

SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT - II (2013-2014)
ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE
Class - IX

Time: 3-3½ hours

Maximum Marks: 80

Instructions:The question paper is divided into **four sections**.

Section A	:	Reading	20 marks
Section B	:	Writing and Grammar	25 marks
Section C	:	Literature	25 marks
Section D	:	Open Text	10 marks

SECTION A
(READING: 20 Marks)

1 **Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :**

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Population growth occurs because there are currently three births for every death. In the past, the crude birth-rates were only slightly higher than crude death rates, but with improvements in medicine and economic growth, the death rate fell more than birth rates (Southwick 162). Much of the world's population growth is occurring in less-developed countries, which are unable to support such growth. The causal effect between poverty and population growth can be looked at in two ways. First, population growth causes poverty as the limited resources are depleted and there are too many people for the available goods, resulting in poverty. The other view is that poverty causes high population growth because lack of education, lack of health care, and lack of a reasonable standard of living cause high population growth. Also, parents believe that having many children will that several of them will survive to take care of them in their old age (Southwick 162). Cultures in which children are a form of security encourage high population growth, as children reach reproductive age and have large families. Much of the growth is happening disproportionately in urban areas. Cities are environmentally harmful because they import many resources for the people that live there, and they export their wastes. They also have an impact on the local and regional meteorology and are centers for social problems such as crime, homelessness, and unemployment to name a few. Cities do offer many amenities such as cultural opportunities, jobs, and education. And there are some good environment aspects to cities, such as the promotion of efficiency in transportation, housing utilities; the provision of necessary goods and services; and the accommodation of large numbers of people within a relatively small space. The biggest problem with cities is that people want the benefits of a city while still living in the country



(Southwick 169). This leads to urban sprawl and suburbia.

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

Q. 1. In the past, crude death rates were lower than _____ rate.

- a) birth
- b) population
- c) poverty
- d) illiterate

Q. 2. The effect between poverty and population growth can be looked in _____ ways.

- a) 2
- b) 5
- c) 4
- d) 6

Q. 3. Poverty causes high population growth because of the lack of _____

- a) health
- b) education
- c) standard of living
- d) all of the above

Q. 4. Living in a country, people want to enjoy the benefits of a _____

- a) state
- b) city
- c) nation
- d) region

Q. 5. The word which means the same as 'Services' is _____

- a) Sprawl
- b) suburb
- c) Amenities
- d) opportunities

2 **Read the following passage carefully :**

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Fear at the time of going for an interview is quite natural, so this is acceptable. However, what is not acceptable is fear morphing into panic, which can diminish a performance in many ways. It is perfectly natural to be a bit nervous before an interview, but there is an element of energy present even in this nervousness and if properly harnessed, this energy can help you to present yourself with agility, passion and conviction. But in order to do so you need to control your nerves in a positive way. Before the interview, you should try to visualize an enthusiastic interviewer, who is reacting positively to your responses. Picture yourself delivering a clear and interesting presentation, admit to yourself that you may be nervous, but you are going to convert your nervousness into positive energy.

We all love to talk about ourselves and are never tired of telling others how we feel, what we think, why we acted the way we did and when we felt stumped or clueless. We are usually full of ourselves, if not obsessed. Remember that interviewers are not your adversaries and they are not attending the interview in order to pull you apart. Their interest lies in what you



have to say and show them about yourself.

Choose the most appropriate answer from the alternatives given :

- (a) What can help a candidate to face the interview board confidently ?
- (i) Elements of energy diminishing
 - (ii) Properly harnessed elements of energy
 - (iii) Elements of agility
- (b) Before the interview one should _____.
- (i) control the senses
 - (ii) imagine enthusiastic interviewer
 - (iii) freak out
 - (iv) be cool and composed
- (c) A normal human likes to _____ .
- (i) talk about social politics
 - (ii) discuss about social issues
 - (iii) talk about ourselves
 - (iv) self obsessed
- (d) Interviewer's interest lies in _____ .
- (i) our qualifications
 - (ii) our experience
 - (iii) what we have to say
 - (iv) how we face the interview
- (e) Find the correct synonym for the word 'stumped' from the given options.
- (i) perplexed
 - (ii) enlightened



- (iii) categorical (iv) tangible

3 **Read the following passage carefully.**

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In his book *pain: The Gift Nobody Wants*, Dr. Paul Brand explores the purpose and value of physical pain. He is of the opinion that pain is a very sincere friend that warns us of some danger to the body and thus protects us. If there were no warning in the form of pain, one would not even hesitate to stick one's hand in the fire to retrieve a burning object. Our hand would get singed and we wouldn't ever know. A little pain saves us from a larger damage.

Children often complain of toothache and are taken to a dentist. The dentist attends to the problem and takes steps to set it right. Had pain not been there, the entire tooth might have decayed without the child ever knowing it. Dr. Brand once had to work with some patients who had lost the sensation of pain in their limbs. He saw some of them walking with broken skin and even exposed bones. Their condition was getting worse day by day., but they were not aware of it. Had they been capable of experiencing pain, they would have taken steps to protect themselves.

(1) On the basis of your reading of the passage, complete the following statements.

- (a) _____ is a very sincere friend.
(b) Pain helps humans _____.

(2) Answer the following questions.

- (a) What is the theme of Dr. Brand's book ?
(b) How is the experience of pain beneficial ?

