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SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT-2 (2013-14)

CLASS-IX ENGLISH (COMMUNICATIVE) MAX MARKS-80

TIME-3 ½ HOURS

General Instructions

1. This paper consists of 4 sections
Section A-Reading (20 marks)
Section B-Writing & Grammar (25 marks)
Section C- Literature textbook & Long Reading Text(25 marks)
Section D- Open Text Based Assessment (10 marks)
2. All questions are compulsory
3. You may attempt any section at a time
4. All questions of the particular section must be attempted in the same order.

SECTION A- READING (20 MARKS)

Q.1. Read the following passage carefully

1. The role friends' play in our lives has become significantly greater than at any other time in our history. Today many of us live and work great distances from where we were born or grew up and are separated from our original families. The pain we feel when we are away from our families can be significant.
2. The happiness of the individual relies on friendship which forms a necessary human connection. It is perfectly normal to need and want friends and depression is more prevalent among those who lack friends. Communication skills are fundamental in all friendship. The more friends and acquaintances one has, the greater are one's communication skills. Some call these people skills.
3. Like watering a plant, we grow our friendships by nurturing them. Friendships need the same attention as other relationship if they are to continue. These relationships can be delightfully non-judgemental, supportive, understanding and fun.
4. Sometimes a friendship can bring out the positive that you never show in any other relationship. This may be because the pressure of playing a role of a daughter, partner or child is removed. It is an unconditional experience where you receive as much as you give. How do friendships grow? The answer is simple. By revealing yourself; being attentive; remembering what is most important to your friend and asking them about it; putting yourself in their position; showing empathy; seeing the

world through the eyes of your friend; you will understand the value of friendship.

5. Friendships are made by being considerate which means all the communication skills come into play: active listening skills, questioning skills, negotiation skills, content skills, reflecting emotion skills and editing yourself. So be friendly and strengthen the bond of friendship.

1.1 Based on the reading of the above passage answer the questions given below by marking the option you consider the most appropriate.

5 marks

- a) More number of friends help us to acquire -----
- i) Communication skills
 - ii) Helping skills
 - iii) Pleasing skills
 - iv) Companion skills
- b) Depression is more prevalent among
- i) Children
 - ii) Elders
 - iii) Friends
 - iv) Those who lack friends
- c) Friendship can be compared to plant because both
- i) help people
 - ii) need water
 - iii) need attention
 - iv) need shelter
- d) Two values that help friendship to grow are
- i) Helping and listening
 - ii) Patience and loving
 - iii) Being attentive and showing empathy
 - iv) Truthful and humorous
- e) The word in the passage which means the same as basic/essential is
- i) Significantly
 - ii) Prevalent
 - iii) Fundamental
 - iv) Negotiation

Q.2. Read the given passage carefully

On the first day in office, as President, Abraham Lincoln entered to give his inaugural address, one man stood up. He was a rich aristocrat. He said, "Mr .Lincoln, you should not forget that your father used to make shoes for my family." And the whole senate laughed; they thought they had made a fool of Lincoln. But certain people are made of a different mettle. Lincoln looked at the man directly in the eye and said, "Sir, I know that my father used to make shoes for your family, and there will be many others here, because he made shoes the way nobody else can. He was a creator. His shoes were not just shoes; he poured his whole and soul into them. I want to ask you, have you any complaint? Because I know how to make shoes myself .If you have any complaint I can make you another pair of shoes. But as far as I know, nobody has ever complained about my father's shoes. He was a genius, a great creator and I am proud of my father". The whole Senate was struck dumb. They could not understand what kind of a man Abraham Lincoln was. He was proud because his father did his job so well that not even a single complaint had ever been heard.

