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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+05 = 35 Marks**

(ii) *All questions are compulsory.*

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

SECTION A

Reading (20 Marks)

1. Read the passage given below and complete the sentences that follow by choosing the most appropriate options : 5

The tree is worshipped as the earth mother in tribal India. It provides food, air, occupation, materials for housing, fodder for animals and fuel. Without the trees there is neither soil nor water. There is nothing to prevent the soil from being washed away; there is nothing to prevent the water from evaporating. In the great tribal regions of India which are home to the Bhils, the Santhals, the Nagas, the Bishnois, whenever a child is born a tree is planted in the child's name. It forges a relationship between child and tree closer than the one between child and family. Naturally so because that tree is specially the child's own. The trees are all slow growing. By the time the child reaches adolescence, his tree has just come into fruit. It starts its life as provider to the tribal and the tribal's life as guardian of the tree.

Nearly three hundred years ago, men and women of the Bishnoi tribe died in an attempt to stop the felling of trees. The Bishnoi faith prohibits the cutting of green trees. It demands absolute protection of the 'Khejri,' the shade and fodder tree of the area. As a result, their lands are still fertile, while all around them fields have been reclaimed by the Thar Desert of Rajasthan.

(a) The tribals worship trees because trees provide them with ....
(i) food and occupation
(ii) materials for housing
(iii) fodder and fuel
(iv) all of the above

(b) The common practice adopted by the tribals at the time of a child's birth is ....
(i) to plant a tree in the child's name
(ii) to name the child after a tree
(iii) to perform the rites under a tree
(iv) to arrange a feast in a forest

(c) The advantage of the custom is that a mutual bond develops between .... when the child becomes an adult.
(i) the land and the tree
(ii) the adolescent and the tree
(iii) the soil and the water
(iv) all of the above

(d) The land of the Bishnois hasn't become a desert because ....
(i) trees cannot grow in a desert
(ii) the Bishnois have planted trees on their land
(iii) they died in an attempt to stop the cutting down of trees
(iv) all of the above

(e) The word in the passage which means the same as 'areas/regions' is ....
(i) desert
(ii) fodder
(iii) soil
(iv) tracts

2. Read the passage given below and complete the sentences that follow by choosing the most appropriate options : 5

In the year 1507 AD, the Portuguese sailors landing on the shores of the island of Mauritius discovered a strange looking bird. It was large and stubby, and could not fly. It had a hooked black beak, short yellow legs, grey-blue plumage, and a tuft of pale coloured feathers for its tail. Since this bird had never seen humans before, it was very friendly and trusting. In fact, the sailors mistook its gentle nature for stupidity, and called it 'Dodo,' which meant simpleton in Portuguese.

The dodo was an easy source of fresh meat for the Portuguese – and later, the Dutch who came to the island in 1598 – because it could be easily captured due to its friendliness. Dodos were killed in large numbers by the new inhabitants of the island. Those that survived men had to face new enemies like dogs and pigs that were introduced by these inhabitants. The dodo had no natural enemies on the island, but these new animals, together with man, hastened its extinction. By the year 1681, the last dodo had died, and today, the term 'as dead as dodo,' means something that has disappeared entirely from the face of the Earth.

(a) In 1507 AD the Portuguese sailors discovered a bird which was ....
(i) strange looking
(ii) large and stubby
(iii) could not fly
(iv) all of the above

(b) They mistook the bird for being foolish because it was ....
(i) unable to fly
(ii) friendly and trusting
(iii) had never seen humans before
(iv) was an easy source of fresh meat

(c) The new enemies referred to in the passage are ....
(i) dogs and pigs
(ii) the Dutch
(iii) the Portuguese
(iv) all of the above

(d) Dodos were wiped out from the face of the earth by ....
(i) their natural enemies
(ii) the sailors
(iii) both men and the new animals
(iv) all of the above

(e) The word in the passage which means the same as 'destruction' is ....
(i) strange
(ii) tuft
(iii) extinction
(iv) plumage

3. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : 5

A 92-year-old lady who is fully dressed each morning by eight o'clock with perfect make-up, even though she is blind, moved to an old age home. Her husband recently passed away making the move necessary. After many hours of waiting patiently in the lobby she smiled sweetly when she was told her room was ready. She was provided a visual description of her tiny room.

"I love it," she stated with the enthusiasm of an eight-year-old having just been presented with a new puppy.

"But .... but Mrs. Jones, you haven't seen the room," said the attendant. "That doesn't have anything to do with it," she replied. "Happiness is something you decide. I have already decided to love it. It's a decision I make every morning when I wake up. I can spend the day in bed, recounting the difficulty I have with the parts of my body that don't work, or get out of bed and be thankful for the ones that do. Each day is a gift, and as long as I am alive I'll focus on the new day and all the happy memories I've stored away, just for this time in my life." The attendant was greatly touched by the elderly woman's sense of cheer and boundless enthusiasm.

