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ENGLISH (LANGUAGE & LITERATURE)
SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT - I (2014)
Class - IX

Maximum Marks : 70

Time : 3 hours

Instructions :

- (i) 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

- (ii) All questions are compulsory.
(iii) You may attempt any section at a time.
(iv) All questions of one particular section must be attempted in the correct order.

SECTION A

(READING: 20 Marks)

- 1 Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

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Chyur tree is commonly known as 'Phulwara' in northern India, 'Chyur' in Nepal and 'Gopha' in Bengal. It is found in the Himalayan regions with an altitude of 500 to 1200 meters. Chyur tree resembles an umbrella. This tree is large and shady with dense leaves. Its pulpy fruit gets a thick skin on ripening. People in the mountains call it *Kalpavriksha*. It is also known as 'Indian Butter Tree' as it produces oil seeds, which are rich in oil contents and at lower temperature transforms into fat and looks like butter or ghee.

Fertile, moist soil is required for planting and growing of Chyur tree. It bears flowers and fruits from October to January. As this tree blossoms, the atmosphere becomes fragrant and fascinating. The honey made from its flowers is of high quality and is full of nutrients. The oil extracted is called the ghee of Chyur.

Local people extract juice from its flowers and boil it to make Jaggery. Ayurvedic physicians use it as medicine. The seed oil, honey and gur make the tree prominent in

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rural economy. Many cosmetic industries in India use a chemical called palmolic oil which is made from the oil of this tree. Oil cake left after extracting the oil from seeds is used as manure in the fields. This oil cake contains a pesticide chemical, saponin. If this chemical is separated from the oil cakes, it can become a nutritious food for animals. Chyur trees contribute greatly towards prevention of landslides and soil erosion. Its long and broad leaves have the ability to collect soil, water and food materials.

For the past many years, Government of India have been formulating various plans for making the country self-sufficient in edible and non-edible oils. Whereas, the wasteland development has been one of the thrust areas in the Government plans, on the one hand, the self-sufficiency in edible and non-edible oils has been identified as a timely demand on the other. Keeping in view of the above, the plantation of Chyur trees on wastelands throughout the Himalayan sub-tropical belt and in Andaman and Nicobar Islands would be a prudent and wise measure.

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- (a) Why is Chyur tree called 'Indian Butter Tree'?
- (b) When does it bear flowers and fruits?
- (c) How is jaggery made from this tree?
- (d) What makes Chyur tree prominent in rural economy?
- (e) How has the tree contributed to the development of the cosmetic industry?
- (f) Which chemical is separated from the oil cakes to make them a nutritious food for animals?
- (g) How do Chyur trees prevent landslides?
- (h) What steps should the government of India take to make the country self-sufficient in edible and non-edible oils?

2 Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

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- (1) Books are companions for people of all the age groups. eBooks vs printed books is like comparing joint and nuclear family systems. Both have their advantages and disadvantages. eBooks are cost effective and books of all genres can be easily accessed from the internet. Font flexibility makes reading easier, uncountable books can be stored in a single device and most important can help save trees. Packing for trips is hard enough, but it becomes doubly so when faced with the task of choosing which book to carry. The device takes a whole lot of weight from shoulders literally. With the eBook, a reader can take hundreds of books with them on the journey, and

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only take up a few square inches in their carry-on bag.

(2) Reading a printed book can save you from the health hazards of using hi-tech gadgets. For people who consider reading a book as worship, scent of its pages intoxicate their senses. The pleasure of reading a printed book and scribbling comments on the sides of the pages are unmatched. Printed books are not merely about reading, they are an experience. The joy of flipping pages and keeping bookmarks cannot be experienced in an eBook. Constantly reading on the computer screen or a mobile phone can damage the eyes. Apart from physical consideration, studies have shown that when it comes to reading comprehension printed books are still a better choice. Literacy building in children is more effective with a printed book than with an eBook because of the opportunities for interaction between the child and the parent reading the book with the child. In fact in eBooks there is no conversation and nothing to encourage the child to verbalize or explore using language. The research concluded that sometimes 'click-through' added features can actually detract from the reading experience because of all the interruption.

(3) This is not to say Books do not have advantages. It can effectively serve the purpose of convenience and portability. The excitement generated around technologies such as Amazon's Kindle has played its part in the change from page to screen. Both versions complement each other based on why and where each is being used.

