

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 **Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:** 8

Tarantula is a large, fierce hairy spider. Despite their often large and hairy appearance, these spiders are not considered to be dangerous spiders. As with most spiders, they do possess venom, and a bite may cause some ill effects. However, they are quite reluctant to bite, and will usually try to run away rather than be aggressive. In houses they perform a useful role as natural pest controllers.

In the Middle Ages it was believed that people bitten by a tarantula became ill. The patients fell into a dull, unhappy state. The only way to stir people out of this state was with music and they were supposed to dance until they were completely worn out.

From this belief, a dance called the 'tarantella' was developed. It is a very lively Italian dance that gets faster and faster until the end. While the bite of the tarantula is fatal to insects, there is no evidence that it is so to humans as well. But still, the fear of tarantula bite persists.

Tarantulas are found in Southern Europe and are named after the city of Taranto in Italy. Like some other spiders, they don't spin webs. Instead they dig deep burrows which they line with silk. They hibernate during winter.

Tarantulas wait for their prey somewhat like tigers. They lie hidden within their burrows. As soon as their prey comes along, they rush out, bite it and then drag it into their burrows. The bite either kills the insect or paralyses it so that it becomes helpless. They suck out the blood and body juices. When it comes to their own young ones, tarantulas are very kind. They keep their cocoons in their houses, and carry them when they go out.

- (a) A person bitten by a tarantula _____.
- (b) A peculiar trait of these spiders is that they _____.
- (c) If an insect is bitten by a tarantula _____.
- (d) These creatures are different from others in the sense that they ____.
- (e) Find a suitable word/expression from the passage that means similar to 'spending winters in a state like deep sleep.'



- (f) Why are they called Tarantulas
- (g) How are they as a parent?
- (h) Supply a suitable title for the passage.

2 Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

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I have found that walking stimulates observation and opens one's eyes to movements and appearances in earth and sky, which ordinarily escape attention. When I reached the end of my walk, and paused for a moment before retracing my steps, I was conscious of the inexhaustible richness of the world through which I had come, of a thousand voices that had spoken to me, and a thousand sights of wonder that had moved before me ; I was awake to the universe which most of us see only in broken and unintelligible dreams... through all this realm of truth and poetry men have passed and re-passed these many years, I said to myself ; and I began to wonder how many of those now long asleep really saw or heard this great glad world of sun and summer ! I began to retrace my steps, and as I reached the summit of the hill and looked beyond, I saw the cattle standing knee

to be far enough away from Nature to observe her; one becomes part of th-deep in the brook... and heard the faint bleating of sheep borne from a distant pasturage.

One may connect with the surroundings, when one lounges by the hour in the depths of the forest, or sits, book in hand, under the knotted and familiar apple tree, on a summer afternoon, the faculty of observation is lulled into a dreamless sleep; one ceases e great, silent movements in the midst of which he sits, mute and motionless, while the hours slip by with the peace of eternity.

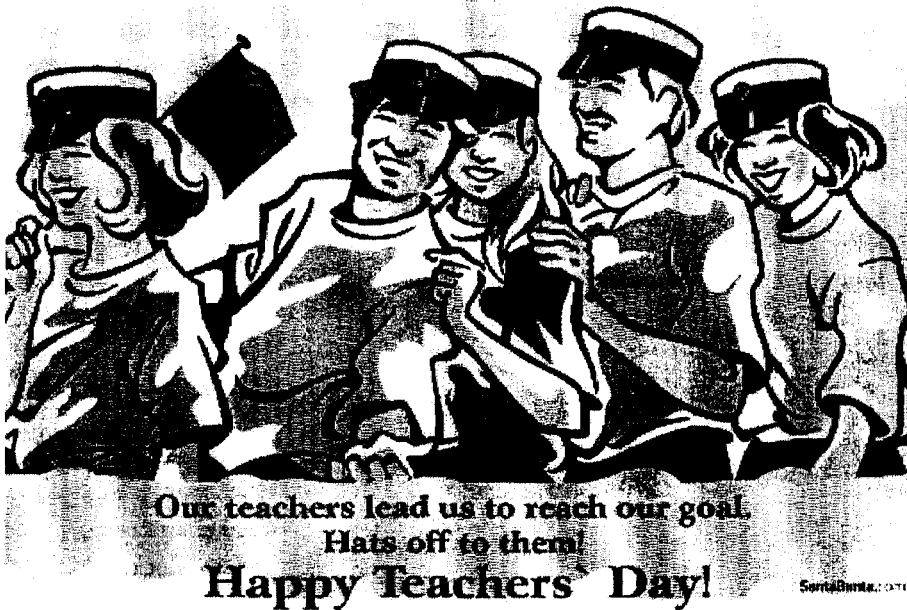
I have sometimes tried to recall in imagination the world of Nature before a human voice had broken the silence or a human foot left its impress on the soil; but when I remember that what I see in this sweep of force and beauty is largely what I myself put into the vision, that Nature without the human ear is soundless, and without the human eye colourless

