

SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT - II (2014-2015)
ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE
Class - IX

Time: 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 70

Instructions:

The question paper is divided into three sections.

Section A	:	Reading & OTBA	20 marks
Section B	:	Writing and Grammar	25 marks
Section C	:	Literature	25 marks

SECTION A

(READING & OTBA: 20 Marks)

1(a) **Read the following passage.**

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UDAIPUR-A SCINTILLATING WHITE WONDER

Gleaming in its abundance of lakes and palaces, this city has been described as 'the most romantic spot on the continent of India' by Col. James Todds in his Annals and Antiquities. Nestled in a valley among the lush hills of the Aravallis, on the banks of the shimmering Lake of Pichola, stands the dazzling marble city of Udaipur. An interesting legend forms the backdrop of the origin of this city. Maharana Udai Singh hunting a rabbit one day, encountered a fascinating lake. Spotting a sadhu nearby, he sought his blessings. It was the sadhu who told him to built his capital here, on the edge of the lake Pichola. It would never be captured. Maharana Udai Singh built his Palace there and the architecture for it holds out a wonder. The city-soaked in tradition and legends-echoes the bugles and trumpets of kings who stalked the streets. The rugged sand dunes of Rajashtan recede to the background here. You would not know you are in the desert land.

What you will remember is the enchanting lake city, blooming in lush gardens.

On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions :

- (1) Udaipur is called the most 'romantic spot' in India as _____.
- (2) Although Udaipur is a desert, you do not realise it as _____.
- (3) Maharana Udai Singh decided to build Udaipur at the edge of lake Pichola because _____.
- (4) The city of Udaipur reflects its _____.
- (5) The word 'scintillating' means _____.

1(b) **Read the following passage carefully :**

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Booker found himself lacking in finance when he had no money to go back home during vacation. Booker, thus, had to look for work to scrape a few coins together. He got himself the job at a restaurant. One day he found a ten-dollar bill under a table and overcoming the

temptation to keep it, gave it to the owner who pocketed it himself.

He continued his work as a janitor and was given his lesson in dignity of labour. He was told the value of the Bible by Ms. Nathalie Lord, one of the teachers and he was grateful to her for his public speaking skills. He started attending debating societies and gradually started organizing them himself. At the end of the second year, he visited home. He felt happy for being given importance as he was educated.

He was away from home, in search of work, when his brother broke the news of their mother's death. Their house was in complete chaos. He was called back to Hampton in advance in order to clean the entire school thoroughly. After his graduation, he was proud to be placed on the honour roll but had no money so he took up the job of a waiter at a hotel in Connecticut but reduced to the level of a dish carrier due to his inexperience. He was restored to his position as a waiter after a few days as he was a quick learner.

Answer the following questions briefly :

1. Why was Booker not able to go back home during vacation ?
2. Where did he first work ?
3. What did he do with a ten-dollar bill which he found under a table one day ?
4. Why was he called back to Hampton ?
5. Find the word from the passage which means 'brought something back to an earlier and better condition'.

2 Theme : " India's Tryst with Mars " (5+5) 10

a) What was the objective behind launching MOM into space ?

b) "Building things creatively and inexpensively has today become a national strength." Do you agree with the statement ? What are the other low cost, innovative creations by India you can think of ? Explain.

(*Please ensure that open text of the given theme is supplied with this question paper)

SECTION B
(WRITING & GRAMMAR: 25 Marks)

3 Write a diary entry in 100-120 words sharing how you felt when your grandma had to stay all alone in the house, while the entire family went on a trip to Goa. You never wanted to leave her back but being the youngest member of the family could not oppose the decision. 5

4 Read the following story prompts and weave a story around it in 150-200 words. The opening lines have been given. While cleaning up the garage in your house, you come across your great-great-grandfather's diary. It is about his days in school. Weave a story around it in 150-200 words. 10

5 Choose the most appropriate options from the ones given below to complete the following paragraph. 3

Despite leaving no written records behind, Socrates (a) _____ regarded as one of the greatest philosophers of the Classical era. Because of his new ideas, in his own time he (b) _____ called "an immoral corrupter of youth" and was sentenced to death. Socrates didn't let this stop him and kept right on, teaching up until he (c) _____ forced to poison himself.

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| (a) | (i) | was | (ii) | has been | (iii) | is | (iv) | had been |
| (b) | (i) | is | (ii) | was | (iii) | will be | (iv) | shall be |
| (c) | (i) | had to be | (ii) | was | (iii) | is | (iv) | is to be |

6 In the following passage one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the words before and after against the correct blank number. 4

	Before	Missing Word	After
Jerry was most celebrated troublemaker in his town. Teachers literally cringed when saw his name posted on their classroom list for next semester. But Jerry was loved his classmates	(a) _____	_____	_____
	(b) _____	_____	_____
	(c) _____	_____	_____
	(d) _____	_____	_____

7 Read the conversation given below and complete the paragraph that follows. Write the answers against the correct blank numbers in your answer sheet. Do not copy the whole sentences. 3

Teacher : What is his father?

Mike : His father is an Accounts Officer.

Teacher : Do you know the phone number of this house?

Mike : Sir, I don't know. But I know his father's office.

Mike's friend was suddenly taken ill. The teacher asked him (a) _____. He replied (b) _____. When the teacher enquired (c) _____ of his house, he replied that he knew the father's office.

SECTION C
(LITERATURE: 25 Marks)

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

- 8 "Ah, thanks, thanks Monseigneur I - I (He sobs) Ah, I'm a fool, a child to cry, but somehow you have made me feel that - that it is just as if something had come into me - as if I were a man again and not a wild beast". 3
- (a) Who is the speaker ?
(b) Why is the speaker crying ?
(c) What is the synonym of 'cry' ?

OR

- Yet Harold defying the laws of heredity, he had run to intellect as his father had run to muscle. He had learned to read and write with amazing quickness. He sang in the choir. 3
- (a) Who had defied the laws of heredity?
(b) What was so special about Harold?
(c) What does 'amazing' mean?

Answer the following questions in about 30 to 40 words each:

- 9(i) What was Persome's opinion about the people who asked the Bishop for help ? 2
- 9(ii) Who was 'Young Porky' ? Why was he popular ? 2
- 9(iii) What is the significance of the words, 'entrances and exits' in the poem, 'The Seven Ages'? 2
- 9(iv) What announcement did Turnbull make after the lecture on the grenade ? 2

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

- 10 The convict asks the Bishop to bless him. Evaluate this turning point in the play. Discuss the values that the Bishop was able to imbibe in the convict. 4

OR

- The convict was a transformed human because of the Bishop. Justify the statement highlighting the values that helped the Bishop in this noble act. 4

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

11 Give details of the plight of horses (Yahoos) in England as told by Gulliver to Houyhnhnms. 10

OR

Draw a pen portrait of the King of Luggnag. 10

OR

What difficulties do Jerome and Harris face while helping George in making Irish stew ? How is the stew finally prepared ? 10

OR

What light does the incident of preparing Irish stew throw on Harris' and Jerome's character ? 10

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