

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

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	<p>Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:</p> <p>Python snake, also known as Ajar, is one of the most massively built snakes of the Indian subcontinent. It belongs to the Boidae family and is dependent on water to quite an extent. One of the unique features of the Rock pythons of India is that they can raise their body temperature above the ambient level through muscular contractions.</p> <p>Python snake grows to an average length of somewhere around 4 metre, and its weight varies from 70 to 129 pounds. An adult Python is white or yellow in colour, depending upon its habitat.</p> <p>Rock Python of India is a lethargic creature, moving only while hunting a prey or when threatened. It shows great swimming ability and is quite at ease in water.</p> <p>Python snakes can be found in dense as well as open Indian forests, mostly estuarine mangrove forest, acid scrub jungle and rain forest. They may live in abandoned mammal burrows, hollow trees, dense water reeds and mangrove thickets. However, pythons prefer to live near a permanent source of water, like rivers and lakes. Rock python of India is an endangered species, now partly protected by the Tamil Nadu Government. The reason for this is that it is killed for its fine skin, meat and even for medicinal purposes.</p> <p>These snakes are carnivore animals and they feed on mammals, birds and reptiles indiscriminately, but seem to prefer mammals. Roused to activity on sighting prey, the snake will advance with quivering tail and lunge with open mouth. Live prey is constricted and killed. One or two coils are used to hold it in a tight grip. The prey, unable to breathe, succumbs and is subsequently swallowed head first. After a heavy meal, they are disinclined to move. If forced to, hard parts of the meal may tear through the body.</p> <p>(a) How does Python increase its body temperature? (b) The colour of the Python depends on its _____. (c) On what is python snake largely dependent on? (d) Which is the preferred habitat of Python snakes? (e) Where can Python snakes be found? (f) What made Rock Python an endangered species (g) What happens if they are forced to move after a heavy meal? (h) Find the word from the passage which means the same as 'in danger of becoming extinct''</p>	8
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2	<p>Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: (4x2)+(4x1)=12</p> <p>Our Vedas consists of ancient theories, observations and principles about the mind and body connection which is now being proven by modern medicine. There are several reasons for headache, physical, emotional and mental factors, anxiety and tension are a few. Sometimes, headache can be a signal of an underlying disease. More than medicines, yoga therapy eminently suits any need. Yoga is a comprehensive mode of culturing the body and the mind. Using an 'Integrated Approach of Yoga, the Yoga Research Centers have been able to cure some tough headaches. The integrated approach includes breathing, asanas , pranayama, meditation and devotional sessions.</p> <p>Yoga, is aimed to unite the mind, the body, and the spirit. Yogis view that the mind and the body are one and that if it is given the right yoga kit and tools and taken to the right environment, it can find harmony and heal itself. Yoga therefore is considered therapeutic. It helps you become more aware of your body's posture, alignment and patterns of movement. It makes the body more flexible and helps you relax even in the midst of a stress stricken environment.</p> <p>Yoga asanas, especially the ones imitating the natural postures of animals, have a tremendous tranquilising effect, without having to depend on common drugs. Pranayama inhibits random agitations in Pranic (energy) flows in Pranamayakosa , stabilising the autonomic nervous system. Dhyana and Samadhi culture the reaction of an individual to headache. By interrupting the vicious cycle of pain-agony-pain, it prevents headache from becoming a crippling problem.</p> <p>Through asanas that calm you, the pranayama exercises that inhibit random energy flows the meditation that cultivates and relaxes your mind. Yoga offers a holistic form of pain relief. It stops you from becoming locked in the vicious circle of pain-anxiety-pain.</p> <p>(a) How does Pranayam help the body? (b) How can one stay away from medicines? (c) What does integrated approach include? (d) Why yoga is considered therapeutic? (e) What is meant by 'inhibit'? (Para 4) (f) What is meant by 'eminently'? (Para 1) (g) Find the word opposite to 'discord'. (Para 2) (h) Find the word opposite to 'stiff'. (Para 2)</p>	12
	<p>SECTION B (WRITING & GRAMMAR: 25 Marks)</p>	
3	<p>Gender roles are changing at work and home in today's times. Men and women alike are challenging traditional gender roles and expecting to share in paid work as well as tending the household and children. Write an article in about 120 words for your school magazine on the changing gender roles in India.</p>	5
4	<p>Write a story with a catchy title using the following hints in 150-200 words.</p> <p><i>Alone in the classroom – headache – missed Activity class – unnatural sound heard – Tom and Jerry in the classroom – interaction with them.</i></p>	10
5	<p>Complete the following passage by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones given below. Write your answers in the answer sheets against the correct blank number. Do not copy the entire passage.</p> <p>The history of man is replete (a) _____ crime and folly. Wars between nations,</p>	3

