

**SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT – I (2015-16)**  
**ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE**  
**Class - IX**

**Maximum Marks: 70**

**Time: 3 hours**

**Instructions :**

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

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| <b>Section A</b> | <b>:</b> | <b>Reading</b>                            | <b>20 marks</b> |
| <b>Section B</b> | <b>:</b> | <b>Writing &amp; Grammar</b>              | <b>25 marks</b> |
| <b>Section C</b> | <b>:</b> | <b>Literature &amp; Long Reading Text</b> | <b>25 marks</b> |

**SECTION A**

**(READING :20 marks)**

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| 1 | <p><b>Read the passage given below and complete the statements that follow:</b></p> <p>Cancer has emerged as the second-leading cause of death globally after cardiovascular diseases. Proportion of deaths due to cancer around the world increased from 12% in 1990 to 15% in 2013 while the number of new cases almost doubled in India during the period. In India, deaths from the disease have increased by 60%, according to the latest report 'Global Burden of Cancer-2013', released worldwide on Friday.</p> <p>"Even if we adjust for the rise in population in India over this period, the new cancer cases have increased by 30% per unit population and deaths have risen by 10%, "says Lalit Dandona, co-author of the study and Professor at the Public Health Foundation of India and Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation.</p> <p>In 2013, there were 14.9 million new cancer cases registered globally, whereas 8.2 million people died due to the disease. The report is based on a global study of 28 cancer groups in 188 countries by a consortium of international researchers from University of Washington and Institute of Health Metrics and Evaluation.</p> <p>The report suggests that new cases of virtually all types of cancer are rising in countries globally -regardless of income-but the death rates from cancer are falling in many countries primarily due to its prevention and treatment. However, it says there is a threat of increasing incidence in developing countries due to ill-equipped health systems.</p> <p>While incidence of breast cancer is highest in India as well as globally, most number of cancer deaths in India are caused due to stomach cancer, which is globally the second most common reason for death.</p> <p>(a) Cancer is next only to _____ diseases resulting in deaths, worldwide.</p> <p>(b) The report _____ claimed that cancer deaths in India have risen.</p> <p>(c) The death rates from cancer in many countries are coming down mainly due to _____ and treatment.</p> <p>(d) The developing countries have failed to control the death rate due to _____.</p> <p>(e) All types of cancer are on an increase regardless of _____.</p> <p>(f) The incidence of _____ is the highest in India as well as globally.</p> | 8 |
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|   | (g) Most number of cancer deaths in India are caused due to _____.<br>(h) The synonym of the word phrase 'come out' is _____<br>(last para)  |    |
| 2 | <p><b>Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :(2x4)+(1x4)=12</b></p> <p>(1) I have sometimes given money to beggars. On cold autumn days, when a homeless man seemed to be in need of some money to buy food or a cup of coffee, I have occasionally dropped him a few coins. Those coins, I have thought, mean much more to him than they do to me, and giving is a nice thing to do. Upon reflection, however, I have come to change my mind, and now I don't give money to beggars. Let me explain why.</p> <p>(2) First, for every rupee that we give to a beggar, the more lucrative we make begging and, comparatively, the less lucrative we make working. This is bad, for we want people to work, not beg. Working is productive; begging is at best neutral and often a burden and a nuisance. Second, there is no guarantee that the beggar who receives the money will spend it in ways that increase the quality of his life. He might well spend the money on alcohol or drugs, and end up financing organized crime.</p> <p>(3) First of all, you are likely to give your money to the beggars who already get the most from other givers. Depending on their location, their looks, and what they say, different beggars have different degrees of success in how much money they attract. Like everyone else, you are statistically likely to give the most money to the ones with the locations, looks, and tricks that prompt people to give.</p> <p>(4) Even if you follow a well thought out strategy to eliminate this problem, however, you are still almost certainly giving your money to the wrong people. The reason why is that, presumably, you live in the developed world - and so do the beggars that you walk past on the street. The vast majority of beggars living in the developed world, moreover, have a quality of life that millions in the developing world can only dream of.</p> <p>(5) In seeking to help others, we should not merely give to those who are geographically close to us and whose appearance elicits our sympathy. Rather, we should give to those who are the worst off, who can be helped the most with each rupee that we give, and who are the least responsible for the situation that they're in. To achieve this, we should consciously decide how much of our money we are willing to spend on helping others, find <i>the most efficient charity</i>, donate money to that charity, and say <i>no</i> the next time a beggar asks if we can spare a dime.</p> <p>(a) Why did the writer stop giving money to the beggars ?<br/> (b) How will you decide that you are giving money to the right person ?<br/> (c) Why should people living in the developed countries not give money to the beggars of their countries ?<br/> (d) What considerations must be kept in mind while giving money to the beggars ?<br/> (e) What is the antonym of the word 'lucrative' ? (para-2)<br/> (f) What is meant by the word 'presumably' ? (para-4)<br/> (g) What is meant by the word 'illicit' ? (para-5)<br/> (h) What is meant by the word 'prompt' ? (para-3)</p> | 12 |
|   | <b>SECTION B</b><br><b>(WRITING &amp; GRAMMAR: 25 Marks)</b>   |    |
| 3 | You recently watched a television programme showcasing poaching of some endangered species. Despite such campaigns, people still indulge in this illegal and inhuman practice. Taking ideas from the MCB unit 'Environment' and using your own ideas, write an article for   | 5  |

