

**SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT – II (2014-2015)**  
**ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE**  
**Class - X**

Time: 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 70

**Instructions :**

The question paper is divided into three sections.

<b>Section A</b>	:	<b>Reading</b>	<b>20 marks</b>
<b>Section B</b>	:	<b>Writing and Grammar</b>	<b>25 marks</b>
<b>Section C</b>	:	<b>Literature</b>	<b>25 marks</b>

**SECTION A : READING**  
**(20 Marks)**

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**Read the following passage carefully :**

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Once, I went to my brother's home to enjoy a few days.

I had rheumatoid arthritis since the age of 12. I could only sit on flat surfaces. My bed, my portable commode and my wheelchair, all had to be specially made. Each time I went on a long trip, I had to take the whole entourage along. Since the stairs in my brother's house were steep for the wheelchair, my sis-in-law took me to look at two other places where I could stay, next to an apple orchard.

From a distance, the trees began to tease me with glistening spots of tempting red. As I wheeled closer, I realized that they were laden with fruit. My brother had three children: two boys, ten year old Hakon and seven year old Thomas, and a three year old daughter called Meiya. As soon as the boys came back from school, I'd put my books and manuscripts away in the drawer. Hakon would get my wheelchair ready and push me out on an exploration. Four kids from the neighbourhood would tag along uninvited.

"There are plenty of apples in the orchard. It's such a pity nobody is picking them", I told the children. The youngsters immediately understood me. They yelled and we were off.

The orchard stood quietly in the sunlight. Our gaze was fixed on the red apples. Without losing a moment, the small thieves rushed at the fruits, but the bigger and riper ones were out of reach. I promptly told the children to fetch a broken table and a piece of wire from the rubbish dump. Then, I showed them how to fashion the wire into a hook.

Two of the taller kids stood on the table, one pulling and the second picking the fruits. The others passed them down busily enjoying themselves.

The small thieves admired my ingenuity. In the midst of the commotion, the children's father suddenly appeared out of nowhere and caught us unawares. The small thieves fled, leaving me. "So, you have turned into a petty thief", my brother joked, "What if you are arrested ? I asked innocently "Am I capable of such an act ?" My brother pushed me home laughing. I

was not really after the apples. What I was trying to steal that quality called childhood.

**Answer the given questions briefly :**

- (a) What was the narrator suffering from ?
- (b) What did the narrator have to take along with her every time she went out of station ?
- (c) How many children did the narrator's brother have ?
- (d) Where did Hakon take the narrator to ?
- (e) Why did everybody run away leaving behind the narrator ?
- (f) Who took the narrator back to the house ?
- (g) Why did the narrator provoke the children to steal the apples ?
- (h) Why did the narrator have to stay near an apple orchard ?

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**Read the passage given below :**

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### **SOCIAL VIEW OF HISTORY**

Real history should deal, not with a few individuals here and there, but with the people who make up a nation, who work and by their labour produce the necessities and luxuries of life, and who in a thousand different ways act and react on each other. Such a history of man would really be a fascinating story. It would be the story of man's struggle through the ages against Nature and the elements, against wild beasts and the jungle and, last and most difficult of all, against some of his own kind who have tried to keep him down and to exploit him for their own benefit. It is the story of man's struggle for a living. And because, in order to live, certain things, like food and shelter and clothing in cold climates, are necessary, those who have controlled these necessities have lorded it over man. The rulers and the bosses have had authority because they owned or controlled some essentials of livelihood, and this control gave them the power to starve people into submission. And so we see the strange sight of large masses being exploited by the comparatively few; of some who earn without working at all, and of vast numbers who work but earn very little.

The savage, hunting along, gradually forms a family; and the whole household work together and for each other. Many households co-operate together to form the village, and workers and merchants and artisans of different villages later join together to form guilds of craftsmen. Gradually, you see the social unit growing. To begin with, it was the individual, the savage. There was no society of any kind. The family was the next bigger unit, and then the village and the group of villages, Why did this social unit grow? It was the struggle for a living that forced growth and cooperation, for cooperation in defence against the common enemy and in attack was obviously far more effective than single-handed defence or attack.

-Jawaharlal Nehru.

**2.1 Answer the following questions. (2x4)**

- (i) According to the author what is real history ?
- (ii) Why is man's struggle against man the most difficult ?
- (iii) What does Nehru mean by 'man's struggle for a living' ?
- (iv) How did the rulers control common people ?

