a science fair nearby your school in the month of January. Write a report in about 80 words on the fair describing the display of working models, arrangements of fair, etc. 4

OR

The son comes from the school. He is very hungry. He asks his mother if the food is ready. Write the dialogue, in any suitable way, between the son and his mother. (80 words)

**SECTION – C**

**(Grammar : 15 Marks)**

8. Complete the following passage by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones given below. Write your answers in the answersheet against the correct blank number. Do not copy the whole passage.  $\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$

Hard work is the key (a).....success. God helps those (b).....help themselves. God has sent (c).....to perform certain duties. If we (d).....not perform them, he will be (e).....with us. A lazy person always (f).....sad whereas a hardworker who performs his duty is always happy.



- (a) (i) with (ii) of (iii) to (iv) through
- (b) (i) whose (ii) who (iii) which (iv) that
- (c) (i) us (ii) me (iii) him (iv) her
- (d) (i) does (ii) do (iii) had (iv) has
- (e) (i) displeasing (ii) displeasure
- (iii) displeased (iv) have displeased
- (f) (i) looks (ii) looking
- (iii) looked (iv) have looked

- 9 Complete the paragraph given below by choosing the appropriate options from those that follow. Write the answers in your answer-sheet against the correct blank numbers. Do not copy the whole paragraph.  $1 \times 3 = 3$

It (a).....(decide) to construct a number of flyovers at main intersections in the capital to ease the flow of traffic. It (b).....(hope) that the problem of traffic jams at these intersections (c).....(solve) to a great extent.

- (a) (i) decided (ii) has been decided
- (iii) is decided (iv) has decided

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(b) (i) is hoped

~~(ii) hoped~~

(iii) had hoped

(iv) is hopping

(c) (i) is solved

(ii) has solved

(iii) solved

~~(iv) will be solved~~

**10. Read the following dialogue and complete the paragraph that follows :  $1 \times 3 = 3$**

Ramesh : Where are you going ?

Rachana : I am going to school to collect my pass certificate.

Ramesh : How much did you score ?

Rachana : I got good marks in all subjects except Maths.

Ramesh asked Rachana (a)..... Rachana told him that (b).....pass certificate. Ramesh then enquired (c)..... Rachana told him that she had got good marks in all subjects except maths.

**11. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer-sheet as given below :  $\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$**

Although their is no direct evidence that

Their — there

salt is a cause of highly blood pressure or

(a) .....

hypertension there were studies which

(b) .....

- indicate that reducing salt intake lower (c) .....
- blood pressure. Some scientist are also (d) .....
- concern that excessive use of salt may (e) .....
- caused asthma and kidney disease. (f) .....

12. Rearrange the following words or phrases to make meaningful sentences :

1 × 3 = 3

- (a) the/man/very sad/was/because/of/son/his
- (b) people/way/die/this/in/every year
- (c) fast/or/will/you/run/the/bus/miss

SECTION – D

(Literature : 35 Marks)

13. A. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :

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The sound rises clearly above the noise of the traffic and the hawkers's cries. He plays slowly, meditatively, without excessive display. He does not shout out his wares occasionally, he makes a sale, but in a curiously off handed way as if this were incidental to his enterprise. Sometimes he breaks off playing to talk to the fruit seller. I imagine that this has been the pattern of his life for years.

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- (a) Who does 'he' in the passage refer to ?
- (b) Which 'sound' is referred to in the first sentence of the passage ?
- (c) What type of man is he by temperament ?
- (d) Which word in the passage means the same as 'thoughtfully' ?

**13. B. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :**

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She ran upto him, patted him through the bars, and he stood on his head in delight. For the next three hours she would not leave that cage. (She gave him tea, lemonade, cakes, ice-creams and what not, then 'closing time' came and we had to leave.) (My wife cried bitterly; Baba cried bitterly; even the hardened curator and the keepers felt depressed.) As for me, I had reconciled myself to what I knew was going to happen next.

- (a) Where does the scene in the passage take place ?
- (b) Why did she give Baba many things to eat ?
- (c) How did the author's wife and Baba behave when it was closing time ?
- (d) Which word in the passage means the same as 'the incharge of a zoo or a museum' ?

**14. A. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the most appropriate alternatives from those given. Attempt any two.  $3 \times 2 = 6$**

Then the matter

Of scorching and choking

In sun and air,

Browning, hardening

Twisting, withering

And then it is done.

(a) The name of the poet and the poem from which this extract has been taken are :

- (i) On Killing a Tree – Robert Frost
- (ii) No Men Are Foreign – James Kirkup
- (iii) On Killing a Tree – Gieve Patel
- (iv) On Killing a Tree – Phoebe Cary

(b) .....has helped the tree with stand earlier attempts to kill it.

- (i) Rising out of earth
- (ii) Years of feeding in the sun
- (iii) Absorbing years of water
- (iv) Absorbing years of sunlight, air and water

(c) When does the scorching and choking in sun and air take place :

- (i) After its root is pulled out of the earth
- (ii) After it browns and hardens
- (iii) When it is watered
- (iv) When it is attacked with a knife

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14. B. It is the human earth that we defile.

Our hells of fire and dust outrage the innocence

Of air that is everywhere our own,

Remember, no men are foreign and no countries strange.

(a) We defile our earth by.....

(i) Hells of fire and dust

(ii) Killing one another

(iii) Hells of fire

(iv) Deforming environment

(b) Who composed these lines ?

(i) William Blake

(ii) Gieve Patel

(iii) James Kirkup

(iv) Robert Frost

(c) The word.....means to make it impure.

(i) Hells

(ii) Defile

(iii) Strange

(iv) Innocence

14. C. Along the sand

He lay until observed

And chased away, and now

He vanishes in the ripples

Among the green slim reeds.

- (a) The snake was lying.....
- (i) In the bushes (ii) Along the sand
- (iii) On the roof (iv) On the tree
- (b) When somebody sees the snake he thinks the snake is.....
- (i) Poisonous (ii) Harmful
- (iii) In auspicious (iv) Malicious
- (c) The snake moved fast, swam over the water and hid himself among green reeds to .....
- (i) Take rest (ii) Save himself
- (iii) Chase away the rats (iv) None of these

15. Answer any three of the following questions in 40-50 words each :  $2 \times 3 = 6$

- (a) "A mystery I propose to explain." What is the mystery the speaker proposes to explain ? (If I Were You)
- (b) What is the belief at Pashupatinath about the end of Kaliyug ?
- (c) What was Jerome's real intention when he offered to pack ?
- (d) Santosh Yadav was quite determined to choose a correct and rational path. Give details from the text to support your answer.

16. Answer the following question in about 80 words : 5

Describe Maria Sharapova's life style and attitude to life.

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The story 'Bond of Love' is a story of remarkable love and devotion between humans and the bear. Explain it.

17. Answer the following question in about 80 words:

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In what way did the fire prove to be a blessing in disguise for the narrator ?

OR

What is Behrman's masterpiece ? What makes Sue say so ?

18. Answer any two of the following questions in 40-50 words each :

3 × 2 = 6

- (a) What was Prashant's plan to resettle the orphans and the widows ?
- (b) What was Behrman's life long dream ? Was it fulfilled ?
- (c) What happens when the zip on his carry on bag gives away ?

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