

SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT – I (2014-15)
ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE
Class - X

Maximum Marks: 70

Time: 3 hours

Instructions :

The 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

SECTION A
(Reading :20 marks)

- 1 **Read the passage given below and answer the questions / complete the sentences that follow:** 8

A sparrow is a small bird which is found throughout the world. There are many different species of sparrows. Sparrows are only about four to six inches in length. Many people appreciate their beautiful song. Sparrows prefer to build their nests in low places-usually on the ground, clumps of grass, low trees and low bushes. In cities they build their nests in building nooks or holes. They rarely build their nests in high places. They built their nests out of twigs, grasses and plant fibers. Their nests are usually small and well-built structures.

Female sparrows lay four to six eggs at a time. The eggs are white with reddish brown spots. They hatch within eleven to fourteen days. Both the male and female parents care for the young. Insects are fed to the young after hatching. The large feet of the sparrows are used for scratching seeds. Adult sparrows mainly eat seeds. Sparrows can be found almost everywhere, where there are humans. Many people throughout the world enjoy these delightful birds.

The sparrows are some of the few birds that engage in dust bathing. Sparrows will first scratch a hole in the ground with their feet, then lie in it and fling dirt or sand over their bodies with flicks of their wings. They will also bathe in water, or in dry or melting snow. Water bathing is similar to dust bathing, with the sparrow standing in shallow water and flicking water over its back with its wings, also ducking its head under the water. Both activities are social, with up to a hundred birds participating at once, and is followed by preening and sometimes group singing.

- (a) The chief food for the adult sparrow is _____.
- (b) Sparrows live wherever _____.
- (c) The word, 'species' means _____.
- (d) Sparrows _____ in high places.

- (e) _____ take care of the young sparrows.
- (f) Sparrows take bath in _____.
- (g) Bathing for the sparrows is a _____.
- (h) Bathing is followed by _____ and _____.

2 **Read the passage given below and answer the questions/complete the statements that follow: (2x4)+(1x4)=12**

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Walls and wall building have played a very important role in Chinese culture. These people, from the dim mists of prehistory have been wall-conscious; from the Neolithic period when ramparts of pounded earth were used - to the Communist Revolution, walls were an essential part of any village. Not only towns and villages; the houses and the temples within them were somehow walled, and the houses also had no windows overlooking the street, thus giving the feeling of wandering around a huge maze. The name for “city” in Chinese (ch’eng) means wall, and over these walled cities, villages, houses and temples presides the god of walls and mounts, whose duties were, and still are, to protect and be responsible for the welfare of the inhabitants. Thus a great and extremely laborious task such as constructing a wall, which was supposed to run throughout the country, must not have seemed such an absurdity.

However, it is indeed a common mistake to perceive the Great Wall as a single architectural structure, and it would also be erroneous to assume that it was built during a single dynasty. For the building of the wall spanned the various dynasties, and each of these dynasties somehow contributed to the refurbishing and the construction of a wall, whose foundations had been laid many centuries ago. It was during the fourth and third century B.C. that each warring state started building walls to protect their kingdoms, both against one another and against the northern nomads.

The role that the Great Wall played in the growth of Chinese economy was an important one. Throughout the centuries many settlements were established along the new border. The garrison troops were instructed to reclaim wasteland and to plant crops on it, roads and canals were built, to mention just a few of the works carried out. All these undertakings greatly helped to increase the country’s trade and cultural exchanges with many remote areas and also with the southern, central and western parts of Asia - the formation of the Silk Route. Builders, garrisons, artisans, farmers and peasants left behind a trail of objects, including inscribed tablets, household articles, and written work, which have become extremely valuable archaeological evidence to the study of defence institutions of the Great Wall and the everyday life of these people who lived and died along the wall.

- (a) What example is given to show that walls were an essential part of Chinese culture?
- (b) What interesting historical facts about the Great Wall are mentioned in the first paragraph?
- (c) Describe the role played by the Great wall in the growth of Chinese economy.