(a) Why did the old woman move to an old age home?
(b) How did she react when the attendant gave a description of the room she had to live in ?
(c) What resolution was she used to making when she woke up every morning ?
(d) What does the story tell about the old woman ?
(e) Which word in the passage means the same as 'without limit' ?

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

I Had a Dove

I had a dove, and the sweet dove died,
And I have thought it died of grieving;
O, what could it grieve for ? Its feet were tied
With a silken thread of my own hand's weaving.
Sweet little red feet! Why should you die ?
Why should you leave me, sweet bird, why ?
You liv'd alone on the forest-tree,
Why, pretty thing, could you not live with me ?
I kiss'd you oft, and gave you white peas;
Why not live sweetly as in the green trees ?

John Keats

(a) How did the dove die ?
(b) What were the dove's feet tied with ?
(c) What does the expression, "Sweet little red feet" refer to ?
(d) How did the poet take care of the dove ?
(e) Which word in the poem means the same as 'intense sorrow'?

SECTION B

Writing (20 Marks)

5. When you think about your city you feel proud of its historical monuments, museums, Parliament House, Rashtrapati Bhawan, Metro, Delhi Haat, shopping malls, and beautiful parks. Write a letter in 120-150 words to the

editor of a national daily expressing your views on 'Delhi – the City of My Dreams.' You are Akshay/Akshita living at 121, Lake View Colony, Delhi. 5

OR

Your hostel room-mate has recently gone to his hometown being urgently called by his parents. Write a letter in 120-150 words informing him about the postponement of periodical tests. Don't forget to mention that the course will remain the same. You are Atul, Room No 10, Kaveri Hostel, Delhi Senior Secondary School, Delhi.

6. A nation is what its teachers are. It is they who prepare the future leaders of a country. Write an article in 120-150 words on 'The role an ideal teacher is expected to play.' You are Abha/Abhinav. You may take the help from the following notes :

* knowledgeable and hardworking
* sets examples by his/her punctuality, honesty and integrity
* instills values among students
* teaches them about civic and democratic values
* plays role model 5

OR

Yoga is a complete science. It not only helps the body but also the mind and the spirit. Many serious diseases can be cured by right breathing techniques. Its benefits are now acknowledged all over the world. Write a speech in 120-150 words on 'The importance of yoga for the students' to be delivered in the morning assembly of your school. You are Kanta/Kamal.

7. The youth of today can be seen talking on cellphones for hours together in buses, on roads, in schools and colleges, thus wasting their precious time, neglecting studies and sometimes even risking their lives due to accidents. Write a debate in 120-150 words either for or against the topic, 'The use of mobile phone is more a disadvantage than an advantage.' 5

8. Independence Day was celebrated in your school in which the Director of Education was invited as the Chief Guest. Being the Head Boy/Head Girl of the school write a report in 120-150 words highlighting the inauguration ceremony, flag hoisting, cultural programmes, the message given by the Chief Guest etc. You are a student of class X of Gandhi Sr. Sec. School, Delhi. 5

OR

Develop the following outlines into a story in 120-150 words.

goose – lays a golden egg every day – greedy master – not satisfied – intends to become rich overnight – decides to get all the gold – kills the goose – finds no gold – repents his folly – weeps and curses – greed ruins him

SECTION C

Grammar (15 Marks)

9. Read the passage given below. Fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate words from the given options. 3

No matter how old you are, drink at least a glass of milk everyday (a) .... you want to sharpen (b) .... mental skills. A new

study has claimed that drinking (c) .... glass of milk daily not only boosts one's intake of much needed nutrients, but it also positively impacts one's brain power.

(a) (i) that (ii) if (iii) then (iv) how
(b) (i) her (ii) his (iii) my (iv) your
(c) (i) a (ii) and (iii) an (iv) the

10. Read the following conversation and complete the dialogue by choosing the correct alternatives from those given below : 3

Seema : (a) .... ?

Nandish : My lucky charm is my 'Karha' (an iron ring).

Seema : (b) .... ?

Nandish : I have been wearing it since childhood. It's my grandfather's 'Karha.' I believe when I am wearing it his blessing are with me.

Seema : (c) .... ?

Nandish : No, I am not superstitious. I don't believe in fasting and going to a particular place of worship. I just believe in Karma.