(3) Find words from the passage which mean the same as :

- (a) perish (b) vacillate

4 **Read the given poem carefully.**

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LEARN TO LIKE

School yourself to savour most



Joys that have but little cost
Prove the best of life is free
Sun and stars and sky and sea;
Eager in your eyes to please
Proffer meadows, brooks and trees;
Nature strives for your content
Never charging you a cent.

Learn to love a garden gay
Flowers and fruit in rich array
Care for dogs and singing birds
Have for children cheery words.
Find plain food and comfort are
More than luxury by far.
Music, books and honest friends
Outweigh golden dividends.

Love your work and do it well
Scorning not a leisure spell.
Hold the truest form of wealth
Body fit and ruddy health.
Let your smile of happiness
Rustic peace serenely stress :
Home to love and heart to pray-
Thank your God for everyday.

On the basis of your reading of the poem, complete the following sentences:

- (i) (a) The best things of life and joys of nature are _____.
- (b) Two things we must love are _____.
- (c) The truest form of wealth is _____.
- (d) We must thank God for _____.
- (ii) The word in the passage which means 'to enjoy' is _____.

SECTION B
(WRITING & GRAMMAR: 25 Marks)

- 5 You have recently been to Jaisalmer, Rajasthan to stay with a friend at his place during your 6
vacations. Write a letter to your friend Riya/Ashutosh thanking her/him and her/his family
for their wonderful hospitality and unforgettable experience of understanding their lifestyle
and culture. You are Puneet from Bangalore. (Word limit 120-150 words)
- 6 Suppose you are Shaman Gutpa, President of Parent-Teacher Association of Bhartiya Vidya 5
Sadan. After the Kumbakonam fire tragedy, the district Magistrate of your district called a
meeting of the principals and the PTA Head. At the meeting you have to speak on the topic
"How safe are our schools". Write the speech in about 120 words.
- Proper precaution, equipment and training
 - Lessons learnt
 - Periodic visitations like Dabwali
- 7 You are Manish, the Organizing Secretary of the Inter-House Debate Competition to be held 4
in your school in December. Write a notice to be put up on the notice board in 80-100 words
informing the Student Council of class VI-X to participate in the meeting to decide on the
rules of the competition. You are from ABC School, Janakpuri. Put the notice in the box.
- 8 **Choose the most appropriate option from the ones given below to complete the following 3**
passage.
Most people wouldn't believe that a man often lauded as (a) _____ best basketball player of
all times was actually cut from his high school basketball team. Luckily, Michael Jordan didn't
let this setback stop him from playing (b) _____ game and he has stated, "I have missed
more than 9,000 shots in my career. On 26 occasions, I have been entrusted to take (c)_____





game winning shot, and I missed. I have failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed.”

- a) (i) the (ii) a (iii) some (iv) great
 b) (i) this (ii) the (iii) a (iv) an
 c) (i) a (ii) the (iii) this (iv) only

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The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in the space provided against the correct blank number.

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	Error	Correction
Creatively or problem solving appear to be	(a) _____	_____
directly linked into adequate sleep, says a new	(b) _____	_____
study. German scientists say that us sleeping	(c) _____	_____
Brains continue working in problems.	(d) _____	_____

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Look at the words/phrases given below and rearrange these words to form meaningful sentences. 3

Example: ground/that/Brahmi/herb/a/on/spreads/is

Brahmi is a herb that spreads on ground

- Continue/ days/ festivities/ Christmas/ the/ for/ ten
- Commence/ the/ of/ eve/ they/ Christmas/ on/
- Forgiving/ a /and /is /giving/ time/ of/ it

SECTION C (LITERATURE: 25 Marks)

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

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The voice of thunder declares my arrival;
 The rainbow announces my departure.
 I am like earthly life, which begins at
 The feet of the mad elements and ends
 Under the upraised wings of death.

- How are the arrival and departure of rain announced?
- How is rain like 'earthly life'?
- What are the 'mad elements'?

Answer the questions in about 30 to 40 words each:

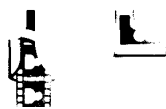
- 12 (A) Was Pescud put off by the huge mansion of the girl ? 2
- 12 (B) Why did Bill stop Jerry from uttering anything ? 2
- 12 (C) How do you think the song of the rain is the song of the soul. 2
- 12 (D) Describe private Quelch. 2
- 13 The convict's hatred of the church is valid and genuine. Justify. 4

OR

'One must do a great deal for the devil in order to do a little for God.' The Bishop's concern for the convict was nothing but a reflection of his own belief. Discuss. 4

Attempt either Part A or Part B
Part A

- 14 (A) Comment on the Master's reaction to war and the weapons of war ? 5



- 15 (A) In the land of the Houyhnhnms, Gulliver was recognized by a horse and considered as a guest. Discuss the character of the Horse in the light of the above statement. 5

Part B

- 14 (B) Describe the incident when the author and George were photographed at Hampton Court. 5
- 15 (B) Throw light on the character of the three friends in reference to the incident when they try to find accommodation at Datchet. 5

Section-D

(Open Text -10 Marks)

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

- 16 **Theme-II (The future is Now: A Zest for Living)(5+5)** 10
- (a) 'The most important task for us is to live this day and this moment to the best of our ability.' Recount any experience where this philosophy of life gives a ray of hope to fight challenges in our lives.
- (b) Do the handicapped children need our protection and care or toughness on the part of the parents or both to survive and be independent? Give your views

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