

Summative Assessment – II, 2012
English Communicative
Class – IX

Maximum Marks: 90

Time : 3 hours

Instructions:

The question paper is divided into four sections.

Section A:	Reading	20 Marks
Section B:	Writing	25 Marks
Section C:	Grammar	20 Marks
Section D:	Literature	25 Marks

Section A
(Reading – 20 Marks)

Q1. Read the following passage carefully: (05 Marks)

MARIA MONTESSORI

One of the world's great educators, who looked up to a child as an individual and a very special human being, was Maria Montessori. She gave the very young children the Kindergarten, where children grew in a atmosphere of freedom and confidence.

Maria Montessori was born in Chiaravalle near Ancona, Italy, in 1870. As a little girl, she was a dull student , unable to grasp and retain what her teacher taught her. At the age of 10, she suddenly changed.

Maria began topping her class, and her parents felt that she should become a teacher. At the age of 14, she attended a technical school for boys. After a year she took up biology and dedicated to study medicine. In spite of a strong opposition from her father, she went ahead with medicine.

Maria became the first Italian woman to receive a medical degree after she graduated from the University of Rome in 1896. After getting her degree, she joined the university's psychiatric clinic. As a part of her duty, she had to visit the city's mental asylum, where disabled children were housed with the insane. She watched the children shriek, stretching their hands out, with an urge to reach out or to touch something. Maria felt the needed a normal and friendlier environment and a contact with the world. She worked out ways by which she could help the disabled children.

- (a) Montessori schools all over the world are for children and carry the vision of:
- (i) Maria Montessori
 - (ii) A great woman who looked at children with kindness
 - (iii) Maria Montessori for whom children were special

- (iv) A woman who loved children
- (b) Maria's parents wanted her to be a teacher because:
 - (i) She was intelligent
 - (ii) She began to top her class
 - (iii) She never failed
 - (iv) She also wanted to be a teacher
- (c) Maria decided to be a doctor when she:
 - (i) Started studying biology
 - (ii) Studied biology
 - (iii) Took up biology
 - (iv) Develop interest in biology
- (d) When Maria saw the insane children she thought that they:
 - (i) Could be properly educated
 - (ii) Needed a normal and friendly atmosphere
 - (iii) Could be taught properly
 - (iv) Could be useful citizen
- (e) The word 'mental asylum' means:
 - (i) Mental
 - (ii) Place for children
 - (iii) A house for boys
 - (iv) Place for mental children

Q2. Read the following passage carefully:

(5 Marks)

MY GRANDMOTHER

My Grandmother and I were good friends. My parents left me with her when they went to live in the city and we were constantly together. She used to wake me up in the morning and get me ready for school. She said her morning prayer in a monotonous singsong while she bathed and dressed me in the hope that I would listen and get to know it by heart ; I listened because loved her voice but never bothered to learn it. Then she would fetch my wooden slate which she had already washed and plastered with yellow chalk, a tiny earthen ink-pot and a reed pen, tie them all in a bundle and hand it to me. After a breakfast of a thick, stale chapatti with a little butter and sugar spread on it, we went to school. She carried several stale chapattis with her for the village dogs.

My grandmother always went to school with me because the school was attached to the temple. The priest taught us the alphabet and the morning prayer. While the children sat in

rows on either side of the verandah singing alphabet or the prayers in a chorus, and grandmother sat inside reading the scriptures. When we had both finished, we would walk back together with dogs following us for food.

- (a) When was the author as a child left to his grandmother?
- (b) Why did the author's grandmother say her morning prayer in a singsong?
- (c) How did the author's grandmother prepare him for school?
- (d) Why did the author's grandmother always go to school?
- (e) What does the word 'scriptures' mean?

Q3. Read the following poem carefully:-

(5 Marks)

THE DAFFODILS

I wandered lonely as cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host of golden daffodils ;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.
Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle in the milky way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay :
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their head in sprightly dance.
The waves beside them dance ; but they
Outdid the sparkling waves in glee :
A poet could not but be gay,
In such a jocund company ;
I gazed-and gazed-but little thought
What wealth the show to show me had brought.
For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon the inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude ;
And then my heart with pleasure fills
And dances with the daffodils.