(a) (i) What your lucky charm is
(ii) What was your luck charm
(iii) What is your lucky charm
(iv) What lucky charm is yours

(b) (i) Since when have you been wearing it
(ii) Since when are you wearing it

(iii) Since when you have been wearing it
(iv) Since when you are wearing it

(c) (i) You are not superstitious
(ii) You are superstitious
(iii) You have been superstitious
(iv) Are you not superstitious

11. Look at the words / phrases given below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences as shown in the example. 3

For example :
the anniversary / death / is / of Mahatma Gandhi's / Jan 30
Jan 30 is the anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi's death.

(a) assassinated / Nathuram Godse / he / on this day, / was / by
(b) Ambala jail / Godse / at / was / later hanged
(c) the anniversary / observed as / Gandhi's death / of / is / Martyr's Day

12. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line against which a blank is given. Write the incorrect word and 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. 6

Have you being criticized by	e.g.	being	been
teachers for shouted in the	(a)	....	....
class room ? Here is something			

to cheered you up. Now experts	(b)	....	....
have found as impulsive children	(c)	....	....
that cannot resist shouting	(d)	....	....
in the class score higher in			
tests to those who appear to be	(e)	....	....
better behave and quiet.	(f)	....	....

SECTION D

Literature (Text Books) (35 Marks)

13. (A) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow : 4

Coorgi homes have a tradition of hospitality, and they are more than willing to recount numerous tales of valour related to their sons and fathers. The Coorg Regiment is one of the most decorated in the Indian Army, and the first Chief of the Indian Army, General Cariappa, was a Coorgi. Even now, Kodavus are the only people in India permitted to carry fire arms without a licence.

(i) What kind of stories are the Coorg people always ready to tell?
(ii) Who was the first chief of the Indian army ?
(iii) What is the special favour granted only to them even now ?
(iv) Find a word from the passage which means the same as 'courage and bravery, usually in war.'

(B) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow : 4

CHUBUKOV : [*aside*] He's come to borrow money. Shan't give him any !
[*aloud*] What is it, my beauty ?

LOMOV : You see, Honoured Stepanitch .... I beg pardon Stepan Honouritch .... I mean, I'm awfully excited, as you will please notice ...... In short, you alone can help me, though I don't deserve it, of course .... and haven't any right to count on your assistance .....

(i) Why does Chubukov suspect Lomov of coming to borrow money ?
(ii) Why is Lomov not able to answer properly ?
(iii) What purpose has he come for ?
(iv) Which word in the passage means the same as 'very much' ?

14. Read the extracts given below and complete the sentences/answer the questions that follow by choosing the most appropriate options. 6

(A) I think I could turn and live with animals, they are
so placid and self-contain'd,
I stand and look at them long and long.

(a) The poet wants to live with the animals because they are ....
(i) calm
(ii) self-contained
(iii) satisfied
(iv) all of the above

(b) The poet feels more at home with animals than ....
(i) birds and insects
(ii) human beings
(iii) natural things
(iv) all of the above

(c) The word which means 'calm and quiet' is ....
(i) placid
(ii) complex
(iii) groan
(iv) contented

(B) Belinda embraced him, Mustard licked him,
No one mourned for his pirate victim.
Ink and Blink in glee did gyrate
Around the dragon that ate the pirate.

(a) Why did Belinda embrace him ?
(i) out of helplessness
(ii) out of gratitude
(iii) out of fear
(iv) out of shock

(b) Why were Ink and Blink happy ?
(i) joy of their victory
(ii) because of the fear of the pirate

(iii) because the pirate was killed
(iv) they were in a good mood

(c) Find a word which means the same as 'move around in circles.'
(i) mourn
(ii) gyrate
(iii) lick
(iv) embrace

15. Answer any *three* of the following questions in 30-40 words each. 6

(a) Baking was considered essential in a traditional Goan village. What reasons does the writer give to support his point ?
(b) What happened when Maxwell took Mijbil to the bathroom ? What did Mijbil do two days after that ?
(c) Why does Valli stand upon the seat ? What does she see now ?
(d) How are the tea pluckers different from the other farm labourers ?

16. Answer the following question in 120-150 words. 5

Life is full of trials and tribulations. Kisa Gotami also passes through a period of grief in her life. How does she behave in those circumstances ? What lesson does a reader learn from the story of her life ? Give any two points how you would like to act in the midst of adverse circumstances.

17. Answer the following question in 80-100 words. 4

What social attitudes are presented in the story, 'Bholi' ? How does Bholi's teacher help her overcome these barriers ?

OR

What was the cause of Matilda's ruin ? How could she have avoided it ?

18. Answer any *two* of the following questions in 50-60 words each. 6

(a) What lesson did Ebright learn when he did not win anything at a science fair ?
(b) Who befriended the narrator when he went to New Mullion ? Where did he take him ?
(c) What guesses are made by Think-Tank about the books found on earth ?