

**SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT – I (2016-2017)**  
**ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE**  
**Class - X**

**Time: 3 hours Maximum Marks: 70**

**Instructions :**

The question paper is divided into three sections.

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

**SECTION A : READING (Reading : 20 Marks)**

**Read the passage given below and complete the sentences that follow: (1x8)**

Plastics form an important class of synthetics – plastics are also polymers. Since most plastics can be easily moulded into any shape after heating, they are used for making a variety of objects of different shapes and sizes. Plastics are poor conductors of heat which makes them suitable for making handles of cooking vessels, for use in refrigerators, and for making containers used in microwave ovens.

Plastics are also poor conductors of electricity and that is why they are used as covering materials in electrical appliances like cords and wiring. Plastics are insoluble in water and are, therefore, used for making bottles, buckets and other containers. Most plastics are inflammable. They cannot be used as a material for making any cooking utensil. However, they do not corrode, or rust and so are mostly used in homes and laboratories.

Despite the many different uses of plastics, there are environmental and health hazards associated with their disposal. This is because plastics are non-biodegradable. Accumulation of plastics is considered a serious problem because most of the methods used to dispose them of result in some type of damage to the environment. Though somewhere between 500 million to 1 trillion plastic bags are consumed worldwide each year, most plastic wastes end up littering roadsides and form ugly dumps that harbour many disease-causing organisms. Plastics dumped in water bodies pose a threat to aquatic life; plastics that get buried prevent rain water from seeping into the ground. This affects the growth of plants. When plastics are burnt, they produce toxic gases and smoke.

Hence, reducing the usage of plastics and recycling plastic objects and using bio-degradable environmental friendly plastics is the only solution. It is time for us to take some preventive steps and ensure a better life for future generations.

- (a) Plastic is useful because it is \_\_\_\_\_ water.
- (b) Plastics are mostly used at home and laboratories because they \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.
- (c) Plastics pose serious environmental and health problems when we try to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (d) Plastics dumped in lakes and rivers \_\_\_\_\_ life.
- (e) The word 'seeping' means the same as \_\_\_\_\_.
- (f) Burning of plastics is very risky as then \_\_\_\_\_.
- (g) This problem can be partly solved by \_\_\_\_\_.
- (h) The best and the only solution is by using \_\_\_\_\_ plastics.

**Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: (2x4)+(1x4)=12**

It's no less than a pilgrimage for those who come to our shores for medical treatments.

Medical tourism in India is on an upswing, with about 5,00,000 foreign patients travelling to India for medical care. The current worth of the industry is estimated at 1,000 crores, with a growth potential of 100 percent every year. The industry is poised to bring in as much as Rs. 5,000 to 10,000 crores by 2012.

Many factors contribute to the expansion of this sector, one of them being the high end facilities. "Only when we go to different countries do we realize how much better off we are in terms of infrastructure and quality. The country has the resources to be on the global map for medical tourism as it has a combination of all the right ingredients," says Dr. Rajendra Prasad, senior consultancy neurosurgery.

India is also renowned for its talent pool and the doctors are known for their expertise and knowledge. Cutting edge medical technologies and drugs available are on a par with the developed world. The cost factor is another big reason for the popularity of India as the medical destination the difference being as much as 10 or 20 times.

The culture of 'Athithi Devo Bhava' extends into medical tourism, with quality facilities being offered by hospitals to international patients. Super specialty hospitals are successfully providing unparalleled medical treatment to patients, resulting in superior outcomes, very low risk of infections and excellent post surgery care. The whole experience can be simply termed as 'value for money'.

Medical tourism is undoubtedly a fast growing sector. It is felt that the government is not doing enough to promote this sector. The Ministry of Tourism should pitch in a big way with more financial support to stakeholders and better infrastructure facilities. More liberal loans, tax benefits and incentives to medical service providers will go a long way in giving a boost to this industry. Promoting medical tourism would mean more employment opportunities for our people, more goodwill for the country and more dollars for the government treasury.

