

**SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT - II, For 2014**  
**ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE**  
**Class - X**

**EC 2018**

**Maximum Marks : 80**

**Time : 3 hours**

**Instructions :**

The question paper is divided into **four sections**.

Section A	:	Reading	20 marks
Section B	:	Writing	20 marks
Section C	:	Grammar	20 marks
Section D	:	Literature	20 marks

**SECTION - A**  
**(Reading - 20 Marks)**

1. **Read the poem given below.** 5

**In London Town**

It was a bird of Paradise  
Over the roof he flew.  
All the children in a trice  
Clapped their hands and cried.

"How nice!  
Look-his wings are blue!"  
His body was of ruby red.  
His eyes were burning gold,  
All the grown-up people said,  
"What a pity the creature is not  
dead, For then it could be sold!"

One was braver than the rest,  
He took a loaded gun;  
Aiming at the emerald chest,  
He shot the creature through the breast,  
Down it fell in the sun.  
It was not fat, it was not heavy  
And folk began to stare.  
"We cannot eat it, that is flat!  
And such outlandish feathers as that  
Why, who could ever wear?"

They flung it into the river brown,  
A pity the creature died!"

With a smile and with a frown,  
Thus they did in London town;  
But all the children cried.

Given below is a summary of the poem. Fill in the blanks with suitable words to complete the summary. Use only one word for each blank.

The children clapped their (a) \_\_\_\_\_ and cried when they saw a beautiful (b) \_\_\_\_\_. The grownups wanted to (c) \_\_\_\_\_ the bird so that it could be sold. Then one of the men took a loaded gun and (d) \_\_\_\_\_ at the bird. It fell down (e) \_\_\_\_\_. They found that it was neither fat nor (f) \_\_\_\_\_ and so they (g) \_\_\_\_\_ it into the river. The poem highlights that while the children are (h) \_\_\_\_\_ and kind hearted the adults are cruel and (i) \_\_\_\_\_. We learn from the poem that (j) \_\_\_\_\_ love nature"s creations.

**2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing 5 the answers from the given options.**

In modern times, we take mostly faulty and unbalanced diet like refined, synthetic and processed foods and also white flour, white sugar and foods with chemical additives. As a result, the digestive system of our body gets disturbed. Stomach, which is the most important part of the digestive system, suffers mostly by the faulty diet. It becomes inactive with the functioning of digestion in an improper manner. Later on many diseases and disorders appear in the body with the loss of health.

By the intake of faulty diet, the toxins start building up in the body. Due to the presence of these toxins, the waste matter gets blocked and the process of digestion and assimilation slows down. The best remedy for this problem is fasting. It is the oldest natural therapy which has been practised since ancient times. Fasting, in simple words, means living without food. The body also gets physical, mental and psychological rest with less eating. Fasting for a day is good for health.

Fasting improves digestion, assimilation and cleansing of all parts of the body. It tones up the entire system. The liver becomes active to remove toxic matter.

The digestive system gets rest and starts functioning properly. It also increases natural resistance to diseases.

- (1) Why does our digestive system get disturbed?
  - (a) due to diseases and disorders in the body
  - (b) due to intake of faulty and unbalanced diet
  - (c) due to inactivity
  - (d) due to the blockage of waste matter.
  
- (2) How does stomach suffer if we consume faulty diet?
  - (a) We suffer from stomachache.
  - (b) We suffer from vomitings.
  - (c) Stomach"s functioning becomes slow.
  - (d) Stomach becomes inactive.

- (3) „It is the oldest natural therapy.“(Paragraph 2). Here „it“ refers to :
- (a) food (b) fasting  
(c) diet (d) remedy
- (4) Which organ helps the body to get rid of toxic waste?
- (a) stomach (b) lungs  
(c) liver (d) intestines
- (5) The word „assimilation“ (Paragraph 2) means
- (a) dissimilarity (b) indigestion  
(c) combination (d) absorption

**3. Read the passage given below and complete the sentences which follow.**

Man's dependence on plants is indispensable. It is this dependence for food, shelter and clothing that has led him to explore all possible ways to preserve plants from being lost to the ravages of natural and man made calamities. Accordingly, man has used different methods to overcome these calamities. While doing so, scientists hit upon a technique whereby plants can not only be restored from being lost, but can also be developed into a complete plant from a small plant part. This technique, called tissue culture subsequently proved to be a boon for mankind. Basically, tissue culture is a technique by which small pieces of different parts of a plant body are grown on a nutritional media under completely sterile condition. These plants divide and gradually develop either into unorganised mass of cells called callus or after a few cell divisions differentiate to form full-fledged plants.

The concept of tissue culture dates back to 1878 when a German Botanist Vochting said that from a small plant piece, a whole plant can be regenerated. Later, other scientists like Haberlandt in 1902 postulated that cultivation of artificial embryos is possible depending on the nutritional media.

