

SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT - II (2015-2016)
ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE
Class - IX

Time: 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 70

Instructions:

The question paper is divided into **three sections.**

Section A	:	Reading & OTBA	20 marks
Section B	:	Writing and Grammar	25 marks
Section C	:	Literature	25 marks

SECTION A (READING & OTBA: 20 Marks)

1a	<p>Read the following passage.</p> <p>FOSSILS</p> <p>Scientists who study the rocks, minerals, landforms, and the history of the earth can tell what kind of plants and animals lived on the earth a long time ago. These scientists are called geologists. One way that they are able to do this is by the study of fossils. Fossils may be the actual remains of plants or animals, impressions of them in rock, or the tracks of animals as they walked or crawled.</p> <p>Most fossils are formed in the waters covering the continental shelves, in warm, shallow, inland seas, and in large swamps that covered large parts of the land in post geologic time. When the animals of these water die, their remains are deposited on the floor of the water body where the fleshy part of the animals decay. The skeletal portion of the body is partially replaced by minerals and other sediments. If this takes place in just the right manner, a fossil is formed. Since rock sediments are involved in the formation of fossils, it is not surprising that one finds many fossils in sedimentary rock layers. Plant fossils are found in the areas that were once swamps. There are four principle kinds of fossils : original remains, replaced remains, moulds and casts, and impressions.</p> <p>On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions :</p> <p>(1) Geologists are _____.</p> <p>(2) Fossils are _____.</p> <p>(3) Fossils can be found in sedimentary rocks as _____.</p> <p>(4) The different kinds of fossils are _____.</p> <p>(5) Synonym for 'wet saturated land' is _____.</p>	5
1b	<p>Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :</p> <p>And I remember people coming to my mother's yard to be given cuttings from her flowers; I hear again the praise showered on her because whatever rocky soil she landed on, she turned into a garden. A garden so brilliant with colours, so original in its design, so magnificent with life and creativity, that to this day people drive by our house in Georgia-perfect strangers and imperfect strangers - and ask to stand or walk among my mother's art. I notice that it is only when my mother is working in her flowers that she is radiant, almost to the point of being invisible. She is involved in work her soul must have. Ordering the universe in the image of her personal conception of beauty. Her face, as she prepares the Art</p>	5

	<p>that is her gift, is a legacy of respect she leaves to me, for all that illuminates and cherishes life. She has handed down respect for the possibilities- and the will to grasp them. For her, so hindered and intruded upon in so many ways, being an artist has still been a daily part of her life. This ability to hold on, even in very simple ways, is work black women have done for a very long time.</p> <p>(a) Describe the garden briefly. (b) What did the narrator's mother do to those who used to come to their place ? (c) When did he notice that his mother was radiant ? (d) What had been a daily part of her life ? (e) Find out from the passage the word which means the same as 'take hold of'.</p>	
	<p>(Open Text: 10 Marks) (* Please ensure that open text of the given theme is supplied with this question paper) Theme: Indigenous Games of India</p>	
2a	Why has career in sports emerged as one of the most lucrative options during the past decade?	5
2b	The National Sports Policy (2001) has helped in promoting sports in India. Elaborate.	5
	<p>SECTION B (WRITING & GRAMMAR: 25 Marks)</p>	
3	Write an article in 100 - 120 words on "India International Trade Fair". These trade fairs cause harm to the environment. Organisers should focus on the conservation issues.	5
4	<p>'Suddenly they saw the storm approaching with lightening speed Everyone started running for shelter.....'</p> <p>The end of the story is given above. Complete the short story in 150-200 words without changing the end.</p>	10
5	<p>Choose the most appropriate options from the ones given below to complete the following paragraph.</p> <p>(a) _____ interviewing first standard students (b) _____ were candidates for a special programme for gifted children, (c) _____ question asked was, what life would be 100 years hence.</p> <p>(a) (i) As (ii) While (iii) When (iv) Where (b) (i) which (ii) that (iii) who (iv) it (c) (i) that (ii) the (iii) a (iv) an</p>	3
6	<p>In the following passage one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the words before and after against the correct blank number.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Before Missing Word After</p> <p>Laughter begins in the lungs diaphragm, setting (a) _____ _____ _____ the liver, stomach other internal organs into (b) _____ _____ _____ quick, jelly-like vibrations, which gives pleasant (c) _____ _____ _____ sensation. Laughter is considered to healthy. (d) _____ _____ _____</p>	4
7	Look at the words/phrases given below and rearrange to form meaningful sentences.	3

	<p>a. rules / discipline means / willingly following / some</p> <p>b. being polite / discipline also / towards all / means</p> <p>c. to be / allows / our potential / discipline / realized and / in life / cannot be successful / without discipline / a man</p>	
	SECTION C (LITERATURE: 25 Marks)	
	Read one of the extracts given below and briefly answer the questions that follow:	
8	<p><i>Oh I showed them the toothpaste all right, I flashed it about late at night, But up-and-down brushin' And pokin' and fussin' Didn't seem worth the time-I could bite!</i></p> <p>(a) What does 'they' refer to? What did the poet show them?</p> <p>(b) Why did she find brushing worthless?</p> <p>(c) What is the antonym of 'flashed'.</p>	3
	OR	
	<p><i>The squad listened in a cowed, horrified kind of silence'.</i></p> <p>(a) Who did the squad listen to?</p> <p>(b) Why did they listen in a 'cowed, horrified kind of silence'?</p> <p>(c) What does 'cowed' mean?</p>	3
	Answer the following questions in 30 to 40 words each: (2+2+2+2)	
9a	Why did Persome feel scared when she saw the convict in the house?	2
9b	What caused damage to the poet's teeth?	2
9c	When did the author meet Private Quelch for the first time?	2
9d	What does the narrator of the lesson 'Bestseller' mean when he says, 'Met your affinity yet, John'?	2
	Answer one of the following questions in 80-100 words	
10	The playwright Norman Mckinnell has portrayed Persome's character with flesh and blood whereas that of the Bishop's with kind concern and a caring heart. Reflect on the values the Bishop possessed in contrast to the character of his sister Persome.	4
	OR	
	'Time and tide wait for none'. With reference to the poem 'Oh, I Wish I'd Looked After Me Teeth' write a diary entry expressing your feelings after losing your teeth as a result of eating too much of junk food.	4

		Answer one of the following questions in 150-200 words	
11	Laputa is a strange island. Comment.		10
		OR	
	Laputian women have “abundance of vivacity”. Elaborate.		10
		OR	
	Did the narrator enjoy Harris' song ?Why ? How did the people react to it ?		10
		OR	
	George is more practical and sensible than Harris and the author. Comment on this statement with examples from the story.		10
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