- (a) What is the status of medical tourism in India?
- (b) Mention two factors which have contributed to the growth of medical tourism in India.
- (c) What is most remarkable about our super speciality hospitals?
- (d) What steps should the government take to give a boost to medical tourism?
- (e) What is meant by the word 'upswing'? (Para 1)
  - (i) energy
  - (ii) height
  - (iii) power
  - (iv) growth
- (f) What is meant by the word 'expansion'? (Para 2)
  - (i) progress
  - (ii) growth
  - (iii) power
  - (iv) grandeur
- (g) What is meant by the word 'renowned'? (Para 3)
  - (i) known
  - (ii) famous
  - (iii) popular
  - (iv) successful
- (h) What is meant by the word 'unparalleled'?
  - (i) matchless
  - (ii) great
  - (iii) attractive
  - (iv) magnificent

#### SECTION B : WRITING AND GRAMMAR (25 Marks)

- 3 Share your views in the form of a letter to the editor of a local magazine, in 100 -120 words, on the topic *Circus an obsolete way of entertainment in this digital age*. You are Arun/ Aarti, 112 Bank Street Agra. 5
- 4 Write the story in about 150-200 words beginning with the following line. Give it a suitable title. 10

'The moment I rose up to take the book from my table, I felt a sudden jerk...'

Read the paragraph given below. Fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate words / phrases from the given options.

After all the stories that he (a) \_\_\_\_\_ been hearing, he was too frightened to sleep alone. So, that night, he slept with the cross his mother had given him, (b) \_\_\_\_\_ his pillow. He believed \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_ it

(c) \_\_\_\_\_ protect him from the evil.

	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)
(a)	has	have	had	was
(b)	under	below	in	down
(c)	would	will	may	shall

The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each marked line. Write the error and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. The first one has been done as an example.

	Error	Correction
The humble tradesman, John Farynor has attained a special honour or reputation. He was a baker to King Charles II since five years. One evening, he failed to extinguish the oven and the flame grew. This is the Great Fire of London. It caused immense loss for Londoners.	e.g. has	had
(a)	_____	_____
(b)	_____	_____
(c)	_____	_____
(d)	_____	_____

Read the conversation given below and complete the paragraph that follows :

Ginnie : Why have you not brought my dress?

Dimpi : I haven't brought it because I had gone to my cousin's house.

Ginnie : Don't give me lame excuses. I want to know the truth.

Ginnie asked Dimpi (a) \_\_\_\_\_ Dimpi replied that she (b) \_\_\_\_\_ because she had gone to her cousin's house. Ginnie angrily told her (c) \_\_\_\_\_ and that she wanted to know the truth.

### SECTION C : LITERATURE (25 Marks)

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

"He coloured deeply under his sunburn, then grew pale. He looked to the ground. " You must be saving up to emigrate to America," I suggested.

- (a) Who coloured deeply under his sunburn and why ?
- (b) Why were the boys saving money ?
- (c) What does the word, 'emigrate' mean ?

OR

Now I am a lake. A woman bends over me,  
Searching my reaches for what she really is.  
Then she turns to those liars, the candles or the moon.  
I see her back, and reflect it faithfully.  
She rewards me with tears and an agitation of hands.

- (a) What is common between the mirror and a lake ?
- (b) Why are candles and the moon called liars ?
- (c) What is meant by 'searching my reaches' ?

Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each.

What is more powerful than 'marble' and 'gilded monuments' ?

How does the writer create humour in the story, 'Mrs. Packletide's



Tiger' ? Give any two examples.

9c Ali had 'exhausted his patience, but not his faith'. Explain. 2

9d Why do you think Elizabeth would not make a claim for the bureau and the clock ? 2

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

10 'Henry, I've been thinking about that bureau of grandfather's that's in his bedroom. You know I always wanted to have it after he died'. Victoria is deeply anguished at her mother's remark. As Victoria write a letter to a friend expressing your feelings on how your mother is behaving in a greedy manner highlighting the values her mother should have possessed. 4

**OR**

'The Frog did not recognise the nightingale's talents. With reference to the poem, 'The Frog and the Nightingale,' discuss why it is important to have respect for other individuals and their talent. 4

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

11 How does Anne feel living in the Secret Annexe ? Describe. 10

**OR**

Why could not Anne develop a healthy relationship with Mr. Van Daan? 10

**OR**

Describe how Helen was given her name. Helen felt a deep bond with nature and turned to it for comfort and learning. Elucidate with examples. 10

**OR**

'Tough people outlast tough situations.' Describe the fighter instinct in Helen. 10

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