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SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT – II
ENGLISH
(Language and Literature)

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum marks : 90

General Instructions :

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

Section A — Reading

20 marks

Section B — Writing

20 marks

Section C — Grammar

15 marks

Section D — Literature + Value Based Question

(30+5) = 35 marks

- (ii) *All questions are compulsory.*

- (iii) *Marks are indicated against each question.*

SECTION A — (Reading)

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1. Read the passage given below and complete the sentences that follow by choosing the most appropriate answers from the given options : $1 \times 5 = 5$

It's a common sight to see children racing down hills, playing in the rain, chasing each other through fields, or walking through the meadows to school. Rarely would you come across a child howling because of a scraped knee or a hurt elbow. Kids grow into strong, sturdy people with lots of physical energy and stamina. I attribute this glory of well-being to the region's open spaces and grounds that allow us to grow up in the midst of nature.

I have noticed how sluggish the 'healthy' urban children are, especially in comparison to children in my village. Children in cities look incapable of climbing even one small hill – something that would be a child's play for many of us.

When I ask most people at these felicitation parties what their kids are doing, they proudly tell me how busy these kids are with their studies, tuitions and TV ! It makes me wonder if after all this, if they have any time at all to play. Video games and computer games hardly classify as play or sport.

We have all heard that all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy or Jill a dull girl. This isn't a maxim but a reality. I urge you all to look at play not as a waste of time but as a necessity. Play encourages children to participate, socialize, cooperate and team up. It allows them to experiment – toughening them up physically and mentally.

Mary Kom – Olympic Medalist

- (a) The urban children are busy with _____ .
- (i) cricket matches
 - (ii) sports
 - (iii) studies and tuitions
 - (iv) playing in parks
- (b) Children in hilly areas are strong because while going to school they _____ .
- (i) race down hills
 - (ii) chase each other through fields
 - (iii) walk through the meadows
 - (iv) All of the above
- (c) Urban children in comparison to village children in hills are _____ .
- (i) capable of climbing hills
 - (ii) healthy
 - (iii) sluggish
 - (iv) strong
- (d) The author attributes the glory of children growing physically and mentally strong to _____ .
- (i) stamina
 - (ii) playground and open spaces
 - (iii) studies
 - (iv) video games and computer games
- (e) Maxim, 'no play makes Jack a dull boy' means that _____ .
- (i) games are a waste of time
 - (ii) games make children dull
 - (iii) games encourage team spirit among children
 - (iv) children become dull if they don't play

2. Read the passage given below and complete the sentences that follow by choosing the most appropriate answers from the given options : 1×5=5

Between May and July, Govind Rawat applies for long leave from his office in Dehradun and heads for his village above Joshimath near the temple town of Badrinath in Uttarakhand Himalayas. There, he joins other villagers on a trek to the high altitude bugyals (alpine meadows) situated almost 5,000 meters above sea level. His quest, like that of many others who are fanning out to meadows in different parts of the Himalayas during this time of the year, is for a thin, caterpillar like fungus which is locally known as keera jari (insect herb).

The worm-like appearance belies the importance of this fungus, scientifically known as *Cordyceps sinensis* and highly valued as a tremendous energy booster in the traditional medicinal systems of China, Nepal and India. For Rawat and his co-villagers, it is worth its weight in gold, if not more. One kilogram can fetch at least ₹ 2.5 lakh. But it is very difficult to locate, since it appears as any other twig sprouting from the ground.

The importance of the herb in Chinese medicine – ancient records suggest that royal physicians of the Ming dynasty were aware of this wonder herb and used it to develop powerful medicines – has ensured that there is a surging demand for it in China. The Chinese are by far, the biggest consumers of Cordyceps. They procure a lot of it from Tibet besides importing it from Bhutan, Nepal and India.

