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SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT – II

ENGLISH (Communicative)

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 70

General 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 that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.



1. Read the passage carefully :

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I was born in the small but beautiful mountain village of Nakuri near Uttarkashi in Garhwal, with the gurgling, playful Bhagirathi river flowing nearby. My parents were a hard-working and extremely self-contained couple. Even though our family was poor, barely managing the essentials, my father taught us how to live and maintain dignity and self-respect — the most treasured family value till today. At the same time my parents also practised the creed, “Kindness is the essence of all religion.” They were large-hearted, inviting village folk passing by to have tea at our home, and gave grain to the sadhus and pandits who came to the house. This characteristic has been ingrained in me so deeply that I am able to reach out to others and make a difference in their lives — whether it is in my home, in society or at the workplace.

I was the third child in the family — girl, boy, girl, girl and boy in that order — and quite a rebel. I developed a tendency to ask questions and was not satisfied with the customary way of life for a girl-child. When I found my elder brother, Bachchan, encouraging our youngest brother, Raju, to take up mountaineering I thought, why not me ? I found that my brothers were always getting preferential treatment and all opportunities and options were open to them. This made me even more determined to not only do what the boys were doing, but to do it better.

The general thinking of mountain people was that mountaineering as a sport was not for them. They considered themselves to be born mountaineers as they had to go up and down mountain slopes for their daily livelihood and even for routine work. On the other hand, as a student, I would look curiously at foreign backpackers passing by my village and wonder where they were going. I would even invite them to my house and talk to them to learn more about their travels. The full significance of this came to me later when I started working. The foreigners took the trouble to come all the way to the Himalayas in order to educate themselves on social, cultural and scientific aspects of mountaineering, as well as to seek peace in nature’s gigantic scheme of things.



1.1 Answer the following questions :

1×8=8

- (a) What does the author tell us about the financial condition of her parents ?
- (b) What is the most treasured value of the author's family ?
- (c) Give an example to show that the author's parents were very hospitable.
- (d) What kind of girl was the author ?
- (e) How do you know that the author's parents discriminated between sons and daughters ?
- (f) Why do the mountain people consider themselves to be born mountaineers ?
- (g) Why would the author invite foreign mountaineers to her house ?
- (h) Why were foreigners drawn to the Himalayas ?

2. Read the passage carefully :

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- 1 One would imagine that at the very sight of the panther, deer, antelopes, and its other preys would just run for their lives. Nothing of the sort. They all stand their ground and make such a loud noise that the panther is left with no other choice except to leave quietly. I have seen a tiny *chital* baby standing in the middle of an opening in the forest, stamping its feet on the ground and shooing away a tiger. With the white of its erect tail showing, it kept up its shrill call until the tiger made itself scarce. No tiger in its senses would attempt to catch such an impertinent brat, just as you would not dream of catching an offending crow cawing away in your verandah.
- 2 While the panther sticks to cover and hugs the edge of the forest, the game animals, on the other hand, like to assemble right out in open vast grazing grounds. Open spaces which the panther carefully avoids, are what the game animals deliberately seek.
- 3 It is difficult to describe the pandemonium kicked up by various animals when they spot or suspect a panther around. The *chital* strikes a shrill note, the *kakar* emits a deafening bark and the sambar rings a bell. The peacock on its perch, the jungle fowl on the ground, and the monkey on treetops, all join in the chorus of



condemnation of the panther. They curse the panther in their own inimitable language. The resulting confusion of sounds is so irritating to the sharp ears of the panther that it is left with no other option except to go away.

- 4 The panther has thus to deal with its ever alert and watchful associates who show no mercy and expect none. It is a fight between finesse and flight, between clever attack and skilful defence.
- 5 Contrary to the common belief, the panther never springs upon its prey. It stalks as close to its victim as it can manage, and then makes the final dash by rushing at it at a lightning speed.

2.1 Answer the following questions :

2×4=8

- (a) What strategy do animals like deer, antelopes, etc adopt to drive away the panther ?
- (b) How do the panther and the game animals (deer, antelopes, etc) react to open spaces ?
- (c) What effect does the loud noise made by birds and animals have on the panther ?
- (d) How does the panther kill its prey ?

