

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

61005

Maximum Marks : 80

Time : 3 hours

**Instructions :**

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

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| 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 roofs 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 heavy, it was not fat,  
And folks began to stare.  
"We cannot eat it, that is flat!  
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 the summary of the poem. Fill in the blanks with suitable words to complete the summary.**

The children clapped and cried when (a)\_\_\_\_\_. The grown-ups wanted to kill the bird so that (b)\_\_\_\_\_ and one of the men(c)\_\_\_\_\_ and shot the bird through the breast and the (d)\_\_\_\_\_. Then they found that

(e)\_\_\_\_\_ because (f)\_\_\_\_\_. So they (g)\_\_\_\_\_ with a mixed feeling of (h)\_\_\_\_\_. The poem highlights that while the children

(i)\_\_\_\_\_ the adults (j)\_\_\_\_\_. We learn from the poem that as children, human beings have emotions and a natural love for all creatures but when they grow old, their emotions die and they become selfish and greedy.

**2. Read the passage given below and complete the sentences that follow by choosing the answers from the given options :**

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World Food Day is observed on October 16 every year. The day is meant to highlight the plight of the hungry, the under nourished and the malnourished of the world. The plight of the children of the poor is miserable, among whom the girl child is the worst off. India ranks high in the number of people unable to get minimum calorie requirements of each day.

Irony here is that the people who work to grow food are the ones who mainly go hungry. United Nation’s report released on the occasion of the World Food Day gives details of what hunger does to the individual, the family and society as a whole. Seven out of ten of the world’s poor are women and girls. Therefore, a focus on women is essentially a focus on the poorest.

There is strong evidence that empowering women is the surest way to reduce poverty. In households facing continuous hunger, even babies in mother’s wombs, the newborn and young children do not receive the required nutrition. This results in inadequate development of physical and mental capacities in the new generation. A physically and mentally weak new generation is doomed to perpetuate the hunger- poverty cycle. Maternal malnutrition is a vital guarantee of low birth weight, stunted growth, susceptibility to disease and quite often intellectual impairment. It can devastate a child.

(1) World Food Day is observed to highlight the \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) the attention of the beggars
- (b) the condition of the girl child
- (c) the undeveloped economy of the country
- (d) the undernourished and malnourished

(2) A country that is unable to give its minimum calorie to its inhabitants is

- (a) America
- (b) Russia

- (c) India (d) U.K.
- (3) The statement – „the people who work to grow food are the ones who mainly go hungry“ is an example of \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (a) a simile (b) irony  
(c) a pun (d) an onomatopoeia
- (4) Find the word in the passage which means the same as „giving more strength“.
- (a) susceptibility (b) empowering  
(c) continuous (d) adequate
- (5) Maternal malnutrition leads a child to \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (a) zenith (b) devastation  
(c) village (d) decay

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

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The U.S. India, and Gandhiji have a long history of influence on each other and Gandhiji's impact, both past and present on the US has been immeasurable, invaluable and immense.

Gandhiji was a guiding light for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Gandhiji's teachings on civil disobedience set the tone for the civil rights in America. As Dr. King himself said during his visit to India, "since being in India, I am more convinced than ever before that the method of non-violent resistance is the most potent weapon available to the oppressed people in their struggle for justice and human dignity. In a real sense, Mahatma Gandhi embodied in his life certain universal principles that are inherent in the moral structure of the universe, and these principals are as inescapable as the law of gravitation."

Just as Gandhiji inspired Dr King, the American philosopher Henry David Thoreau helped shape some of Gandhiji's strongest beliefs. Thoreau was once sentenced to serve in prison for his peaceful protest against slavery in America. Gandhiji certainly would have appreciated Thoreau's views on living a simple life.

The US-India partnership is driven by our shared values, many of which have been heavily influenced by Gandhiji's teachings and beliefs. For example, Gandhiji's values and thinking on equality and acceptance of all religions, tolerance, and communal unity, which are now part of the fabric of Indian society and culture, are among the strongest of the shared values that have driven our close people-to-people ties and are growing strategic government to - government ties.

- (a) Martin Luther King Junior used to adore \_\_\_\_\_ in America.  
(g) Gandhiji's principles were as unavoidable as \_\_\_\_\_ .  
(c) American philosopher \_\_\_\_\_ Gandhiji's philosophy of life.  
(d) Government ties and the fabric of Indian society is woven by \_\_\_\_\_ and communal unity.  
(e) Indo-US partnership is based on \_\_\_\_\_ .

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

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Tea, like rice, is a way of life in China. It is drunk before, after and between

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meals. Many legends are told about the origin of tea. One such tale is about the Indian Buddhist monk, Bodhidharma, who travelled to China to spread the message of Buddhism. At one point, he tore off his eye lids and flung them on the ground to prevent sleep from coming in the way of his work. The plant which sprung from this spot, the story goes, continues to give us this refreshing brew.

