



SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT II MARCH 2015

CLASS IX

MARKS: 70

SUB: ENGLISH

TIME: 3 ½ hrs

SET-A

SECTION –A READING ( 20 MARKS)

Q.1.a. Read the passage and answer the following questions. ( 5 x 1 =5 marks)

Certain foods can rejuvenate and activate the body, inducing even stable mental health. While some foods cause obvious and easily identified allergies like rashes, others cause either delayed reactions or minor irritants which could, nonetheless, be a serious deterrent to general well-being. Obstinate amoebiasis, nagging depression, persistent headaches are the most obvious symptoms. Food plays a dramatic role in the alerting and fine-tuning of brain cells to give them sharper concentration. An innocuous combination of red wine and cheese can trigger off migraine.

Ageing brains have low levels of thiamine, which is concentrated in wheat-germ and bran, nuts, meat and cereals. More good brain-food comes from liver, milk and almonds, which are rich in riboflavin and extremely good for memory. Carotene, available in deep green leafy vegetables and fruits, is also good for geriatric brains. So it is a high iron diet.

Eating cabbage more than once a week cuts cancer odds in men by 66 per cent. Raw cabbage juice has great anti-ulcer properties. The onion is listed as a cardiovascular drug. Onions both cooked and raw have chemicals that promote thinning of blood. Raw onion is most effective and can lower dangerous LDL cholesterol levels most drastically. The homely yoghurt bacteria in the stomach can knock out other bacteria which cause stomach upsets and infections. A cup of yoghurt a day spruces up the immune system.

- a) \_\_\_\_\_ is a good brain food.
- b) Onion is related to \_\_\_\_\_.



c) \_\_\_\_\_ can fight stomach upsets and infections.

d) \_\_\_\_\_ cuts chances of cancer.

e) Which word refers to 'branch of medicine dealing with the health and care of old people'?

**Q.1.b. Read the following passage and answer the questions (5x1=5)**

a. Everyone was a little surprised when a man of 62 turned up at a parachute training school and said he was interested in learning to become a parachutist. They agreed to put him through the course, but only after giving him a series of tests to prove that he was fit enough. Mr. Archie Macfarlane completed the course successfully, surprising everyone with his agility and toughness.

b. A few weeks later, when he was ready for his first jump, he confessed to the chief instructor: 'I told you a bit of a lie. I'm really 75'. That was six years ago and yesterday, Archie Macfarlane made his 18<sup>th</sup> jump. He was given the place of honour-first out of the plane-at a weekend meeting for parachutists over 40 years old. Archie's interest in parachuting is just one of the hobbies that his wife has to worry about. He also enjoys motor-cycling and mountaineering.

1. Why were the people surprised at Mr. Archie Macfarlane?
2. Why did Archie lie to the instructor?
3. How did he surprise everyone?
4. What are the other adventurous activities that he enjoyed ?
5. Find the synonym of 'admit' from the passage

**Q.2. Read the following OTBA questions and answer in about 100-120 words**

(5 X 2 = 10)

a) The successful mission to Mars has contributed to the advancement of science and technology in India and has brought about a tremendous improvement in the living conditions of the common man. Elucidate.

b) Imagine that you got the opportunity to participate in the launch of MOM. Describe your experience during the flight and after.



**SECTION : B WRITING & GRAMMAR (25 MARKS )**

**Q. 3. You read in the news paper about an accident in which some school children lost their lives.It was all due to the carelessness of the driver.You were upset and emotionally shaken up at the loss of the innocent lives.Make a diary entry in about 100-120 words. (5 marks)**

**Q.4.Read the beginning of the story given below and complete it in 150-200 words.Give the story a suitable title. (10 marks)**

A man of 82 years,tall,very well preserved ,who takes great care of his appearance,is moving into the old age home today.His 75 year old wife has recently died ,and he is obliged to leave his home.After waiting several hours in the retirement home lobby,he gently smiles as he is told that his room is ready.As he slowly walks into the room.....

**Q.5.Choose the best word from the options given in brackets to complete the following passage.**

(6X1/2=3 marks)

Road Safety is essential a).....(to,for,on,by) young people becauseb).....(much,more,many,most) a time,they c).....(are,will,be,had) the cause as well as the victims of serious road accidents.They risk d).....(there,their,the,our) own lives by driving at breakneck speed.They become a potent source of danger e).....(in,to,on,of) others.The root cause f).....(of,to,in,for) accidents are haste,reckless driving and flouting the traffic rules.

**Q. 6. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the error and the correction against the correct blank number. (8 X ½ = 4)**

	Error	Correction
I was work in a store that sold	a) -----	-----
hand bags and luggage when the	b)-----	-----
woman came in for return a	c)-----	-----
purse she has purchased a few	d)-----	-----

days early. The store policy was not to take returns of use goods but a woman assured that the items was still brand new.

- e) -----
- f) -----
- g) -----
- h) -----

**Q.7. Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences.**  
(3x1=3marks)

- 1. ability/from/to sit/man/distinguishes/animals/other
- 2. animals/lack/in/knees/their/flexibility
- 3. intelligence/they/don't/grasp/have/a problem/the/to

**SECTION C**

**LITERATURE AND LONG READING TEXT (25 MARKS)**

**Q.8 Read the following extracts and answer the questions given below. Attempt any one:-**

(3 X 1 = 3)

Then a soldier

Full of strange oaths, and bearded like the pard,

Jealous in honour, sudden and quick in quarrel,

Seeking the bubble reputation

Even in the canon's mouth.

**a) According to the poet, a soldier is full of.....**

**b) The phrase 'bubble reputation' means.....**

**c) The poetic device used in 'bearded like the pard' is .....**

**OR**

If I'd known, I was paving the way

To cavities caps and decay,

The murder of fillin's

Injections and drillin's

I'd have thrown all my sherbets away.

a)'Paving the way' means.....

b)What would the poet have done if she had known the ill effects of eating sweets in plenty?

c)The poet paved the way to dental ailments by.....

**Q.9. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words. (4 X 2 = 8 marks)**

a) What did the Sergeant teach the trainees at the army camp? How did Private Quelch correct him?

b)Who was Jerry Fisher?What did he say to try and convince Bill to change his mind?

c)Where did John A.Pescud get off? Why?

d)How does the rain quench the thirst of the fields and cure the ailment of the clouds?

**Q.10. Answer any one of the following in 80-100 words.(1 X 4 = 4 marks)**

1.Love and kindness can change a wild beast into a human being. Explain with reference to the drama 'The Bishop's Candlesticks'

**OR**

2. Despite all plus points, Private Quelch was unable to win the admiration of his superior officers or his colleagues. What trait of his personality turned his superiors against him?

**Q.11. Answer any one of the following in about 150-200 words (1X10=10)**

a) Why did Gulliver not want to return from the land of the Houyhnhnms? What were the special qualities of Houyhnhnms?

**OR**

b) Describe the Laputans and also their fears and apprehensions which affected their peaceful life.