- (a) What does walking simulate?
- (b) What did the writer realize when he reached the end of the road?
- (c) What did he see when he reached the summit of the hill?
- (d) How can one connect with their surroundings?
- (e) What is meant by 'stimulates'? (Para 1)
- (f) What is meant by 'inexhaustible'? (Para 1)
- (g) Find the word opposite to 'strong'. (Para 1)
- (h) Find the word opposite to 'noisy'. (Para 2)

SECTION B
(WRITING & GRAMMAR: 25 Marks)

3 A teacher motivates and inspires her students. Taking ideas from the following visual, write 5

an article in about 120-150 words talking about the role and importance of teacher in our lives.



4 'The night was dark and I was walking alone on a lonely road. Suddenly...'.Begin your story with 10
the line given above and supply a suitable title to it. (Word limit: 150-200 words)

5 Complete the following passage by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones 3
given below. Write your answers in the answer sheets against the correct blank number. Do
not copy the entire passage.

At first Tinmay appeared to be quite afraid of the puppy and (a) ____ back with a spring if it
came too near. He would make absurd dashes at it
(b) ____ his large forepaws, and (c) ____ retreat to a ridiculously safe distance. Finally, he
allowed the puppy to crawl on his back and rest there.

(a) (i) dart (ii) darted

(iii) is darting (iv) darts

(b) (i) by (ii) with (iii) from (iv) along

(c) (i) than (ii) then (iii) to (iv) make

6 The following passage has not been edited. One word is missing from each line. Identify the missing word and write it in your answer sheet. 4

Remember to underline the missing word. The first one has been done as an example for you.

Word Before Missing Word Word After

An ancient drain Scotland, lay undisturbed until 1990 is turning out to be a goldmine the archeologists the Glasgow University, according a news report.	eg. drain <u>in</u> Scotland (a) _____ (b) _____ (c) _____ (d) _____
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7 Look at the words and phrases below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences. Write the correct sentences in your answer sheet. 3

Eg: salty fluid / tear / is / a / filled with / water / mucus and oil / protein

Tear is a salty fluid, filled with protein, water, mucus and oil

- (a) humans / usually / excessive / tears / produce / emotional contexts / in
- (b) not all / of course / tears / are / of / the emotional / variety
- (c) three types / of / tears / with / exist / different / purposes

SECTION C
(LITERATURE & LONG READING TEXT: 25 Marks)

8 Read the extract given below and answer the questions/complete the sentences that follow. 3

'Gordon this isn't just a visit. Bring me up to date _____'.

- (a) Who is Gordon ?
- (b) Who is the speaker ?
- (c) What does he mean when he says 'this isn't just a visit' ?

OR

Read the extract given below and answer the questions/complete the sentences that follow. 3

"It's for us ——— it's for your parents. You are simply trying to make me buy a villa so that you can put your father and your mother in it."

- (a) Whom does 'your' refer to ?
- (b) Who is the speaker and what is his tone here ?
- (c) What reason did the speaker give, for not buying the villa ?

Answer the following questions in 30 - 40 words:

- 9(i) 'It was like lighting a fuse. Duke shimmied himself U-shaped in anticipation'. Explain. 2
 - (ii) How did the granddaughter react to her grandmother's request to teach her to read ? 2
 - (iii) 'The Road Not Taken' is a poem of all times. Comment on it. 2
 - (iv) Do you agree that Mrs. Al Smith is the representative of American outlook. How ? 2
- 10 Courage and the never-say-die attitude can help a person rise from any adversity. Refer to the lesson A Dog named Duke to justify this statement. 4

OR

Wordsworth's heart was filled with joy when he listened to the beautiful voice of the lonely maiden. From his experience, we learn that Nature provides man every opportunity to attain inner peace and end all conflicts. We need to find time to go to nature to get this blessing. Reflecting on the values imparted through the poem 'The Solitary Reaper', write a paragraph on the topic 'Nature is Man's Best Healer'. 4

(80-100 words)

Attempt either question no. 11 or 12 (in 150-200 words) .

- 11 Gulliver's hectic schedule of exhibition affected him adversely. How was he able to heave a sigh of relief? Explain. 10

OR

Describe the character of the Lilliputians as excellent Mathematicians. 10
(150 - 200 words)

- 12 Art treasures of today are the dug-up common places of yesteryears. Elaborate the observation. 10

OR

What do you know about George in the story, 'Three Men in a Boat'? 10