**2.2 Find the word from the paragraph that means the same as the following from the options given below : (1x4)**

- (i) **Attractive means** \_\_\_\_\_
  - (a) luxuries
  - (b) fascinating

- (c) beast (d) submission
- (ii) Using someone selfishly or unfairly means \_\_\_\_\_  
 (a) exploit (b) react  
 (c) struggle (d) savage
- (iii) Wild/ Uncivilised means \_\_\_\_\_  
 (a) cooperate (b) intermingle  
 (c) savage (d) relapse
- (iv) Obedience means \_\_\_\_\_  
 (a) stretch (b) submission  
 (c) relapse (d) interminable

**SECTION B : WRITING AND GRAMMAR**  
**(25 Marks)**

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With reference to the given image write a letter to the Editor, The Daily News, expressing your views on the subject 'A joint family is undoubtedly better than a nuclear family' in about 100-120 words. You are Aman/Amar 112 Model Town, Karnal.

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Write a story in about 150-200 words beginning with the following :

It was the night before the selection interview I had applied for the post of the Sports Secretary. While everyone was sleeping peacefully I could not even close my eye. In spite of knowing that I'm not capable of changing what is destined, I could not hold my excitement to face the Interview Board.....

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Read the following passage. Fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones given below. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct

**blank numbers. Do not copy the whole passage.**

There seems to be a gigantic conspiracy (a) \_\_\_\_\_ young people. Some young people do manage to break (b) \_\_\_\_\_ the barrier (c) \_\_\_\_\_ restrictions, but the great majority have to wait patiently for years.

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|-----|-------|---------|------|---------|
| (a) | (i)   | by      | (ii) | against |
|     | (iii) | for     | (iv) | towards |
| (b) | (i)   | from    | (ii) | out     |
|     | (iii) | through | (iv) | off     |
| (c) | (i)   | with    | (ii) | from    |
|     | (iii) | of      | (iv) | through |

- 6 The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line against which a blank has been given. Write the error and correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. Remember to underline the word that you have supplied. 4

		Error	Correction
World over Researchers has finally developed	(a)	_____	_____
a strain for a flightless mosquito	(b)	_____	_____
that they firmly belief will check	(c)	_____	_____
on spread of dengue and save lines.	(d)	_____	_____

- 7 Read the conversation given below and complete the passage that follows: 3

Lady : Where are the pots you have painted ?

Laxman : I painted them for fun.

Lady : I have never seen designs like these before.

The lady asked Laxman (a) \_\_\_\_\_. Laxman replied that (b) \_\_\_\_\_. The lady exclaimed that (c) \_\_\_\_\_.

### SECTION C : LITERATURE

(25 Marks)

Read one of the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow:-

8 *How glad I was he had come like a guest in quiet, to drink at my water-trough And depart peaceful, pacified, and thankless. Into the burning bowels of this earth ?* 3

- (a) Who is the guest in the above lines ?
- (b) Why was the poet glad ?
- (c) What does 'pacified' mean ?

OR

*Why, friends, you go to do you know not what:* 3

*Wherein hath Caesar thus deserved your loves ?*

- (i) Who is the speaker and who are the 'friends' ?
- (ii) What are the friends going to do ?
- (iii) What does 'wherein' mean ?

Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each.

- 9(i) Why did Caesar get ready to go to senate even after accepting Calpurnia's pleas ? 2
- 9(ii) Why did Hallock call Helen "that horrible scarecrow" ? 2
- 9(iii) What hellish thing had the ancient mariner done ? Why was it hellish ? 2
- 9(iv) How did Antony transform the people's feelings for Caesar ? 2

Answer one of the following questions in about 80-100 words:

- 10 The traveller who came across the broken statue in the desert was very impressed by the work 4

of art. Based on your reading of the poem, write a paragraph on how this great work of art succeeds in showing how pride and arrogance can't make one live forever. (About 80-100 words)

OR

Patol Babu had done his job really well and finally achieved satisfaction and happiness. Write a letter to a friend telling him/her that a dream doesn't become reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination and hard work.

Answer one of the following questions in about 150-200 words:

11 What action of the Germans angered the citizens of Amsterdam ? 10

OR

Give an account of the 'helpers' in the Secret Annexe. 10

OR

When did Helen start reading Shakespeare and how did she like his works ? 10

OR

Why did Helen not like examinations ? 10

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