- (a) Mr. Rawat takes leave from his office every summer to _____ .
- (i) visit Joshimath
 - (ii) visit Badrinath, the holy town
 - (iii) go on a trek to the high altitude bugyals
 - (iv) climb mountains
- (b) Many villagers rush to mountain meadows in search of _____ .
- (i) gold
 - (ii) caterpillars
 - (iii) grass
 - (iv) keera jari

- (c) Each season the villagers climb up the high altitudes in the months of _____ .
- (i) April, May and June
 - (ii) May, June and July
 - (iii) April, June and July
 - (iv) None of the above
- (d) The Chinese attach great importance to keera jari for _____ .
- (i) its energy enriching qualities
 - (ii) it is very precious
 - (iii) it is a rare medicine
 - (iv) All of the above
- (e) China imports this medicinal herb from _____ .
- (i) Tibet, India and Nepal
 - (ii) Nepal, Bhutan and Tibet
 - (iii) Bhutan, India and Nepal
 - (iv) All of the above

3. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow. 1×5=5

My grandmother and I were good friends. My parents left me with her when they went to live in the city and we were constantly together. She used to wake me up in the morning and get me ready for school. She said her morning prayer in a monotonous singsong while she bathed and dressed me in the hope that I would listen and get to know it by heart; I listened because I loved her voice but never bothered to learn it. Then she would fetch my wooden slate which she had already washed and plastered with yellow chalk, a tiny earthen ink-pot and a red pen, tie them all in a bundle and hand it to me. After a breakfast of a thick, stale chapati with a little butter and sugar spread on it, we went to school. She carried several stale chapatis with her for the village dogs.

My grandmother always went to school with me because the school was attached to the temple. The priest taught us the alphabet and the morning prayer. While the children sat in rows on either side of the verandah singing the alphabet or the prayer in a chorus, my grandmother sat inside reading the scriptures. When we had both finished, we would walk back together.

Khushwant Singh

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| (a) | Why was the author as a child left with his grandmother ? | 1 |
| (b) | Why did the grandmother always accompany the author ? | 1 |
| (c) | Who taught the alphabet to the author ? | 1 |
| (d) | Why did the author's grandmother say her prayer in a singsong ? | 1 |
| (e) | Which word in the passage means the same as 'holy books' ? | 1 |

4. Read the poem given below and answer the questions that follow : 1×5=5

To Blossoms

Fair pledges of fruitful tree,
 Why do ye fall so fast ?
 Your date is not yet past,
 But you may stay yet here awhile
 To blush and gently smile,
 And go at last.
 What ! were ye born to be
 An hour or half's delight,
 And so to bid good night ?
 'Twas pity Nature brought ye forth

Merely to show your worth
And lose you quite.
But you are lovely leaves, where we
May read how soon things have
Their end, though ne'er so brave :
And after they have shown their pride.
Like you awhile, they glide
Into the grave.

Robert Herrick

- (a) Why does the poet feel sad ?
- (b) Explain the phrase : 'An hour or half's delight' in the second stanza.
- (c) What do lovely leaves here stand for ?
- (d) What is the rhyme scheme in stanza 1 ?
- (e) What thought does the poet console himself with ?

SECTION B — (Writing)

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5. The footpaths all along the city roads are being occupied by the 'car for sale' vendors, workshops, paan shops, garbage dumps, etc., and pedestrians end up walking on the roads putting their life at risk. Pointing out the misuse of pavements and the problems faced by the pedestrians, write a letter, in 120 – 150 words, to the editor of a local daily requesting the authorities to get these encroachments cleared off the pavements. You are Aryan / Arushi, living at A-3/110, Janak Puri, N. Delhi.

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OR

You are Ankur/Ankita, living at B-2/92, East of Kailash, N. Delhi. You stayed with your friend Pranav, for a week in Shimla during the Autumn Break. He made very nice arrangements for your stay and sightseeing. All his family members proved very hospitable. Write a letter of thanks in 120 – 150 words, mentioning a few memorable moments you enjoyed with him and his family.

6. Rash driving is responsible for increase in accidents. Most of the time, it is the fault of drivers who are either drunk or jump signals, overspeed, are on mobiles, hitting and killing people on the road. Using this information together with your own ideas, write an article in 120 – 150 words, for your school magazine, highlighting the need to follow traffic rules and drive carefully.