2.1 Answer the following questions by selecting the most appropriate options from the once given below:

5marks

- a) Why did the whole senate laugh?
 - i) It was President Abraham Lincoln's first day in his office
 - ii) Lincoln made a mistake in his inaugural speech
 - iii) A rich aristocrat reminded Lincoln that his father used to make shoes for his family
 - iv) The whole senate thought they had made a fool of Lincoln
- b) How was Lincoln different from other people?
 - i) He had the courage to look into the eyes of the man.
 - ii) His father used to make shoes for others
 - iii) He gave a befitting reply to the aristocrat
 - iv) He made shoes the way nobody else could
- c) Why did he say 'nobody has ever complained about my father's shoes'?
 - i) His father was a genius and great creator
 - ii) Lincoln used to replace such shoes
 - iii) Lincoln himself used to make shoes
 - iv) Lincoln was proud of his father

- d) The whole senate was struck dumb because
- i) They could not understand Lincoln as a person
 - ii) They could not understand the reply given by Lincoln
 - iii) Lincoln never felt inferior about his father making shoes
 - iv) They were surprised by his intelligence
- e) The word 'mettle' in the paragraph means
- i) Ready to face danger
 - ii) Quality of endurance
 - iii) Quality of not being very firm
 - iv) Way of treating others

Q.3. Read the poem carefully

THOUGHTS

Exhausted by thinking, I sat down
To give my weary mind rest
To watch TV or to read a book
Whatever I thought was best.

But, surprised I was
When I saw to my dismay,
That once going through my mind;
My thoughts were there to stay.
What was I thinking of
I really could not tell;

Innumerable, uncountable things
About myself, my surroundings
And world problems as well
Thoughts flittered by
Though I tried to catch them all;

But my thoughts were not like pet dogs,
Who would answer at a single call.
Ah! How lucky a child is,
No responsibilities to bear.

Taken up by adults
When thoughts almost drive them insane.
A child does not have cares, no worries,
No responsibilities to bear.

He is free to do anything he likes,
As free as pure, fresh mountain air.

3.1 Read the given questions and write the answer in a word or in a phrase.

5 marks

The poetess was exhausted by a) ----- and sat down to give her mind some rest by either b) ----- or reading a book. But to her surprise she saw the thoughts had still stayed in her mind. The innumerable and uncountable thoughts were about herself, her surroundings and c) ----- . The poetess felt how lucky a child who is free from thoughts was as they drive the adults d) ----- .

The child does not have worries, cares and responsibilities. He is free like e) -----air.

4. Read the following passage carefully

MUSIC IN WEDDINGS

Music in weddings celebrates not only the joy of the union but also the sanctity of this grand occasion. It provides peace and warmth to the jubilations when needed and fills them with action and power when required.

Go back to the early weddings, when time wasn't a luxury, and wedding celebrations started way before the wedding day, the relatives from far and near used to drop in just to make sure that celebrations go on in full swing. Be it playing soulful melodies or performing on foot tapping parodies, music has always been the single element that has the power to move the guests and engage the emotions of all those present. It not only breaks the ice between both the sides but also ensures stronger bonds.

In a country like India, where music and songs has always been an integral part of the culture, marriage ceremonies remain incomplete without it. Both classic and contemporary wedding ceremony music is garnering importance nowadays. As marriage celebrations are getting more lavish and indulgent, the choice of music is also becoming wider and broader, depending on the event. The day of the marriage is the biggest occasion. Melodious live wedding music can make the occasion memorable for everyone. Indeed, without music, the wedding will be a bland little drama.

i) On the basis of your reading of the passage, complete the following statements **3 Marks**

- a) The choice of music is becoming wider and broader because-----.
- b) Music not only breaks the ice between both the sides but also-----
- c) Without music, the wedding will be -----.

ii) Find word from the passage which mean the same as **2 Marks**

- a) A piece of writing that imitates the style of other so as to be funny
- b) Very rich/elaborate

SECTION B –WRITING AND GRAMMAR - 25 Marks

5. You are Arti /Arun residing in Subhashnagar. Draft an e-mail in 120-150 words to the Editor Hindustan Times showing your concern over the safety of the aged and physically challenged due to the absence of street lights and bad shape of roads in your area. Also offer suggestions to overcome the problem.

6 marks

Hints-Subhashnagar- new locality-few residents-poor streetlight- uneven muddy roads-darkness- aged and physically challenged –difficult to walk-solution-levelling of roads-tarred roads-bright street lights.

Date:

From:

Subject:

To:

Regards

6. Despite the government making laws against child labour, it is painful to see that it is still in practice. As an activist working for an NGO, write a speech to be addressed to the school students about this social issue highlighting on the role of the people in abolishing this problem. (word limit-120 words) **5 marks**

HINTS- child labour-illegal-still in practice-social issue-causes- poverty-lack of education-ignorance-unwilling to study-suggestion-public play an important role-discourage child labour- educate parents-importance of education-incentives-financial aid for stationary- simple handicraft activities to earn money.