(a) List any two advantages of eBooks.

(b) Why does the author say that 'printed books are not merely about reading, they are an experience'?

(c) What are the advantages of eBooks while you are going on a journey?

(d) Why are printed books considered a better option than eBooks for literacy building in children?

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(e) Find words from the passage which mean the same as the following:

(i) a family that consists of father, mother and children as a unit (Para 1)

(ii) enjoyment (Para 2)

(iii) that which makes something complete (Para 3)

(iv) the quality of being useful, easy or suitable (Para 3)

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SECTION B

(WRITING and GRAMMAR: 25 Marks)

- 3 Hockey is our national game. Gradually it is losing the status it once enjoyed. Based on the clues given below write an article in 100-120 words highlighting the causes of the decline of this game and also suggest measures to impose its status. You are Anupam/Anupama. 5
- No Training to players •Lack of facilities •No incentive & support
 - More imp. to cricket

- 4 Write a story in 150-200 words from the outline given below. Give a suitable title to the story. 10

6-year old Amit—back from school saw a baby bird under a tree—unable to fly—worried—nest seen on the tree—2 little birds—picked the baby bird—placed carefully in the nest—mother bird return just then—song of thanks for Amit.

- 5 Complete the following passage by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones given below. Write your answers in the answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. Do not copy the entire passage. 3

My friend Prakash, his brother and I decided to go (a)_____ a trek to the Himalayas. None of us had any experience, but Prakash was acquainted with the dos and don'ts (b)_____ such an expedition. In the few days left for preparation, we (c)_____ books available on the subject.

- (a) (i) on (ii) in (iii) for (iv) to
 (b) (i) as (ii) for (iii) from (iv) with
 (c) (i) read (ii) reading (iii) reads (iv) red

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- 6 In the following passage one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the one that comes after it. The first one has been done as an example. 4

	Previous word	Omitted word	Following word
Animation is art where	e.g. <u>is</u>	<u>an</u>	<u>art</u>
there no limit to	(a) _____	_____	_____
imagination. Making animation	(b) _____	_____	_____
film, however, is so easy. It's	(c) _____	_____	_____
a long tedious task.	(d) _____	_____	_____

- 7 Look at the words and phrases given below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences given in the example. 3

e.g. life/ is/ precious/ in one's/ time/ very

Time is very precious in one's life.

- (a) the same/ we/ in a day/ 24 hours/ all have
 (b) make use/ of it/ is/ how/ we/ important
 (c) therefore/ more effectively/ one/ manage/ should/ one's time

SECTION C

(LITERATURE: 25 Marks)

- 8 Read the extract and answer the following questions: 3

*And I shall have some peace there, for peace comes dropping slow
 Dropping from the veils of the morning to where the cricket sings;*

- (a) What does the word "there" in the above lines refer to?
 (b) How does peace enter the huts of peasants?
 (c) Name the literary device used in the poem.

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Read the extract and answer the following questions:

"I want that toy," he pleaded.

His father looked at him red-eyed, in his familiar tyrant's way. His mother, melted by the free spirit of the day was tender and, giving him her finger to hold, said, "look, child, what is before you!"

- Who demanded the toy?
- How did the father usually behave?
- Which word in the passage means the same as 'begged'?

9 Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each:

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- How was the book that Tommy found different from his own books?
- When was Evelyn's deafness first noticed? When was it confirmed?
- What impact did Ishwaran's story of a female ghost have on Mahendra?
- Why were the people of the kingdom confused when they saw the dead bodies of the king and his minister?

10 "Poor Father, not so big after all-and with no one to look after him." How does this statement justify the importance of love in one's life? (80 - 100 words)

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OR

Disciple in the story didn't look into the depth of the matter and took a hasty decision of not leaving the kingdom of fools. What light does the story throw on the importance of good decision making in one's life? (80-100 words)

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Attempt either question no.11 or 12 in 100-120 words.

11 The little size of Gulliver exposed him to several dangers and ridiculous situations. Explain in reference to Gulliver's voyage to Brobdingnag.

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OR

Which qualities of Gulliver's character enabled him to secure his freedom from the Lilliputians? Explain.

- 12 Narrate the advantages of cheese as a travelling companion to Jerome while travelling from Liverpool. 10

OR

What conclusion did the friend George, Harris and the narrator arrive at about their ailments? Were they physically ill in reality? Explain.