	<p>religious prosecutions, ethnic cleansing and other forms of genocide (b) _____ a heavy toll of human lives. The Spanish conquest of South America was (c)_____ by the extinction of millions of 'natives' through killings and disease.</p> <p>(a) (i) with (ii) of (iii) as (iv) at</p> <p>(b) (i) have taken (ii) has taken (iii) was taken (iv) taken</p> <p>(c) (i) accomplished (ii) accompanied (iii) associated (iv) allowed</p>																			
6	<p>There is an error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in the answer sheet as given below :</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 60%;"></th> <th style="width: 20%; text-align: center;">Incorrect</th> <th style="width: 20%; text-align: center;">Correct</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>There had been a explosion at a nuclear</td> <td style="text-align: center;">(a) _____</td> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>power plant into East Germany, releasing</td> <td style="text-align: center;">(b) _____</td> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>into the air unknown qualities a radioactive</td> <td style="text-align: center;">(c) _____</td> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>isotopes, with few resources by place for</td> <td style="text-align: center;">(d) _____</td> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>clean-up.</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Incorrect	Correct	There had been a explosion at a nuclear	(a) _____	_____	power plant into East Germany, releasing	(b) _____	_____	into the air unknown qualities a radioactive	(c) _____	_____	isotopes, with few resources by place for	(d) _____	_____	clean-up.			4
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7	<p>Look at the words and phrases below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences. Write the correct sentences in your answer sheet.</p> <p>Eg : sharing / does / rewards / naturally / come / to humans</p> <p>Does sharing rewards come naturally to humans ?</p> <p>(a) do / humans / their / share / rewards / with others / equitably (b) comes / naturally / it / to / children / involves / it / when / collaborative work (c) are / they / less inclined / it / when / does not / collective action / involve</p>	3																		
	<p>SECTION C (LITERATURE & LONG READING TEXT: 25 Marks)</p>																			
8	<p>Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow :</p> <p>"I have decided I want to learn the Kannada alphabet from tomorrow onwards. I will work hard."</p> <p>(a) Identify the speaker. (b) What do the words "I will work hard" show ? (c) To whom have the above lines in the extract been spoken ?</p>	3																		
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	<p>Read the extract given below and answer the questions/complete the sentences that follow.</p> <p>'I come from haunts of coot and hern ; I make a sudden sally And sparkle out among the fern , To bicker down a valley'.</p> <p>(A) Who is " I" in these lines ? (B) What is this figure of speech known as ? (C) Why does it bicker down a valley ?</p>	3																		
	<p>Answer the following questions in 30 - 40 words:</p>																			
9(i)	<p>'It was like lighting a fuse. Duke shimmied himself U-shaped in anticipation'. Explain.</p>	2																		

(ii)	Why was money of no use to the grandmother in 'How I Taught my Grandmother to Read' ?	2
(iii)	Explain the statement "And that has made all the difference" with reference to the poem 'The Road Not Taken'.	2
(iv)	Who hung the sign 'For Sale' and for how long had the sign been hanging ?	2
10	Taking ideas from the chapter <i>How I taught my Grandmother to Read</i> , write a paragraph on the topic 'The Role of Youth in National Development' in about 80-100 words.	4
	OR	
	How was the sale of the villa a battle of wits between Gaston and Juliette in the play <i>Villa for Sale</i> ? Discuss the values Gaston should have possessed with regard to moral ethics.	4
	Attempt either question no. 11 or 12 (in 150-200 words) .	
11	What charges were framed against Gulliver ? Elaborate in 150 - 200 words.	10
	OR	
	Critically examine the character of Skyresh Bolgolam, the high Admiral of Lilliput, in 150 - 200 words.	10
12	Jerome is not comfortable about weather forecasts and is extremely critical of them. What accounts for his poor opinion of weather forecasts ?	10
	OR	
	What do you think of Harris comments on George's work ? Do you think he was right ?	10