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SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT - II, 2013

Class - X
ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks .

Instructions:

The question paper is divided into four sections.

Section A : Reading 20 marks

Section B : Writing 25 marks

Section C : Grammar 20 marks

Section D : Literature 25 marks

SECTION - A
(Reading – 20 Marks)

1 Read the passage carefully.

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Archana Chakravarthy, 40, home maker and mother of two boys is our cook. Immaculately dressed as always, she arrives at our flat at 5:45pm, seven days a week. Her gentle manners and stylish attire belie the fact that she has been working since 5:30am, working in other houses, ours and her own.

Walking in, Archana surveys the fridge before deciding what to prepare. She offers suggestions but mostly prepares what we ask for. Though a Bengali, she makes excellent sambhar. "I like learning new recipes," she says with professional pride. "Different families have different tastes. Some like deep fried food, others dislike oil, some want spicy food others bland. No problem."

Most people take cooks for granted as long as they are good. "It's always nice when somebody compliments my cooking", says Archana, who even dresses well "because families must feel comfortable having me in their kitchen." We all want to look good at the work place.

While she makes every effort to please her employers and keep her jobs, her own life has been a hard one. The eldest of six sisters, she was married at 13 to a man who has been in and out of work. Archana's father, a farmer, was too poor to send her to school. But with her earnings she managed to get her five sisters married and bought a one -room flat. "But the place is too small for the four of us," she says, "the area stinks. I wish we had a larger place elsewhere. I also want my sons to get better jobs so they can lead a better life." Archana's biggest regret, "If only I could read and write, it could have made all the difference."

1. Complete the following summary by filling in the blanks.

Archana, a (a) by profession starts working from 5:30am. She is a (b) and mother of two boys. Her father, a (c) was too poor to send her to school. But with her (d) she managed to get her sisters married. She has a one-room flat but wishes she had a (e) house elsewhere. She (f) being an illiterate. She feels being literate could have made all the difference.

2. Complete the following sentence.

(a) Archana likes learning new recipes because _____.

(b) Archana likes to dress well _____.

While she makes every effort to please her employers her _____.

(d) Her biggest regret is that _____.

3. Find words from the passage that mean the same as:

(a) false idea.



2 Read the following passage :

Larry Anderson is a homeless man and life always been hard for him. He is always hungry. He needs a hair cut and his clothes are old and dirty.

"What I would do with one hundred dollars! Larry says. This is a game he likes to play with himself to take his mind off things.

Once, while walking down the street at night, he shivered. The air was cold. "If I had one hundred dollars, I could get a haircut." He continued to walk down the street. If I had one hundred dollars, I could get new trousers," he said and continued walking "If I had one hundred dollars, I could get a hamburger." he said. His stomach rumbled at the thought.

"If I had _____ " Suddenly, he looked down the sidewalk and couldn't believe his eyes! Someone had lost his wallet. Larry picked it up. Inside were five twenty - dollar crisp bills.

"One hundred dollars !" Larry was excited. "Now I can buy everything I want! " Larry began to think. "But this is not my money."

Larry went to the police station. He gave the police officer the wallet and money. "Thank you." Said the police officer, " You are a very honest man."

Larry smiled. He turned around and began to leave.

"Hold on ! the police was said. He reached his own pocket and gave Larry ten dollars. "Get yourself something to eat."

On the basis of your reading of the above passage answer the following questions with the help of given options :

- (i) What was life like for Larry ?
 - (a) It was hard.
 - (b) It was easy.
 - (c) It was warm.
 - (d) It was full of good food.
- (ii) How do we know that Larry was very poor ?
 - (a) He was honest.
 - (b) He had no home.
 - (c) He found a wallet.
 - (d) He returned the wallet
- (iii) Why did Larry think about what he'd do with a hundred dollars ?
 - (a) It helped him go to sleep.
 - (b) It took his mind off things.
 - (c) The police officer asked him to.
 - (d) He knew he would find the money.
- (iv) Why did Larry go to the police station ??
 - (a) He owed money.
 - (b) He wanted a reward.
 - (c) The wallet was not his.
 - (d) He had committed a crime.
- (v) What kind of man is Larry ?
 - (a) bad
 - (b) foolish
 - (c) good
 - (d) unsure

