

Series HRS/2

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SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT – II

ENGLISH
(Communicative)

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 80

General Instructions :

(i) *The Question paper is divided into four sections :*

Section A — Reading

15 marks

Section B — Writing

20 marks

Section C — Grammar

15 marks

Section D — Literature + Value Based Question

(25+5)=30 marks

(ii) *All questions are compulsory.*

(iii) *You may attempt any section at a time.*

(iv) *All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.*

1. Read the passage given below :

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The Perfect Dog

- 1 In the summer of 1967, when I was ten years old, my father caved into my persistent pleas and took me to get my own dog. Together we drove in the family station wagon far into the Michigan countryside to a farm run by a rough-hewn woman and her ancient mother. The farm produced just one commodity – dogs. Dogs of every imaginable size and shape and age and temperament. They had only two things in common : each was a mongrel of unknown and distinct ancestry, and each was free to a good home.
- 2 I quickly decided the older dogs were somebody else's charity case. I immediately raced to the puppy cage. "You want to pick one that's not timid," my father coached. "Try rattling the cage and see which ones aren't afraid."
- 3 I grabbed the chain-link gate and yanked on it with a loud clang. The dozen or so puppies reeled backward, collapsing on top of one another in a squiggling heap of fur. Just one remained. He was gold with a white blaze on his chest, and he charged at the gate, yapping fearlessly. He jumped up and excitedly licked my fingers through the fencing. It was love at first sight.
- 4 I brought him home in a cardboard box and named him Shaun. He was one of those dogs that gives dogs a good name. He effortlessly mastered every command I taught him and was naturally well-behaved. I could drop a crust on the floor and he would not touch it until I gave the okay.

- 5 Relatives would visit for the weekend and returned home determined to buy a dog of their own, so impressed were they with Shaun – or “Saint Shaun”, as I came to call him. Born with the curse of an uncertain lineage, he was one of the tens of thousands of unwanted dogs in America. Yet by some stroke of almost providential good fortune, he became wanted. He came into my life and I into his – and in the process, he gave me the childhood every kid deserves.
- 6 The love affair lasted fourteen years, and by the time he died I was no longer the little boy who had brought him home on that summer day. I was a man, out of college and working across the state in my first real job. Saint Shaun had stayed behind when I moved on. It was where he belonged. My parents, by then retired, called to break the news to me. My mother would later tell me, “In fifty years of marriage, I’ve only seen your father cry twice. The first time was when we lost Mary Ann” – my sister, who was still-born. “The second time was the day Shaun died.”
- 7 Saint Shaun of my childhood. He was a perfect dog. At least that’s how I will always remember him. It was Shaun who set the standard by which I would judge all other dogs to come.

(Marley and Me by John Grogan)

1.1 Based on your reading of the passage, complete the following statements :

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- (a) The dog farm was run by _____ .
- (b) The author did not want an old dog because _____ .
- (c) He fell in love with the dog the moment the latter _____ .

- (d) Shaun became so obedient that he _____ until the author allowed him.
- (e) After visiting them, their relatives wanted _____.
- (f) When Shaun died even _____.

1.2 Find words from the passage which mean the same as the following : 2

- (a) urgent requests (para 1)
- (b) falling (para 3)

2. Read the passage given below :

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It's Beginning to Bite

In these trying times, when buying ordinary foodstuff can burn a hole in our pockets, comes the news that can actually help us save some hard cash when we go out to shop the next time. According to a Stanford University study, a first of its kind in the world, there is no evidence to suggest that there are more nutritional benefits from expensive organic food than those grown by conventional methods. The researchers add that there is no difference in protein and fat content between organic and conventional milk and the vitamin count is similar in both types. The only benefit is that organic foods are not contaminated with pesticides but then, before you chew on that plate of organic okra with roti made from organic wheat, they are not 100% pesticide free either. In India, organic food has been growing at 20 – 22% and the export market is valued at ₹ 1,000 crore. Obviously, the study is not good news for that sector and for people who are big on organic food.