2.2 Find the meanings of the words given below with the help of the options that follow :

1×4=4

- (a) shrill (Para 1)
 - (i) rude
 - (ii) high
 - (iii) offensive
 - (iv) terrible
- (b) deliberately (Para 2)
 - (i) immediately
 - (ii) cleverly
 - (iii) intentionally
 - (iv) naughtily



(c) condemnation (Para 3)

(i) disapproval

(ii) dismissal

(iii) revenge

(iv) annoyance

(d) associates (Para 4)

(i) rivals

(ii) neighbours

(iii) superiors

(iv) partners

SECTION B – (Writing and Grammar)

25 marks

3. Many students from different parts of the country come to Delhi to study. Finding affordable accommodation is the main problem faced by them. Landlords charge exorbitant rents and in some cases refuse to rent rooms to them because of their different food habits and culture. The hostel facility provided by educational institutions is too inadequate to meet the demand. Write a letter in 100 – 120 words to the editor of a local daily drawing attention of the authorities and requesting them to take appropriate action. You are Raman / Raveena, 12, Station Road, Delhi. 5

OR

Accidents happen when people violate traffic rules. Careless drivers cause suffering to themselves and to others. Write an article in 100 – 120 words on “Safe Driving”.

4. Write a story in 150 – 200 words based on the input given below : 10

Travelling in metro — tunnel — lights went out — general panic — pushing and shoving — screams — phone flashlights switched on — an old man

OR

Mrs. Madhu alone in house — had lunch — watching favourite serial — doorbell rang — opened door — a sadhu

5. Complete the following paragraph by filling in the blanks with the help of the given options : 1×3=3

During (a) _____ hottest part of the year, many of our city streets seem to be on fire (b) _____ masses of Gulmohar flowers. This (c) _____ one of the most beautiful trees.

- (a) (i) a (ii) the (iii) an (iv) some
 (b) (i) from (ii) by (iii) with (iv) over
 (c) (i) is (ii) was (iii) are (iv) be

6. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the error and its correction as shown in the example. 1×4=4

	<i>Error</i>	<i>Correction</i>
Neil Armstrong was the commander for Apollo 11.	e.g. <u>for</u>	<u>of</u>
He was the first to walk over	(a) _____	_____
the moon. What many people do not knew	(b) _____	_____
is that unlike most of their fellow	(c) _____	_____
astronauts, he was the civilian	(d) _____	_____
and not part of the military.		

7. Rearrange the following words / phrases to form meaningful sentences. 1×3=3
 The first one has been done as an example.

poverty / the village people / from / most / suffer / of
 Most of the village people suffer from poverty.

- (a) in rural areas / is / employment opportunities / there / of / lack /
 (b) come to cities / in / people / so / of work / search /
 (c) appalling conditions / cities / they / in / live / in /

SECTION C – (Literature : Textbook and Long Reading Text) 25 marks

8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow : $1 \times 3 = 3$

It all started a month ago. Dad and I had spent the entire Saturday afternoon at the Computer Fair.

- (a) Who is the speaker ?
- (b) Why had the speaker and his father gone to the Computer Fair ?
- (c) What does the word, 'entire' mean ?

OR

Ah ! Well-a-day ! What evil looks
Had I from old and young !
Instead of the cross, the Albatross
About my neck was hung.

- (a) Why did the speaker have evil looks from the mariners ?
- (b) Why did they hang the albatross around the speaker's neck ?
- (c) What does the word 'evil' mean ?

9. Answer any **four** of the following questions in 30 – 40 words each : $2 \times 4 = 8$

- (a) How did Patol Babu initially react to the role allotted to him ?
- (b) What kind of woman is Lavinia ?
- (c) What was the aim of the game Dragonquest ?
- (d) How does Decius Brutus interpret Calpurnia's dream ?
- (e) What do the expressions on Ozymandias' face reveal about him ?

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

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Whenever we act against the voice of our conscience, the result is suffering. Explain with reference to the poet's action against the snake and its consequences.

OR

Dedication and hard work are essential for success. Explain how these qualities enable Patol Babu to perform his small role to perfection.

11. Answer the following question in 150 – 200 words :

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What does Anne's diary reveal about the steadily worsening economic and social conditions during the war ?

OR

What is your impression of Peter ?

OR

Helen did not confine herself to acquiring knowledge, but also enjoyed herself by taking part in outdoor activities. Elaborate.

OR

Which traits of Helen's character appeal to you most ? Give a reasoned answer.

QUESTION PAPER CODE 1/1
SECTION A (READING) 20 MARKS

Note : Section A tests a candidate's ability to read and understand only, therefore, no deductions are to be made for errors in spelling, grammar or punctuation. Marks should be awarded if the answer can be clearly understood.

Objective: This section evaluates the reading and comprehension skills of the students and their ability to infer and evaluate the given information.

1. UTTARKASHI **MARKS-8**

Objective: To identify the main points of a text

Marking: 8 marks – 1 mark for each correct answer

Answers :

- a) poor, barely managing their essentials.
- b) how to live and maintain dignity and self-respect
- c) invited village folk passing by to have tea at their home / gave grains to the sadhus and pandits who came to the house
- d) a rebel, asked questions / not satisfied with the customary way of life
- e) The author's brothers were always getting preferential treatment. / All opportunities and options were open to them.
- f) They had to go up and down the mountain slopes for their daily livelihood and even for their routine work.
- g) talk to them to learn more about their travels
- h) to educate themselves on social, cultural and scientific aspects of mountaineering and to seek peace in nature's gigantic scheme of things.