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- (a) Man has tried all methods to preserve plants because he depends \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) Scientists found a technique that can save plants from \_\_\_\_\_ .  
but also \_\_\_\_\_.
- (c) The technique by which a new plant is developed from a small plant is called \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (d) The idea of tissue culture was first introduced in \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_
- (e) Pick out the word from second paragraph which means the same as „assumed to be true“ \_\_\_\_\_ .

**4. Read the passage given below and complete the statements that follow by choosing the answers from given options.**

According to a study by the Tata Energy Research Institute (TERI), pollution in India

could rise to alarming levels by the middle of the century unless urgent action is taken. The study estimates that under current conditions, the suspended particulate matter (SPM) load in air would rise to 52 million tons by 2047, up from 17 million in 1997. Methane released from landfills would increase from 7 million to 39 million tons during the same period. The study cites industrial production, motor vehicles and fossil fuels as the biggest potential contributors. All this contribute to global warming and acute respiratory problems.

One solution to the problem is the increased use of EVS short for electrically powered vehicles. An EV is an environment friendly vehicle which runs on an electric motor powered by a rechargeable battery. It is nearly noiseless and emits no harmful exhaust. EVS are easier to service and maintain, and are ideal for “stop-start” city driving conditions. The absence of gears and clutch makes them extremely reliable and easy to drive and manoeuvre on congested roads.

- (4.1) According to TERI study, the rise in SPM load in air by 2047 will be of :
- (a) 52 million tons
  - (b) 7 million tons
  - (c) 35 million tons
  - (d) 39 million tons
- (4.2) Landfills contribute to air pollution by producing:
- (a) harmful exhausts
  - (b) methane gas
  - (c) global warming
  - (d) Suspended Particulate Matter (SPM)
- (4.3) EVS (Electrically Powered Vehicles ) are said to be environment friendly as :
- (a) they run on electricity
  - (b) they do not consume fossil fuels.
  - (c) they are easier to maintain
  - (d) both (a) and (b)
- (4.4) “Stop-start” city driving conditions (Paragraph 3 ) refer to :
- (a) slow moving traffic in cities
  - (b) traffic signals at crossings
  - (c) long traffic jams on roads
  - (d) congested and narrow roads
- (4.5) The word, „manoeuvre” (Paragraph 3) means:
- (a) to move fast
  - (b) to perform tricks
  - (c) to move skilfully or carefully
  - (d) to move into a desired position

## SECTION - B (Writing - 20 Marks)

5. Here is some information about Tensing Norgay. Use this information to write his biographical sketch in about 80 words. 4

Introduction: a great mountaineer, the first to climb Mt. Everest with Edmund Hillary.

Birth : 1914 in Nepal, poor parents, became Indian citizen in 1933. Childhood name Namgyal Wagundi

Early life : No education, interested in mountaineering since childhood, became an excellent mountaineer, went with all expeditions to Mt. Everest from 1936 to 1953.

Achievements : Member of the British mountaineering team, in 1953 the first to climb Mt Everest, the highest peak in the world. Reached the summit of Mt. Everest with Hillary on March 29, 1953.

Awards and Honours : appointed Director of Himalayan Mountaineering Institute in 1954, Padma Bhushan by Govt of India in 1959, nick named „Tiger of Snow“.

Death : 1986.

6. Recently you celebrated your Grandfather's retirement in a big and grand way. All your aunts and uncles were witness to this grand celebration but one of your cousins could not come. Write an Email to him giving him all the details of the happenings in about 120 words. 8
7. Tourism is a growing industry which can enhance the country's economy but of late the number of tourists coming to India has gone down due to violence and terrorist attacks. Write an article for the Hindustan Times in about 150 words on how to attract more tourists to the country. 8

## SECTION - C (Grammar - 20 Marks)

8. Complete the paragraph given below by choosing the correct options from those that follow: 4

According to the reports issued (a) \_\_\_\_\_ the Meteorological office, there has been (b) \_\_\_\_\_ fog this winter than during the (c) \_\_\_\_\_. The Minister of Tourism (d) \_\_\_\_\_ that the delayed flights will lead to (e) \_\_\_\_\_ cancellations which in turn (f) \_\_\_\_\_ mean much loss for (g) \_\_\_\_\_ dependent (h) \_\_\_\_\_ the tourist arrival.

(a) (i) on (ii) by (iii) at (iv) in

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| (b) (i) much       | (ii) more   | (iii) many   | (iv) most   |
| (c) (i) latest     | (ii) latter | (iii) last   | (iv) later  |
| (d) (i) is fearing | (ii) fears  | (iii) fear   | (iv) feared |
| (e) (i) much       | (ii) most   | (iii) many   | (iv) less   |
| (f) (i) can        | (ii) must   | (iii) should | (iv) will   |
| (g) (i) that       | (ii) those  | (iii) this   | (iv) these  |
| (h) (i) in         | (ii) for    | (iii) upon   | (iv) from   |

**9. Read the conversation given below and fill in the blanks to complete the 4 paragraph that follows by choosing the correct options. (4 marks)**

Reema : Can you hear that noise? What do you think it is?