In India, eating organic food is more of a style statement than due to health worries because the stuff is expensive. But people who can, do indulge in not only organic vegetables but even organic eggs laid by 'happy hens', who are allowed to roam around freely whereas 'unhappy hens' are kept in coops. Then there are companies that have installed music channels in their cowsheds and the milk from those sheds is sold at a marked-up price since it has more nutritional value because the animals are happy thanks to lilted 24x7 music. We don't know yet of any farmer using music to improve his crop quality, but then you never know : plants are known to respond to music.

Why such pickiness about food ? These days, the huge number of TV shows and articles that we see and read on food provide bread and butter for the specialists. But instead of decoding food, its sources and what has gone into growing it, isn't it much better to enjoy what's on the plate ?

(Adapted from *The Hindustan Times*)

Based on your reading of the passage, complete the statements given below by choosing the correct options from those that follow :

- (a) According to a Stanford University study, organic food in relation to conventional food is _____ .
- (i) less nutritious
 - (ii) more nutritious
 - (iii) very conventional
 - (iv) as nutritious
- (b) The study will not be welcomed by _____ .
- (i) farmers of conventional food
 - (ii) makers of pesticides
 - (iii) all sectors
 - (iv) exporters of organic food

- (c) We can save some hard cash by _____ .
- (i) buying organic food
 - (ii) not buying organic food
 - (iii) going to the shop
 - (iv) not buying food with pesticides
- (d) Music channels are installed in the cowsheds because the _____ .
- (i) cows give more milk
 - (ii) milk is sold at a higher price
 - (iii) milk becomes more pure
 - (iv) workers become happy
- (e) In the second paragraph, the author's attitude to the people who eat food sourced from 'happy' animals is that he _____ .
- (i) is happy with them
 - (ii) is unhappy with them
 - (iii) is laughing at them
 - (iv) wants crops to be grown similarly
- (f) One benefit of organic food is that _____ .
- (i) it is fashionable to eat
 - (ii) only rich people can afford it
 - (iii) it is less contaminated with pesticides
 - (iv) even poor people can afford it
- (g) The word 'contaminated' means _____ .
- (i) adulterated
 - (ii) for adults
 - (iii) containing
 - (iv) not healthy

SECTION B - (Writing)

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3. You are President, Environment Club of your school. The Club is organising a 3-day trip to Jim Corbett National Park. Write a notice in 50 – 60 words for the students informing them about all the necessary details and inviting names of those who want to join. 3
4. You are Alfred/Angela. You have been preparing for your Board exams very diligently for the past several months. When you went to appear for your Pre-Board Examination, you suddenly went blank and lost all confidence to answer the paper. On your return home you are very upset. Make a diary entry in 50 – 60 words about your feelings. 3
5. Use the notes given below to write a biographical sketch in about 100 words : 4

Manek Singh

- Born 30th October 1998, Madhya Pradesh
 - Spent early days in village akhara – at primary school/at local stadiums practising wrestling
 - Selected by coach Dara Singh in 2005 – won National Championships
 - Beijing Olympics-2008 – defeated Charles, the reigning champion – to win the first ever bronze in wrestling for India
 - Participated in the CWG-2010 – won bronze medal
 - 2011 – awarded the Khel Ratna Award – India's highest sporting honour
 - Dreams to win gold at 2016 Olympics
6. You are Ankit/Ankita, captain of your school hockey team. This year your team won the Zonal Championship. The Zonal final was a thriller. Write a letter to your uncle in 120 – 150 words describing the match. You may use the following clues : 5
- keenly contested
 - both teams – equally strong
 - other team strong in defence
 - we, trailing 1 – 3 till the last 15 minutes
 - sudden burst, scored 2 field goals
 - last minute penalty corner converted

7. You are Ram/Rani. Write an article in about 120 words on 'The role of rag-pickers in saving the urban environment'.

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- unsung heroes
- all plastics segregated
- glass pieces
- separate the house garbage
- what remains can be burnt
- make some money

SECTION C - (Grammar)

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8. Complete the paragraph given below by filling in each of the blanks with the help of the options that follow :

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The Government has announced a unique way of curbing dengue fever. Action will be taken against owners (a) _____ water coolers which (b) _____ found to be breeding grounds for the *Aedes* mosquito. "(c) _____ people take action on this warning," a government spokesperson said, "dengue fever will grow into an epidemic."