2 PANTHER **TOTAL MARKS-12**

Objective : To identify the main points of a text

Marking : 8 marks - 2 marks for each correct answer

2.1 Answers :

- a) They all stand their ground and make a loud noise to force the panther to go away.
- b) The panther carefully avoids open spaces and tries to stick to the cover and hangs to the edge of the forest, however, the game animals deliberately seek it.
- c) irritating to the sharp ears of the panther so that it is left with no other option except to go away.
- d) stalks as close to its victim as it can manage, and then makes the final dash by rushing at it at a lightning speed.

2.2 Vocabulary

Marking : 4 marks - 1 mark for each correct answer

Answers :

- a) (ii) high
- b) (iii) intentionally
- c) (i) disapproval
- d) (i) rivals

SECTION B (WRITING & GRAMMAR)

TOTAL MARKS - 25

3. LETTER TO THE EDITOR –FINDING AN AFFORDABLE ACCOMMODATION **MARKS - 5**

Objective : To use the given input in a short sustained piece of writing

Marking : Content - 3 marks – (the given information in the question paper to be included)
Format - includes date, subject, addressee and closing
Format to be treated as part of the content
Expression - 2 marks (fluency and accuracy to be taken into account)



Suggested Value Points:

- Problems faced by the students coming from different parts of the country to Delhi.
- Finding affordable accommodation
- Exorbitant rents charged by land lords.
- Refusal to rent rooms because of their different food habits and culture.
- Hostel facilities provided by the educational institutions are inadequate to meet the demand.

Suggestions –APPROPRIATE ACTION

- Appropriate action by the authorities against the landlords.
- Government should make it mandatory for the educational institutions to meet the demand for stay and food.
- Government can fix the rent slabs
- Government can build hostels for students with food and medical facilities .

OR

ARTICLE WRITING –SAFE DRIVING

**Objectives : To plan, organize and present ideas coherently
To write in a style appropriate for
communicative
purposes**

**Marking : Content - 3 marks
Format to be treated as part of the content
Expression- 2 marks (fluency and accuracy to be
taken into account)**

Problems – Reasons

- thrill of speed
- ignoring traffic rules
- always in a hurry to reach the destination
- stress leading to lack of concentration while driving .
- drunken driving
- distractions – mobile phone, music
- youth – impatient
- underage drivers
- increase in traffic / more vehicles on the road



Solutions / Suggestions

- follow traffic rules strictly
- do not jump traffic signals
- wear seat belts and helmets
- more policemen to act as deterrents
- penalty / punishment even for a small violation of rules
- traffic rules to be taught in schools
- while issuing license, there should be comprehensive classes to teach /test traffic rules
- parents to be held responsible for underage drivers
- use of public transport / car pool
- conduct awareness programmes

4. STORY WRITING

MARKS - 10

Objective : To plan, organize and present ideas coherently

Marking : Relevance of content + creativity – 6 marks
Fluency – 2 marks Accuracy – 2 marks
Story completed in any suitable way using the hints provided should be accepted

5. GAP FILLING –GULMOHAR FLOWERS

MARKS-3

Objective : To use grammatical items correctly

Marking : 1 mark for each correct answer

Answers:

- a) (ii) the
- b) (iii) with
- c) (i) is

6. EDITING – Neil Armstrong

MARKS-4

Objective : To use grammatical items correctly

Marking : 1 mark for each correct answer



Answers

error

- a) over
- b) knew
- c) their
- d) the

correction

- on
- know
- his
- a

7. REARRANGEMENT OF WORDS –RURAL AREAS MARKS- 3

Objectives : To reorder words /phrases to write grammatically accurate sentences
To test their knowledge of syntax

Marking : 1 mark for each correct answer
For a partially correct answer, no marks are to be allotted.

Answers:

- a) There is lack of employment opportunities in rural areas. /
In rural areas there is lack of employment opportunities.(any one)
- b) So people come to cities in search of work. /
So in search of work people come to cities.(any one)
- c) They live in appalling conditions in cities. /
In cities they live in appalling conditions. /
They live in cities in appalling conditions.(any one)

SECTION C (LITERATURE)

TOTAL MARKS 25

General Instructions: This section is meant to test the student's familiarity with and appreciation of the set texts. However, if the expression prevents clear communication, 1/2 a mark may be deducted.

8 (a) Objective : To identify the correct answer on the basis of inference, interpretation and comprehension.