3 Read the following poem carefully :

I remember, I remember
 The house where I was born.
 The little window where the sun
 Came peeping in at morn;
 He never came a wink too soon
 Nor brought too long a day
 But now, I often wish the night
 Had borne my breath away,
 I remember, I remember
 The roses red and white
 The violets and lily cups
 Those flowers made of light !
 I remember, I remember
 Where I was used to swing
 And thought the air must rush as fresh
 My spirit flew in feathers then
 That is so heavy now.
 The summer pools could hardly cool
 I remember, I remember
 The fir trees dark and high;
 I used to think their slender tops
 Were close against the sky
 It was a childish ignorance
 But now it's little joy
 To know I'm father off from Heaven
 Than when I was a little boy

On the basis of your reading of the poem, complete the following statement with the help of given options, write the correct options in your answer sheets.

- (a) The poet is _____.
 (i) delighted (ii) nostalgic
 (iii) irritable (iv) depressed
- (b) The figure of speech used in: The little window where the sun came peering in at morn is _____.
 (i) metaphor (ii) simile
 (iii) personification (iv) onomatopoeia
- (c) The phrase, 'he never came a wink too soon' means _____.
 (i) not even a little early
 (ii) not even a little late
 (iii) came in time
 (iv) always came late
- (d) In his childish ignorance, the poet thought that _____.
 (i) tree tops were close to the sky
 (ii) the tree is living yet
 (iii) mountains touched the sky
 (iv) trees were hardly close to the sky
- (e) The phrase, 'had borne my breath away' suggests _____.
 (i) troubled his breath (iii) stole his breath
 (ii) take to task his breath (iv) taken away his breath

SECTION - B

(Writing - 25 Marks)

- 4 Your school has proposed to commemorate 'Hiroshima Day'. Draft a notice in 50-60 words for the school notice board, asking the student to take part in the 'Peace Rally' starting from your school. Sign yourself as Abha/ Arti, school Pupil Leader, St. Anthony's Public School, New Delhi.
- 5 You have read poems in which the poets remember incidents from their childhood. Each one of us has such memories of childhood. Write a diary entry in 50-60 words expressing your feelings on one such memory which you treasure the most. 3
- Describe the incident/moment clearly
 - how old you were
 - where the incident occurred
 - why you cannot forget it
 - effect it had on you
- 6 Read the following profile of Florence Nightingale. Then write a short biographical sketch of Florence Nightingale in 80 - 100 words. 4
- Florence Nightingale**
- 1820 : birth in an upper class family
- 1953 : Superintendent of a London Hospital
- 1954 : went to Crimea with the army to improve the medical services
- 1907 : became the first woman in the Order of Merit
- 1910 : passed away.
- 7 During the last century, there have been many manmade disasters that have resulted in devastation and loss of thousands of lives. The World Wars, the Hiroshima Bombing, the Chernobyl Nuclear Disaster etc. were all triggered by human arrogance. Tragedies like these make us question the cause of our industrial and technological advancement. It's important to prevent them from recurring. Prepare a speech in 120-150 words to be delivered in the school assembly on, "The Dangers of war and its remedies." 5
- 8 Children are the victims of many hateful factors like profit motive, greed, indifferent attitude of many parents. That is why a large chunk of child population is still languishing in the hell of Child Labour. Write a report in 120-150 words sharing your concern and suggestions on the issue highlighted. 5
- 9 Imagine that you are a contestant to the school parliament election for the post of Headgirl/Headboy. You want to be elected. Write a speech in 120-150 words, in which you try to persuade students to vote for you and explain what you will do for the betterment of the school. Include the following points in your speech. 5
- Thank the students for attending the meeting.
- Say something about your past.
- Explain what you believe in and what you hope to achieve.
- Appeal to the students to vote for you.
- Explain your promises about how you will improve the school.

SECTION - C
(Grammar – 20 Marks)

- 10 Choose the best words from the options given below and complete the following passage.

About fifteen metres (i) _____ the entrance to the tunnel stood (ii) _____ watchman's hut. Marigold grew in front of the hut, and (iii) _____ the back there was a small vegetable patch. It was the watchman's duty to inspect the tunnel. If all was well he (iv) _____ return to his hut and take a nap.