Tea drinking, as an art form, first appeared in the Tang dynasty. **The Classic of Tea**, by the scholar Lu Yu, was written in this period and is considered the foremost guide to learning about tea. In the nineteenth century the Britons went to war with China to break its trade monopoly, and forced it to open its ports to the West.

In a traditional tea ceremony, the hostess does not fill her guest's cup to the brim. It is her way of showing that the love and affection the two share will top it up. The Chinese value the brew for all its attributes – taste, smell, appearance and therapeutic properties. It is normally drunk without milk or sugar and devoted drinkers pay great attention to the source and temperature of the water, the tea ware and many other minute details.

But China's favorite brew is facing many threats. Multinational coffee brands are working hard at luring the young to their cafes. Mushrooming fast food outlets, which offer instant tea, coffee and coco also pose a threat. The older generation may be content with communing with a pot of homemade brew, but some young Chinese are beating a path to their past. Not impressed by these new, imported brews, they continue to frequent exclusive traditional tea houses. That goes to show that, come what may the Chinese will always drink tea.

- (1) According to one legend the refreshing brew comes from the \_\_\_\_\_ flung on the ground.
  - (a) tongue
  - (b) nose
  - (c) eyelids
  - (d) ear
- (2) Tea drinking as started by the Tang dynasty is \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - (a) a skill
  - (b) an art
  - (c) a sport
  - (d) a pastime
- (3) In a traditional tea ceremony the cup is left to be filled with \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - (a) tea leaves
  - (b) sugar cubes
  - (c) love and affection
  - (d) cup of milk
- (4) The young Chinese are now taking to \_\_\_\_\_ houses.
  - (a) homemade
  - (b) imported
  - (c) instant coffee
  - (d) traditional tea
- (5) The word, „luring“ means \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - (a) attracting or enticing
  - (b) contributing
  - (c) possessing
  - (d) claiming

## SECTION - B

### (Writing - 20 Marks)

5. Given below is a profile of an actress, Anu Kumar. Write a short bio-sketch of
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Anu Kumar in about 80 words.

You may take the help of the clues given below :

- Age - 24 years
- Height - six feet, weight – 40 kg
- Marital status - unmarried
- Family - two sisters, one brother
- Education - B.A
- National award - 1999
- Good sense of humour
- Acted in ten movies

6. Write a letter to the Editor of „The Times of India“ about the poor condition of roads in your locality. This causes frequent accidents. You are Amit/ Amita of 8  
8, Connaught Place, Delhi.
7. The Commonwealth Games have brought India into limelight. Its arts, culture, food, literature and monuments- everything is in focus. Yet when you visited a national monument recently, you were pained to see its plight. With the help of words given below and using ideas from the unit, Travel and Tourism, write an article for your school magazine in about 150 words. Also give a suitable title to your article. 8

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lack of essential services, poor state of maintenance,  
beggars, misuse, writing on walls

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### SECTION - C (Grammar - 20 Marks)

8. Complete the passage given below choosing correct alternatives. 1/2x8=4
- There was a time when children were sent off to school (a)\_\_\_\_\_ parents sat back and watched their wards get education. There were no weekly sessions (b)\_\_\_\_\_ teachers and parents to discuss the progress of their wards. Nor were there (c)\_\_\_\_\_ meetings with the school counsellor to tell parents where they erred. Not so today. More and more parents (d)\_\_\_\_\_ of the stress of doing their children"s homework. With both parents working there is an underlying feeling of being blackmailed (e)\_\_\_\_\_ feeling that they are not doing enough for their kids. So gruelling evenings (f)\_\_\_\_\_ learning physics or chemistry. There is a resentment (g)\_\_\_\_\_ many parents that their already stressful lives are further burdened with the homework duty piled (h)\_\_\_\_\_ them.
- (a) (i) or (ii) though (iii) when (iv) and  
 (b) (i) among (ii) with (iii) between (iv) within  
 (c) (i) any (ii) some (iii) many (iv) few  
 (d) (i) have complained (ii) complains  
 (iii) were complaining (iv) are complaining  
 (e) (i) with (ii) for (iii) into (iv) of  
 (f) (i) have been spent (ii) are spent

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|     | (iii) had been spent | (iv) were spent     |
| (g) | (i) from (ii) of     | (iii) by (iv) among |
| (h) | (i) into (ii) on     | (iii) up (iv) of    |

9. Complete the following news reports by choosing the correct options : 1x4=4

(a) RBI HIKES KEY INTEREST RATES

Reserve Bank of India \_\_\_\_\_ key interest rates by 25 basis points with immediate effect.

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| (i) has hiked   | (ii) hiked    |
| (iii) will hike | (iv) may hike |
- (b) FAKE VISA RACKET BUSTED

A fake visa racket \_\_\_\_\_ with the arrest of two youths in Bangalore.

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| (i) is busted   | (ii) has been busted |
| (iii) will bust | (iv) had been busted |

(c) BOAT OVERTURNED : FISHERMEN DROWNED

Three fishermen \_\_\_\_\_ in the Indian ocean on Monday.