	<p>(d) In what sense is the archeological evidence left behind by the people is valuable?</p> <p>(e) What is meant by the word 'wondering'? (Para 1)</p> <p>(i) searching (ii) going</p> <p>(iii) running (iv) roaming</p> <p>(f) What is meant by the word 'welfare'? (Para 1)</p> <p>(i) enjoyment (ii) wellbeing</p> <p>(iii) convenience (iv) pleasure</p> <p>(g) What is meant by the word 'reclaim'? (Para 2)</p> <p>(i) recover (ii) find</p> <p>(iii) search (iv) save</p> <p>(h) What is meant by the word 'remote'? (Para 2)</p> <p>(i) rich (ii) backward</p> <p>(iii) orthodox (iv) distant</p>	
	<p>SECTION B (WRITING & GRAMMAR: 25 Marks)</p>	
3	<p>You recently visited an important historical monument. You were shocked to find it in a state of utter neglect. Taking help from unit, 'Travel and Tourism', the clues given below and with your own ideas, write a letter to the 'editor of a leading newspaper in 100-120 words ,highlighting the poor condition of important archeological and heritage sites. Point out the lack of essential services, the poor state of maintenance and its misuse by people. Give suggestions for improving the situation.</p> <p>Clues -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● lack of maintenance ● poor security ● funds not properly used ● dumping garbage ● graffiti 	5
4	<p>'It was a dark night . There was no one. At 1am, suddenly it started raining I could hear the noise of the cats crying. Suddenly Complete the story in 150-200 words.</p>	10
5	<p>Read the passage given below. Fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate</p>	3

word / phrases from the given options.

A new study has found out that dogs possess certain human-like social skills that (a) _____ chimpanzees, our closest relatives, do not have. May be that is why they are termed man's best friend. Researchers at the University of Porto explained that dogs have (b) _____ quality called 'emotional contagion', which (c) _____ them to respond and react to people's emotions.

	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)
(a)	also	even	too	and
(b)	a	the	these	an
(c)	allow	allowed	allows	allowing

6 **The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct question number. The first one has been done as an example.**

	Error	Correction
Now the waves were not so high so at first, being near the land. I held my breath till the wave abated and then fetch another run	eg. so	as
It brought me from the shore. The next wave went over me and didn't swallow me. I ran for the shore to save my live.	(a) _____ (b) _____ (c) _____ (d) _____	_____

7 **Read the conversation given below and complete the paragraph that follows:**

Mahesh : Is there any problem with the scooter?
Rashi : I've a flat tyre, but I just don't know how to change the tyre!
Mahesh : Let me give you a helping hand.
Rashi : Oh, that's very nice of you. Thanks so much indeed. That would be a great help
Mahesh: It is my pleasure.
Mahesh saw a woman standing near her scooter by the road. He asked her (a) _____. Rashi replied that (b) _____. Mahesh offered to give a helping hand to the lady. Rashi said (c) _____ and thanked him that, that would be a great help.

**SECTION C
(LITERATURE & LONG READING TEXT: 25 Marks)**

8 **Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:**

"The whole universe is built up through love and the grief of separation is inescapable".

- (a) When did the speaker acquire this philosophy?
- (b) What pain has the speaker gone through?
- (c) What does the word 'inescapable' mean?

OR

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

Now the frog puffed up with rage.
"Brainless bird-you're on the stage-
Use your wits and follow fashion.

	Puff your lungs out with your passion". (i) Why was the frog puffed up with rage ? (ii) Give the opposite of 'Brainless' ? (iii) What happened when the nightingale puffed up her lungs ?	
	Answer the following questions in 30 - 40 words:	
9(i)	Whose influence did the nightingale come under? What was the effect of the influence?	2
(ii)	When the narrator asks Nicola and Jacopo about their plans they are evasive. Why don't they disclose their plans?	2
(iii)	What are the three things that the grandfather plans to do on Monday ?	2
(iv)	How did the people in the post office treat Ali ?	2
10	Imagine yourself to be Victoria. You are really missing your grandfather. Write him a letter urging him to come and meet you and also to forgive your mom and aunt for their behaviour. (<i>The Dear Departed</i>)	4
	OR	
	"If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other." – Mother Teresa Both Nicola and Jacopo are perfect examples of selflessness. Motivated by these two young boys, you decided to do something for the poor and join an N.G.O. Write a letter to your friend describing your experience of working with the N.G.O.	4
	Attempt either question no. 11 or 12.	
11	What makes you think that Anne was becoming desperate and hopeless with each passing day in spite of her strong will power ?	10
	OR	
	How did Anne feel about her grandmother ? Explain.	10

12	Why did Helen call her Pony 'Black Beauty' ? Elaborate		10
		OR	
	Miss Sullivan understood Helen and taught her according to her abilities and needs. Discuss this statement in the light of the innovative methods adopted by Miss Sullivan.		10