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| (i) | (a) | to | (b) | in | (c) | from | (d) | of |
| (ii) | (a) | the | (b) | an | (c) | a | (d) | some |
| (iii) | (a) | in | (b) | at | (c) | by | (d) | to |
| (iv) | (a) | will | (b) | would | (c) | should | (d) | could |

- 11 Rearrange the following words/phrases into meaningful sentences:

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| (a) | themselves/while they/and/scorching heat/ stand in the sun/endure/the | 4 |
| (b) | they produce/from/fruit/profit/which others. | |
| (c) | good man/trees/that of/the character/of/a/is like. | |
| (d) | He/humanity/of/for/The sake/should/his life/dedicate. | |

- 12 Driving down Civil Lines, I saw a red Maruti park in _____ Maruti parked in the middle of the road. A woman driver kept turning (i) _____ an ignition key but the car wouldn't start. The woman (ii) _____ looked helplessly. I decided to help. I fetch the (iii) _____ petrol and filled the tank. She drove away and didn't (iv) _____ even had the grace to pay for it.

- 13 Read the following news headlines and complete the news reports that follow :

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| (a) | 5 PASSENGERS KILLED AS BUS RAMS INTO TAXI | 4 |
| | Five passengers _____ when the driver of a bus lost control and rammed it into a taxi coming from the opposite direction. | |
| (b) | INDIAN CITIZENS ECO FRIENDLY SAYS SURVEY | |
| | Indian citizens _____ eco friendly according to a nation wide survey. | |
| (c) | MINISTER'S DAUGHTER: NOT INVOLVED IN IPL | |
| | A Cabinet Minister's daughter has denied _____ in the IPL. | |
| (d) | HEAVY RAINS LASH ORISSA | |
| | Heavy rains _____ the coastal areas of Orissa and thrown normal life out of gear. | |

Father asked li'I Jinx (a) _____
 She replied that it had been no good as (b) _____
 Father replied (c) _____
 She explained (d) _____.



SECTION - D
(Literature – 25 Marks)

15(A) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow with the help of given options :

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Half sunk , a shattered visage lies, whose frown,
 And wrinkled lip, and sneer of cold command,
 Tell that its sculptor well those passions read

(a) Where is the sculpture lying now ?

an ancient land

the wilderness

the desert

devastated city

(b) What was the sculptor able to express on the face of the sculpture ?

Ozymandias's words

ambitions

feelings

views

(c) What does the phrase 'sneer of cold command' mean ?

Joyous

Arrogant

Kind

Contented

15(B) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

Lavinia cast a cold eye upon me. 'You are acting very queerly,' she sniffed. 'You are concealing something from me'.
Just then the door opened and Gladolia called, Miss 'Hallock! Miss' Hallock! I've come to tell you I've done left displace'.

My wife turned her head for a moment. 'But why, Gladolia ?

- (a) Who is concealing something from Lavinia?
- (b) Why does Gladolia want to leave the place?
- (c) What is Lavinia's reaction to Gladolia's threat?

15(C) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

*And know it now; the senate has concluded
To give this day a crown to mighty Caesar.
If you shall send them word you will not come,
Their minds may change.*

- (a) Who is the speaker?
- (b) Who is he speaking to?
- (c) Which aspect of Caesar's character is he trying to exploit?

16 Answer any three of the following questions :

- (1) Not being lucky with Dragonquest, which game did Sebastian suggest to Michael for his release and what were the contents of the message? 2
- (2) Why would Patol Babu fit the bill in playing the role that the director had in mind for that particular film ? 2
- (3) Give two reasons why the poet did not want to kill the snake. 2
- (4) What reasons did Brutus give for murdering Caesar? How was he able to convince the Roman crowd? 2
- 17 And I had never found it healthy to contradict Jenkins. 5
Hallock did not contradict Jenkins because Jenkins gave him money especially at a time when he needed it the most. Many of us do not dare contradict people because they have some real or imagined power over us. Give two reasons why we do not dare to contradict others even though we know that they are wrong.
- 18 John Hallock is himself a character in the story. Write a brief character sketch of his. 5

OR

'And so I missed my chance with one of the lords of life'. Who is referred to as the 'lord of life' and by whom? What chance did 'I' miss and how? Describe with reference to the poem, 'Snake'.

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