7. On the occasion of Book Week, The Scholastic India is organising a Book Fair in your school for a week. As David/Dorothy, the school pupil leader put up a notice in 80-100 words about the fair giving all the necessary details. (hints-suitable heading-date of notice-time-day-dates of the fair-venue -the organisers)

4 marks

8. Complete the following passage by filling with suitable words. **3 marks**

Education is (a) ----- important for human beings as is food. No one (b) ----- progress without education. It actually makes man (c) ----- real human being. An illiterate man is a victim (d) ----- deceitful persons. Our villagers (e) ----- exploited because of lack of education. So there is a great need (f) ----- education for all.

9. The following passage has not been edited . There is one error in each line.

Write the incorrect word and the correction as shown in the example, against the correct blank number in your answer sheet. The first one has been done as an example.

4 marks

	Incorrect	correct
It is a matter in great concern that a majority	in	of
Of people in our country are addicted for	(a) -----	(a) -----
Smoking. Smoking is also prevalent of our	(b) -----	(b) -----
Youth. They take a few preliminary puffs		
In cigarettes for fun. But these become a	(c) -----	(c) -----
Habit with them and then it is an road	(d) -----	(d) -----
For destruction. When they had matured	(e) -----	(e) -----

To smoking they can't live it howsoever
 They may try. Nicotine, the poisonous
 Substance at tobacco makes them an easy
 Victim leading as self-destruction.

(f) ----- (f) ----
 (g) ----- (g) ----
 (h)----- (h) ----

10. Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. The first one is done for you as an example. Write the answers against the correct question number in your answer sheet. **3 marks**

Example- was a / about twenty/childhood/delight/years ago.

Childhood was a delight about twenty years ago

- the leisure hours/of a child/of the TV/today/are spent/in front
- of most/now-a-days/the attitude/parents is/different
- work and play/different things/they see/as/two

SECTION C- LITERATURE TEXTBOOK & LONG READING TEXT

- 25 Marks

11. Read the extract carefully and answer the questions that follow **3 marks**

How I laughed at my mother's false teeth
 As they foamed in the waters beneath
 But now comes the reckonin'
 It's me they are beckonin'
 Oh, I wish I'd looked after me teeth.

- What do they in the first line stand for?
- What does the last line show about the poet's feelings?
- What is the rhyme scheme of the stanza?

OR

"Sold! (With horror) Sold! Are you mad? Who sold them? Why are they sold?"

- Identify the speaker?
- What has been sold?
- Who has sold them and why

12. Answer the questions in about 30-40 words

2 x 4 = 8

- How does rain act as the messenger of mercy?
- What does John A Pescud say about himself since his last meeting with the author?

- d) Why was Harold upset that his father had not told him about his true identity?
- d) Why was the convict sent to prison? What was the punishment given to him?

13. Answer the following in 80-100 words

4 marks

Mr. Bramble was upset and realised his mistake of hiding the truth from Harold. He never knew that his son had a passion for boxing. He decides to seek his forgiveness from his son and writes a letter for him. As Bramble write the letter.

OR

Imagine that Persome is both happy and displeased about Bishop's act of giving the candlesticks to the convict .As Persome write a page of diary entry to bring out this feeling of confusion in her.

PART A- GULLIVER'S TRAVELS

14. How does Gulliver find Houyhnhnms better than Yahoos ? 5 marks

15. Give a character sketch of Struldbrugs.

5 marks

OR

PART B- THREE MEN IN A BOAT

14. The author has prescribed many incidents of humour in the story Three Men In a Boat. Write briefly on the humour related to the pine-apple can.

5 marks

15. Write a brief description of the village of Sonning in your own words

5 marks

SECTION D - OPEN TEXT BASED ASSESSMENT 10 Marks

Theme-I (Information Technology and Values)

- (a) 'The ever morphing nature of information technology is changing our ability to even fully understand moral values as they change'. Justify this statement.
- (b) You check your e-mail account after many days and are shocked to hear from your friend that he/she is in great trouble as his/her account has been hacked and all his/her private information is on display on a social networking site. As he/she is scared of letting his/her parents know about this, he/she asks you for advice. What advice will you give him/her and why?