-William Wordsworth

- (a) The poet compares himself with
 - (i) a cloud that is rainy
 - (ii) a cloud
 - (iii) a floating cloud
 - (iv) a daffodil

- (b) The daffodils danced
- (i) like stars
 - (ii) beside the lake
 - (iii) like twinkling stars
 - (iv) lake water
- (c) The daffodils made the waves shy in their
- (i) dancing
 - (ii) shining
 - (iii) sparkling
 - (iv) shaking
- (d) The poet's wealth from daffodils is
- (i) the bliss of solitude
 - (ii) their dancing
 - (iii) their bright colour
 - (iv) his joyful heart
- (e) The word 'sprightly' means
- (i) happy
 - (ii) blissful
 - (iii) joyful
 - (iv) playing

Q4. Read the following poem carefully:-

(5 Marks)

SYMPATHY

I lay in sorrow, deep distressed:
My grief a proud man heard;
His looks were cold, he gave me gold
But not a kindly word,
My sorrow passed-I paid him back
The gold he gave to me;
Then stood erect and spoke my thanks
And blessed his Charity.
I lay in want, in grief and pain:
A poor man passed my way;
He bound my head, he gave me bread
He watched the night and day.
How shall I pay him back again,
For all he did to me?
Oh, gold is great, but greater far
Is heavenly Sympathy !
-Charles Mackay

- (a) In what condition does the proud man hear the poet?
- (b) How does the proud man help the poet?
- (c) How does the poet thank the proud man?
- (d) How does the poor man help the poet?
- (e) What does the word 'heavenly' mean?

Section B
(Writing – 20 Marks)

- Q5.** You are Kapil Gupta, Cultural Secretary Narayan Public School, Jhansi. Your School is going to celebrate its Annual Day very shortly. Write a notice asking students to give their names for various cultural programmes and to volunteer their services for other arrangements. **(05 Marks)**
- Q6.** You are Amit / Anu, living at 6, Jawahar Nagar, New Delhi. Write a letter to your brother telling him about the importance of reading newspaper. (Word limit : 100 words) **(6 Marks)**
- Q7.** Manish decided to speak on "DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM IN INDIA". He came across the following statistics in a book. Using your own ideas and the ideas given in the course book in the chapter "Travel and Tourism", write a speech in your answer sheet using not more than 150-175 words. **(7 Marks)**

NUMBER OF TOURISTS OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS

Years Ago	Number Of Tourists (In Thousands)	
	Indian	Foreign
5 Years Ago	25	37
4 Years Ago	31	37
3 Years Ago	26	50
2 Years Ago	21	55
1 Year Ago	27	59
This Year	36	90

- Q8.** You are Praveen of Kishore Sadan, Pratapgarh. Write a letter to the editor of Bharat Times, New Delhi, about the frequent breakdowns of electricity in your town. **(8 Marks)**
- Hints:
- Supply-irregular and erratic
 - Causes water problem
 - Students suffer
 - Accidents occur
 - Any other points

Section C
(Grammar – 20 Marks)

- Q9.** Edit the following passage by choosing the correct option : **(4 Marks)**

Morning walk is (a) _____ great blessing. It has its own values. It is a tonic (b) _____ both the body and mind. The morning is (c) _____ fresh. One breathes pure oxygen in one's lungs. They become strong. He (d) _____ a lot of energy for day's work. There is peace (e) _____ freshness all around. There is always beauty. The birds chirp in the trees. There is greenery all around. It (f) _____ the walkers. They feel fresh and full (g) _____ energy. All these (h) _____ the pleasures of morning walk.

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| (a) | (i) a | (ii) an |
| | (iii) the | (iv) as |
| (b) | (i) for | (ii) to |
| | (iii) at | (iv) on |
| (c) | (i) all | (ii) always |
| | (iii) never | (iv) so |
| (d) | (i) gets | (ii) goes |
| | (iii) gives | (iv) gathers |
| (e) | (i) and | (ii) or |
| | (iii) so | (iv) any |
| (f) | (i) refreshes | (ii) refreshed |
| | (iii) refreshing | (iv) fresh again |
| (g) | (i) to | (ii) in |
| | (iii) at | (iv) of |
| (h) | (i) is | (ii) are |
| | (iii) was | (iv) were |

Q10. Read the headlines to make meaningful reports by choosing the most correct options from those given below : (4 Marks)

(1) YUVRAJ TO LEAD BOARD PRESIDENT'S XI

The Board of Control for Cricket assured that Yuvraj Singh _____ Board President's XI in a four day match in Hyderabad.

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| (i) is leading | (ii) will lead |
| (iii) was leading | (iv) will be led |

(2) PETE SAMPRAS WINS WIMBLEDON CHAMPIONSHIP

Pete Sampras of America _____ Wimbledon Championship held in London, beating Jim Courier by 3 sets.