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|   | your school magazine in <b>about 100 - 120 words</b> titled "Ban Poaching : Save Wild Life"   |    |
| 4 | <b>Develop a story in about 150 - 200 words with the following beginning. Also give a suitable title.</b> Class X Board results were out. The students were very excited. There was a lot of hustle and bustle in the school building but, Sudhir was sitting alone at his desk. His classmate Namrata _____ .  | 10 |
| 5 | <b>Complete the following paragraph by choosing the appropriate options from the ones given below. Write your answers in the answer sheets against the correct blank number. Do not copy the entire paragraph.</b><br>ABC Company's first product was a rice cooker (a) _____ didn't cook rice so much as burn it. It sold less than 100 units.(b)_____ setback didn't stop the ABC's team (c) _____ they pushed forward to create a multi-billion dollar company<br>(i) (ii) (iii) (iv)<br>(a) but that it this<br>(b) a the this that<br>(c) as that for it | 3  |
| 6 | <b>The following paragraph has not been edited. One word is missing from each line. Identify the missing word and write it along with the word before and the word after in your answer sheet.</b><br><br><div style="text-align: center;">Word Before Missing Word Word After</div> My surgery was the morning e.g. was in the<br>and the birthday party not a. _____ _____ _____<br>until late afternoon. My mom b. _____ _____ _____<br>told me that I wouldn't able c. _____ _____ _____<br>to go. I needed time recover. d. _____ _____ _____            | 4  |
| 7 | <b>Rearrange the given words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. Write the correct sentences in your answer sheet.</b><br>e.g. : small cranes /used / tear gas / by / is<br>Tear gas is used by small cranes.<br>(a) use / they / this gas / themselves / to protect / feed on them / from / birds that<br>(b) from behind / when birds / come / spray / they / a fluid<br>(c) causes / the fluid / temporary pain / irritation / and / to the eyes.  | 3  |
|   | <b>SECTION C</b><br><b>(LITERATURE &amp; LONG READING TEXT: 25 Marks)</b>   |    |
|   | <b>Read one of the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow.</b>   |    |
| 8 | <i>"When I came back to my village, I saw my grandmother in tears. I was surprised for I had never seen her cry even in the most difficult situations".</i><br>(a) Who is 'I' here ?<br>(b) Why was the grandmother in tears ?<br>(c) Which word in the extract is the opposite of 'smile' ?  | 3  |
|   | <b>OR</b>   |    |
|   | <i>I chatter over stony ways,<br/>In little sharps and trebles,</i>   | 3  |

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|        | <p><i>I bubble into eddying bays,<br/>I babble on the pebbles.</i></p> <p>(i) How does the brook 'chatter' ?<br/>(ii) Which stage of the human life is presented here?<br/>(iii) Which word means 'high -pitched'?</p> |    |
|        | <b>Answer the following questions in about 30 - 40 words:</b>  |    |
| 9(i)   | Who was Krishtakka ? Why was she upset ?   | 2  |
| 9(ii)  | To who does Wordsworth compare the solitary reaper ? Why?  | 2  |
| 9(iii) | Why is Gaston not interested in buying the villa in the beginning ?  | 2  |
| 9(iv)  | Why does Juliette call her house 'a wretched place'?   | 2  |
|        | <b>Answer one of the following questions in about 80-100 words</b>   |    |
| 10     | Marcy goes through a complete change of attitude as far as Duke is concerned in the chapter, <i>A Dog Named Duke</i> , after she sees Duke's efforts to get Chuck back on his feet. What values does Marcy learn?      | 4  |
|        | <b>OR</b>  |    |
|        | <i>Anger is a vice that mars one's sanity.</i> In the context of the poem, <i>Lord Ullin's Daughter</i> , justify the statement. Do you agree that anger is the worst enemy of a person ? Give a reasoned answer.      | 4  |
|        | <b>Answer one of the following questions in about 150-200 words.</b>   |    |
| 11     | While the novel "Gulliver's Travels" is noted for its satire, its first two parts form a nicely balanced pair. Comment.  | 10 |
|        | <b>OR</b>  |    |
|        | Give a critical account of the character of Reldresal, principal secretary for private affairs in about <b>150 - 200</b> words.  | 10 |
|        | <b>OR</b>  |    |
|        | The three friends shuddered at the idea of taking oil with them. Why ?   | 10 |
|        | <b>OR</b>  |    |
|        | How does the narrator reveal his love for history and share his philosophical views on life too ?  | 10 |
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