Rahul : I think it's only rats running up and down. Reema :

No, I think it's someone trying to get in.

Rahul : I'll go and see myself.

Hearing a loud noise downstairs, Reema asked Rahul (i) \_\_\_\_\_ and

(ii) \_\_\_\_\_. Rahul thought that it was the noise of only rats running up and down but Reema said that (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ trying to get in. To that Rahul agreed and said (iv) \_\_\_\_\_.

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| (i) (a) that he can hear that noise | (b) if you can hear that noise        |
| (c) if he could hear that noise     | (d) if he heard that noise            |
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| (ii) (a) asked what you think it is | (b) enquired what you thought it is   |
| (c) enquired what he thought it is  | (d) enquired what he thought it was   |
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| (iii) (a) she thought it is someone | (b) she thought it was someone        |
| (c) I think it was someone          | (d) I think it is someone.            |
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| (iv) (a) I will go and see myself   | (b) he would go and see myself        |
| (c) that he will go and see himself | (d) that he would go and see himself. |

**10. Rearrange the following words / phrases to make meaningful sentences. 4  
The first one has been done for you.**

and interesting events / who collect information/ reporters are people/about/ important

Reporters are people who collect information about important and interesting events.

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| (a) write articles/about /some of them/ for newspapers/ these events |
| (b) news reports/ others / or television programmes/ on radio/ give  |
| (c) try to/ information/ reporters/ personally/ collect the          |
| (d) they risk/ sometimes /to collect/ their lives/ the news          |

**11. In the following passage there is an errors in each line. Write the incorrect word 4**

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and the correction in the space provided.

	Error	Correction
In the absence of rain all the river	(a) _____	_____
get dry. Crops failed in the absence of	(b) _____	_____
water. There is a food shortage and we	(c) _____	_____
have to go with other countries with a	(d) _____	_____
begging bowl. Who don't know the	(e) _____	_____
advantages of a trees? In the absence of	(f) _____	_____
forests we get not fruits, nuts, fibers	(g) _____	_____
and herbs at medicinal use.	(h) _____	_____

12. Complete the following news reports accompanying the headlines.

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- (a) Bomb Hoax Delays AI Flight.  
An Air India flight to London \_\_\_\_\_ for about 5 hours after a call was received from an unknown caller.
- (b) C.B.S.E. Exam Result Tomorrow.  
Result of the CBSE Senior School Certificate Examination 2011 \_\_\_\_\_ on May 28.
- (c) Director Inaugurates Bank Extension Counter.  
The Managing Director of the Punjab National Bank \_\_\_\_\_ at the Heart and Lung Institute in Chandigarh yesterday.
- (d) 5 Lakh Jobs To Be Created by 2012-Planning Commission.  
Mr Naresh Chopra, member of the Planning Commission said Yesterday that \_\_\_\_\_ by the year 2012.

### SECTION - D (Literature - 20 Marks)

13A. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the correct options:

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And now there came both mist and snow,  
And it grew wondrous cold,  
And ice, mast high, came floating by  
As green as emerald.

- (i) It grew wondrous cold because \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (a) of the change of weather  
(b) of the floating ice  
(c) the sun did not appear in the sky for days together  
(d) the ship had reached the Polar region
- (ii) The floating ice was \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) breaking into pieces  
(b) producing a rumbling sound

- (c) as high as the mast of the ship
  - (d) wondrously cold
- (iii) The poetic device used in the last line is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) Simile
  - (b) Metaphor
  - (c) Personification
  - (d) Alliteration

OR

13. (A) Counting your chickens again before they're hatched, are you?  
No wonder you could never make a go of it."
- (a) Who is the speaker?
    - (i) Patol Babu
    - (ii) Patol Babu's wife
    - (iii) Naresh Dutt
    - (iv) Chanchal kumar
  - (b) What topic was being discussed?
    - (i) a role in the shoot
    - (ii) money
    - (iii) writing books
    - (iv) none of the above
  - (c) "make a go of it" means;
    - (i) to act hard
    - (ii) to fail
    - (iii) become successful
    - (iv) to cheat

(B) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: 3

I sat staring at it and presently noticed something just taking shape.

It was exactly like watching one of these moving picture cartoons being put together.

- (a) What was the narrator staring at?
- (b) How was the figure taking shape?
- (c) Who was gradually taking a definite shape part by part?

14. Answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each. 2x4=8

- (a) Who was Sebastian Shultz? How did he meet with an accident?
- (b) Why is Decius Brutus successful in taking Caesar to the senate inspite of Calpurnia's efforts to prevent him from going?
- (c) What are the sufferings undergone by the mariners in the Silent Sea?
- (d) What did voice of education say to the poet in the poem, „snake“?
- (e) What idea did Patol Babu have while rehearsing? Did the director approve of the idea?

15. Answer the following question in about 120 words. 6



Antony was a great orator. Comment on the speech given by him to provoke the Roman mob against the conspirators.

OR

Describe the picture of Ozymandias that emerges in your mind after reading the poem. How was his dream of perpetuating his memory reduced to dust?