- (a) (i) off (ii) of (iii) with (iv) from
- (b) (i) is (ii) are (iii) has (iv) have
- (c) (i) Unless (ii) If (iii) But (iv) Till

9. Read the instructions given below to make a bowl of soup and complete the paragraph that follows with the help of the given options :

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Soup

Melt the butter in a pan.

Add onions and vegetables and fry for 3 minutes.

Add corn flour and stock.

Bring to a boil while stirring continuously.

Add lemon juice, salt and pepper.

Serve hot, garnished with chopped parsley.

The butter (a) _____ . Onions and vegetables (b) _____
for 3 minutes. Corn flour and stock are added. It (c) _____ while
stirring continuously. Lemon juice, salt and pepper are added. It is served
hot, garnished with chopped parsley.

- (a) (i) was melted in the pan
(ii) is melted in a pan
(iii) has been melted in a pan
(iv) was melted in a pan
- (b) (i) are added and fried
(ii) were added and frying
(iii) are added but frying
(iv) are added but fried
- (c) (i) was bringing to a boil
(ii) was brought to a boil
(iii) is brought to a boil
(iv) is brought to boiling

10. Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences : 3
- (a) a bed / warm box / I made / in a / for him
- (b) I kept / on him / for / an eye / two days
- (c) and plenty / I gave / of water / him / food

11. In the passage given below there is an error in each marked line. Write the error and the correction in your answer sheet. 3

	<i>Error</i>	<i>Correction</i>
I have a sudden desire	e.g. have	had
to take in my records	(a) _____	_____
from the store when they	(b) _____	_____
had remained with a decade.	(c) _____	_____

12. Read the conversation given below and complete the paragraph that follows : 3

Mother : What do you see first in the morning ?

Rani : It is your smiling face. That's when you come to wake me up.

Mother asked Rani (a) _____ the morning. Rani replied that (b) _____ and added that (c) _____ .

SECTION D - (Literature + Value Based Question) 30

13. (a) Read the extract given below and answer briefly the questions that follow : 3

In the deep, strange-scented shade of the great dark carob-tree

I came down the steps with my pitcher

And must wait, must stand and wait, for there he was at the trough before me.

- (i) Why had the poet come down ?
- (ii) Why did he decide to wait ?
- (iii) Who was at the trough before him ? Why ?

- (b) Read the extract given below and answer briefly the questions that follow : 3

‘Oh yes. I must say I was quite taken aback. After so many years.’

- (i) Who is the speaker of the above lines ?
- (ii) What offer was made to the speaker ?
- (iii) Which quality of the speaker is highlighted in this extract ?

- (c) Read the extract given below and answer briefly the questions that follow : 3

This dream is all amiss interpreted.

- (i) Name the speaker of the above line.
- (ii) Whose ‘dream’ has been referred to in the extract ?
- (iii) Explain : ‘amiss interpreted’.

14. Answer any *two* of the following questions in 30 – 40 words each : 3×2=6

- (a) At one stage in the story, John wishes that he were dead. Why ?
- (b) Why does the poet regret following the ‘voice of education’ in the poem, “Snake” ?
- (c) What is the purpose of Antony’s speech ? Does he succeed in his mission ?

15. “Counting your chickens again before they’re hatched, are you ? No wonder you could never make a go of it.”

As soon as Patol Babu gets the offer of a role in the film, he starts daydreaming of the success, money and fame he will achieve. Unfortunately it does not work out in that way. Write a speech in 120 – 150 words for the morning assembly on the topic – Dream big, but follow it up with action. 5

Attempt either Part (A) or Part (B)

PART (A)

Answer the following questions in 120 – 150 words each :

16. What made Anne Frank's diary a piece of historical record ? Why was it considered authentic ? 5
17. Describe Anne's relationship with her mother. What made it complex ? 5

OR

Attempt a character sketch of Peter.

PART (B)

Answer the following questions in 120 – 150 words each :

16. The accusation of plagiarism left a deep impact on Helen Keller. How did it affect her ? 5
17. Attempt a character sketch of Ms. Sullivan. 5

OR

What do you know about Helen Keller's love of the country and outdoor sports ?