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OR

Write a speech in 120 – 150 words to be delivered in the morning assembly of your school on the topic, 'Daughters are Precious'. Use the hints given below :

Inhuman attitude – killing the girl child in the womb, bias for the male child, but girls are special – bring fragrance and joy in our life – take human race forward – have a kind of sensitivity – caring – delicate – home lights up with a baby girl.

7. You are Arnav/Arushi. You are participating in an inter-school debate competition and the topic of the debate is : 'Should Players get Concession in Attendance'. Write a debate in 120 – 150 words in favour of the motion, using the hints given below :

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Hints :

Not letting players sit in exams due to short attendance – many talents lose faith in sports – hope of making name and career out of sports killed – players like Unmukt Chand deserve co-operation – special treatment – missed classes do make a difference but a few extra classes and some condensed course for them can make up the loss.

8. Your school organized an exhibition on the theme, 'Science and Technology and the Planet Earth'. Mentioning the number of schools that participated, the models displayed, the welcome to the chief guest, date, time, award of prizes, etc., write a report in 120 – 150 words. You are Ankush/Ankita, Head Boy/Head Girl of D.A.V. Model School, Green Park, Delhi.

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OR

Given below is the outline of a story which teaches the importance of hard work. Complete it in 120 – 150 words :

Outline :

An old farmer near death – sons lazy – farmer worried about their welfare – thinks a plan – tells them about a treasure hidden in the fields – the farmer dies – the sons dig – no treasure – but the soil improves – rich crops – understand father's plan – moral

SECTION C — (Grammar)

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9. Fill in the blanks choosing the most appropriate words from the given alternatives :

1×3=3

For the first time, the Indian Railways (a) _____ to utilise track-laying machines that would help put in place one kilometer of railway lines each day. Costing ₹ 70 crore, the model (b) _____ on a trial basis by Trans Rail Solutions. The first set of the track-laying machines (c) _____ to arrive by December 2013.

- (a) (i) was planned
(ii) plan
(iii) is planning
(iv) planned
- (b) (i) imported
(ii) imports
(iii) is importing
(iv) is being imported
- (c) (i) expected
(ii) expects
(iii) was expected
(iv) is expected

10. Read the following conversation and complete the dialogue by choosing the correct alternatives from those given below :

1×3=3

Doctor Dhawan rushed off straight from his clinic to see his friend Gopal who has been in bed for some days. Gopal's wife greeted him.

Doctor : How long has he been in bed ?

Gopal's wife : A month and a half, Doctor.

Doctor : (a) _____ ?

Gopal's wife : A doctor in the next street comes down once in three days.

Doctor : What is his name ? I have never heard of him. (b) _____ me a word earlier ?

Gopal's wife : We thought you would be busy and (c) _____ .

- (a) (i) Who was attending him
- (ii) Who is attending him
- (iii) Who attended him
- (iv) Who had attended him
- (b) (i) Why she couldn't have sent me
- (ii) Why you couldn't have sent me
- (iii) Why didn't you send
- (iv) Why couldn't she has sent me
- (c) (i) doesn't wish to trouble you
- (ii) didn't wish to trouble you
- (iii) don't wish to trouble him
- (iv) didn't wished to trouble him

11. Look at the words and phrases given below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences as shown in the example.

1×3=3

Example :

can result / or fire / electrical faults / in shock

Electrical faults can result in shock or fire

- (a) due to / every year / people / electric shock / die / an
 (b) can kill / even / of current / a small / amount
 (c) of electricity / water / an excellent / is / conductor

12. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is an error in each line against which a blank is given. Write the incorrect word along with the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number as given in the example. Remember to underline the word that you have supplied.