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| (i) were drowned when their boat overturned.          |
| (ii) got drowned when their boat overturned.          |
| (iii) had been drowned in the overturn of their boat. |
| (iv) have been drowned when a boat overturned.        |

(d) MAN SHEDS 27 KGS IN SIX MONTHS BY WALKING

A man \_\_\_\_\_ by walking over a period of 6 months.

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| (i) will shed 27 kgs | (ii) sheds 27 kgs     |
| (iii) was to shed    | (iv) will be shedding |

10. Rearrange the following words to form meaningful sentences. The first one has been done for you. 1x4=4

Example : getting/ways/the/running/one/is/of/best/of/fit.

Running is one of the best ways of getting fit.

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| (i) and/requires/inexpensive/it"s/equipment/no special.                       |
| (ii) easily/routine/everyday/can/your/it/with/fit in.                         |
| (iii) swimming/lots more/calories/eats up/running/per minute/than/or cycling. |
| (iv) you run/when/that/make sure/your/strides are/not/too long.               |

11. In the passage given below, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after it. Ensure that your answer is underlined. 1/2x8=4

Sophie"s face faded into grey winter light      Eg : into the grey  
of the sitting room. She dozed the armchair      (a) \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_  
that Joe had brought for her their 40<sup>th</sup>      (b) \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

anniversary. The room warm and quiet. Outside it snowing lightly  
 At quarter past one mailman turned the corner into Alleer Street. He late not because the snow but because it Valentine"s Day.

(c) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (d) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (e) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (f) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (g) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (h) \_\_\_\_\_

12. Complete the following news reports accompanying the following headlines by filling in the blanks. 1x4=4

(a) **VVS Laxman, Vaseline and Vaughan stir up a pot**

A controversy erupted in the second India – England Test when VVS Laxman \_\_\_\_\_ to manipulate the Hot – Spot technology.

(b) **Train accident in West Bengal, minister denies casualties.**

Railway minister Dinesh Trivedi \_\_\_\_\_ in Malda in West Bengal.

(c) **Another CIA station chief exits Islamabad**

Yet another CIA station chief in Islamabad \_\_\_\_\_ Pakistan last week.

(d) **Sikh judge appointed to UK High Court, can wear turban.**

The UK High Court \_\_\_\_\_ rather than a traditional judicial wig.

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

13A. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the correct options. 3

In mist or cloud, on mast or shroud,  
 It perched for vespers nine;  
 Whiles all the night through fog-smoke white,  
 Glimmered the white Moon-shine.

(a) Who is „it“ in the above lines ?

- (i) The ship                      (ii) The albatross  
 (iii) The sea-birds          (iv) The fog

(b) What does „vespers nine“ refer to ?

- (i) the time of 9 o“ clock  
 (ii) the fangs of a snake  
 (iii) the nine corners of a ship  
 (iv) the evening time of prayer (church service) for nine days.

(c) Why was „it“ a boon for the sailors ?

- (i) because it had brought a lot of money  
 (ii) because it had helped the sailors reach the shore  
 (iii) because it along with its friends had helped the sailors  
 (iv) because it had brought luck and the sailors could move out of the land of mist and snow

OR

These couching and these lowly courtesies  
Might fire the blood of ordinary men, And  
turn pre-ordinance and first decree Into  
the law of children.

Thy brother by decree is banished:

If thou dost bend and pray, and fawn, for him,  
I spurn thee, like a cur, out of my way.

- (a) Who is Caesar speaking to here ?  
(i) Brutus (ii) Cassius (iii) Antony (iv) Metellus Cimber
- (b) Why was Caesar angry with the person he was speaking to ?  
(i) Because he was conspiring against him  
(ii) Because he had joined hands with the enemies of Rome  
(iii) Because he was pleading for his banished brother  
(iv) Because he didn't render his duties sincerely
- (c) Which figure of speech is used in the last line ?  
(i) Metaphor (ii) Personification (iii) Alliteration (iv) Simile

**13 B. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :**

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"Counting your chickens again before they're hatched, are you ? No wonder you could never make a go of it."

- (a) Who speaks the above lines ?  
(b) What does the idiom, "counting your chickens before they are hatched" mean ?  
(c) What is the speaker's impression of the person spoken to ?

**14. Answer any four of the following in 30-40 words each.**

**2x4=8**

- (a) Who is Jenkins ? In what sense is he helpful to John ?  
(b) Why was Patol Babu not excited about the role assigned to him by Naresh Dutt ?  
(c) What is the attitude of the poet to king Ozymandias ?  
(d) The crowd in Julius Caesar is fickle minded. Comment.  
(e) Why did the Wedding Guest beat his breast ?

**15. Answer the following in about 120 words.**

**6**

As one of the sailors write a diary entry on how you felt after the ancient mariner had committed the sin of killing the albatross, for which you think he deserved a punishment.

OR

Imagine you are Mark Antony. With your skilful oratory you are able to turn the tables on the murderers of Caesar. As Mark Antony, write a diary entry about the day's events and your satisfaction that you were able to take revenge on the assassins of Caesar.