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| (i) won | (ii) has won |
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(iii) had won (iv) is winning

(3) MAN DIES IN JAIL

A man who was arrested yesterday for kidnapping _____ in jail allegedly due to beating.

- (i) died (ii) was dead
(iii) had died (iv) is dead

(4) RAIN DISEASES KILL OVER TWO DOZEN

About two dozen people _____ in the remote villages of north-western kalikot district due to rain diseases.

- (i) had died (ii) died
(iii) were dead (iv) have died

Q11. Rearrange the following words and phrases to make meaningful sentences. (4 Marks)

eg: is heard / is dialled / when / the / dial tone / required number / the

Ans: When the dial tone is heard the required number is dialled.

- (a) go / the / can / on / conversation / three minutes / for
(b) disconnected / gets / after / soon / the / line
(c) read / hardly / have / to / they / anything / but
(d) have / they / stand still / the / to / a / brought / publishing industry

Q12. Complete the letter given below by filling the appropriate word : (4 Marks)

20 C, Sushant Nagar
Ranchi

25th February 2012

The Postmaster
Main Post Office
Ranchi

Sir

I want to invite your kind attention to a (a) _____ of this colony. It relates to the postman of this area. The postman (b) _____ our letters properly. He simply throws the letters here and there. He gives (c) _____ letters to a few boys or children. He then disappears. Many important letters (d) _____ in streets. We do not receive our letters in time. Many young men (e) _____ their letters of interviews in time. This deprives them of (f) _____. This (g) _____ at once.

In such circumstances we request you to kindly (h) _____ the matter at once.

Thanking You

Yours faithfully
Anubha Singh

Q13. Complete the dialogue choosing the correct option given below : (4 Marks)

Sahil : I feel greatly tired now. (a) _____ any eating joint nearby ?

Mukesh : Sure, you have to walk a little distance straightaway. There you (b) _____ a temporary stall.

Sahil : (c) _____ with me ? We shall walk over and (d) _____ for the time being.

Mukesh : Ok let's go.

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| (a) (i) Do you tell me | (ii) Do you know |
| (iii) Will you tell us | (iv) Was there |
| (b) (i) will look | (ii) should see |
| (iii) will find | (iv) may get |
| (c) (i) May you walk | (ii) Will you company |
| (iii) Will you give me a company | (iv) Why don't you go |
| (d) (i) may take | (ii) eat some light refreshment |
| (iii) see something good | (iv) relish something good |

Section D
(Literature – 25 Marks)

Q14. A. Read the extract and answer the following questions by choosing the most (3X3=9 Marks) appropriate options.

That ends this strange eventful history,
Is second childishness and mere oblivion,
Sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything.

- (a) 'Eventful history' means:
- (i) Man's life full of incidents
 - (ii) Man's life
 - (iii) Incidental history
 - (iv) Historical facts of life
- (b) The stage of life is 'second childhood' in the sense that:
- (i) Man is a child
 - (ii) All are like children
 - (iii) Man's disposition is like that of a child.

(iv) Man behaves like a child.

(c) The last line here means:

(i) Man is without everything that makes him a man

(ii) Man is toothless, blind, tasteless, etc.

(iii) which very few have trodden on

(iv) Man is a child

B. Read the given extract and answer the following questions.

I could swank like anything. And you don't know how sick a chap gets of having chaps call him, 'Goggles'.

(a) Who is the speaker of these lines?

(b) What would the speaker 'swank'?

(c) What does the speaker want?

C. Read the given extract and answer the following questions.

Play me false and as sure as there are devils in hell. I'll drive my knife through your heart. I have nothing to lose.

(a) Who speaks these lines here?

(b) What does the speaker not having anything to lose?

(c) Does a speaker a hard-core criminal? Support you answer.

Q15. Answer any FOUR of the following questions in about 30-40 words each. (2X4=8 Marks)

1. What happened when Corporal Turnbull was speaking on hand grenades?
2. What made Pescud go to Coketown?
3. How does the narrator in the poem "Oh, I Wish, I'd Looked After Me Teeth" regret over the damage of cavities, decay, etc, in her teeth?
4. How is the rain divine thing as given in poem "Song Of The Rain"?
5. How are the Bishop and Persome different though they are real brother and sister?

Q15. At first, Private Quelch was a hero in the eyes of his fellow soldiers. Support this observation with suitable examples from the story in about 150 words. **(8 Marks)**

OR

What according to you are the stages of a person's life? What characteristics would you associate with each stage? Don't exceed 150 words.