1×6=6

	<i>Incorrect</i>	<i>Correct</i>
Success in life most depends	e.g. most	<u>mostly</u>
in the power of concentration.	(a) _____	_____
Concentration improve the quality of work	(b) _____	_____
and he can understand	(c) _____	_____
a most intricate thing with	(d) _____	_____
easily. Clear thinking and	(e) _____	_____
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SECTION D — (Literature + Value Based Question)

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

1×4=4

It was a magnificent view. Against the backdrop of densely wooded hills a sea of tea bushes stretched as far as the eyes could see. Dwarfing the tiny tea plants were tall sturdy shade-trees and amidst the orderly rows of bushes busily moved doll-like figures. In the distance was an ugly building with smoke billowing out of tall chimneys.

“Hey, a tea garden !” Rajvir cried excitedly. Pranjol, who had been born and brought up on a plantation, didn’t share Rajvir’s excitement.

- (i) Which magnificent view is Rajvir taking about ?
- (ii) What made the tea plants look dwarf ?
- (iii) Who was more excited about the tea gardens, Rajvir or Pranjol ? Give a reason.
- (iv) Which word in the passage means the same as, ‘moving in waves’ ?

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

1×4=4

LOMOV: *[greatly moved]* Honoured Stepan Stepanovitch, do you think I may count on her consent ?

CHUBUKOV: Why, of course, my darling, and ... as if she won’t consent ! She’s in love; egad; she’s like a lovesick cat, and so on. Shan’t be long !

- (i) What does Lomov want to be assured of ?
- (ii) Why does he want this assurance ?
- (iii) Why is Chubukov sure of Natalya’s consent ?
- (iv) Which word in the passage means the same as ‘agree’ ?

14. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the most appropriate options from those given below :

3×2=6

(A) Suddenly, suddenly they heard a nasty sound,
And Mustard growled, and they all looked around.
Meowch ! cried Ink and ooh ! cried Belinda,
For there was a pirate, climbing in the winda.

(a) All of them heard _____ sound.

- (i) a good
- (ii) an unpleasant
- (iii) a pleasant
- (iv) ooh ! ooh !

(b) The word, 'they' in the above lines refers to _____ .

- (i) Belinda and pirate
- (ii) All the animals
- (iii) Mustard and Ink
- (iv) Ink, Belinda and Mustard

(c) 'Winda' in the stanza means _____ .

- (i) window
- (ii) the wind
- (iii) the windpipe
- (iv) a windbag

(B) It sits looking
Over harbour and city
On silent haunches
and then moves on.

(a) 'It' here refers to _____ .

- (i) the little cat
- (ii) feet of the little cat
- (iii) the fog
- (iv) the city

(b) The figure of speech used here is _____ .

- (i) simile
- (ii) metaphor
- (iii) personification
- (iv) both (ii) and (iii)

(c) It _____ over the harbour and the city.

- (i) settles
- (ii) looks
- (iii) moves
- (iv) walks

15. Answer any **three** of the following questions in 30 – 40 words each. 2×3=6

- (a) What are the two theories regarding the origin of the Kodavu people ?
- (b) Why does the conductor refer to 'Valli' as 'Madam' ?
- (c) How did the Buddha teach Kisa Gotami the truth of life and death ?
- (d) How does Chubukov react to Lomov's arrival at his house ?

16. Answer the following question in 120 – 150 words :

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Lomov and Natalya, the two main characters in the play, 'The Proposal' display some of their strange character-traits which may not prove helpful in their lives. Taking instances from the play, discuss only two traits which you think one cannot approve of in one's marriage partner. What qualities should one look for in one's marriage partner ?

17. Answer the following question in 80 – 100 words :

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On the basis of your understanding of the story, sketch the character of M. Loisel.

OR

What kind of person was Richard Ebright ? What role did his mother play in making him a scientist ?

18. Answer any **two** of the following questions in 50 – 60 words each :

3×2=6

- (a) Why did Lutkins pretend to be Bill Magnuson ? How did he befool the lawyer ?
- (b) How does Think-Tank react when he listens to the nursery rhyme, 'Hey, diddle, diddle' ?
- (c) How did Bholi's teacher play an important role in changing the course of her life ?