PROSE - VIRTUALLY TRUE

MARKS- 3

Marking : 3 marks – 1 mark for each correct answer



Answers :

- a) Michael Dawson / Michael
- b) They were crazy about computers, and to buy the latest with the best configuration.
- c) whole / full / complete (any other relevant answer)

(OR)

POETRY - THE RIME OF THE ANCIENT MARINER

MARKS- 3

Answers :

- a) They held him responsible for their sufferings as he had killed the Albatross .
- b) as a mark of his sin and guilt / as a punishment for killing the harmless albatross.
- c) bad/ blaming / angry/wicked/accusative

9. Answer any four.

TOTAL MARKS 2x4 =8

Objective : To test the ability to infer and evaluate

Marking : 2 marks for each correct answer

(a) PROSE – PATOL BABU

MARKS - 2

Answer :

- happy –excited
- felt important
- beyond his wildest dream
- built castles in the air (any two)

(b) PROSE – SHADY PLOT

MARKS- 2

Answer :

- She had an alarming tendency to follow every new fad.
- fond of socializing
- crazy about Ouija boards
- possessive about her husband / suspicious /unpredictable in her conduct



(c) PROSE –VIRTUALLY TRUE

MARKS - 2

Answer :

To rescue Knight Sebastian and the fair princess Aurora who had been imprisoned at the top of a tall tower from the wicked dragon (and collect the wicked creature's treasure along the way.)

(d) DRAMA – JULIUS CAESAR

MARKS – 2

Answer :

- calls the dream a favourable and a fortunate one
- the blood will give life and energy to the Romans
- people will stain their handkerchiefs in his blood
- will serve as colours added to a coat of arms , an object of reverence -mementoes and a badge of service.(any two).

(e) POETRY:OZYMANDIAS

MARKS- 2

Answer :

Arrogant, proud, haughty, vain, cruel, conceited

(any two)

10. Answer any one in 80 – 100 words

TOTAL MARKS – 4

Objective : To help students relate the values in the text to their own lives and understand their importance

**Marking : Content - 2marks
Expression – 2 marks**

a) POETRY - SNAKE

Answer :

- The graceful and dignified presence of the snake fascinated him and filled him with awe.
- treated him as guest
- Voice of education told him that the yellow brown snakes were venomous and must be killed.
- Poet hit the harmless snake with a log.
- Snake slithered in panic for safety into the bowels of the earth.
- Poet filled with guilt and shame.
- repented his petty act
- wished the snake to reappear and get a chance to expiate
(Any suitable answer for the last part of the question)



b) PROSE – PATOL BABU

Answer:

- His dedication and hard work helped him succeed.
- worked hard on the monosyllabic dialogue ‘Oh!’ given to him
- remembered the words of his mentor, Gogon Pakrashi
- practised the syllable with inflections and rehearsed in front of the glass windows of the closed shops.
- uttered the word with anguish, surprise and irritation
- suggested the idea of having a newspaper in his hand when the collision took place
- counted the steps
- did not wait for his remuneration as he thought that the satisfaction of job done with perfection was better
- He , the director and the hero were happy with the performance.

LONG READING TEXT (NOVELS)

11. Answer any one in 150 – 200 words

TOTAL MARKS- 10

Objective : To understand and relate to the prescribed text and be able to make an analysis of events and characters.

Marking : Content : 5 marks

Expression : 5 marks

Answers :

THE DIARY OF A YOUNG GIRL

- Conditions worsened day by day during the war
- half a pound of coffee cost eighty guilders
- lot of trading in the black market
- long queues for vegetables and all kinds of goods
- break-ins , murders, thefts , swindling -daily occurrences
- Doctors could not visit patients.
- Cars and bikes were stolen.
- never left homes for fear of things being stolen
- Police and night watchmen were getting alert.
- space crunch and no family time



THE DIARY OF A YOUNG GIRL– IMPRESSION OF PETER

- Peter Van Daan is shy, inarticulate and awkward
- cannot assert himself
- gets convinced by others
- lazy
- hardly a person worth Anne's notice
- desperately in need of affection
- suffered from inferiority complex
- not developed much in the two years he spent in the Annexe.

THE STORY OF MY LIFE –ENJOYED OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

- Helen was very adventurous and enterprising.
- lover of outdoor sports
- did not let her handicap stand in the way of enjoyment
- learnt swimming and rowing .
- participated in the boat race, liked canoeing on moonlit nights.
- found joy in walking leisurely and riding her bicycle
- had a great love for theatre , museums and art lore

THE STORY OF MY LIFE – TRAITS THAT APPEAL

- conquered her handicaps
- strong determination and love for nature
- communicated with others
- the more she attained the higher she aspired
- undying spirit
- gave the world the lesson of optimism and positivity
- hunger for knowledge.

