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SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT – II

ENGLISH

(Communicative)

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 80

General 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

1. *All questions are compulsory.*
2. *You may attempt any section at a time.*
3. *All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.*

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the correct options. 1×5=5

School used to be all about writing, whether it was the exercise books we wrote or the notes we passed round, or the lines we stayed in to do. But not any more. Now it's all about typing. My six year old daughter is part of the first generation that is truly computer literate and I really didn't want her learning copperplate writing. I could see that spelling, grammar, syntax and punctuation were important, but handwriting ? By the time she's in university, handwriting may not be as relevant as needlepoint. So when my daughter came home last year with cursive handwriting homework, I was nonplussed. Cursive was originally developed to make it easier for children to write with a quill. By joining up the letters, they kept the quill on the parchment and minimized ink blots. But my daughter writes with a laptop. I explained as much to her teacher at the next parents' day. But her teacher explained something to me. Research suggests that the process of writing information down on paper, by hand, has a more direct effect on the formation of memories in the learning process than typing. Taking notes in class is still the most effective way to learn. It's a better way to store the skills for written language in a child's brain than pressing keys. There's nothing old-fashioned about handwriting. Handwriting is where it's at.

- (a) According to the narrator his daughter is _____ .
- (i) computer literate
 - (ii) illiterate
 - (iii) copperplate writer
 - (iv) handwriting expert

- (b) _____ was developed to make writing with a quill easier.
- (i) Typing
 - (ii) Grammar
 - (iii) Cursive writing
 - (iv) Note making
- (c) 'Nonplussed' means _____ .
- (i) sad
 - (ii) puzzled
 - (iii) crying
 - (iv) see
- (d) Writing information down on paper is _____ typing in the learning process.
- (i) inferior to
 - (ii) same as
 - (iii) superior to
 - (iv) not as effective as
- (e) Writing by hand is _____ .
- (i) old-fashioned
 - (ii) not old-fashioned
 - (iii) of the future
 - (iv) not used today

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the correct options. 1×5=5

Before chocolate became an elixir fit only for the kings, Mayans drank a cold, frothy mix made from kakawa beans harvested from the Mexican rainforests. Found in rows inside football-size fruit filled with white pulp, the beans need two weeks for fermenting,

drying and roasting. Then Mayans began bartering beans with the Aztecs. The Spanish court kept the source of the beans secret for nearly 100 years. Inevitably, word spread and chocolate travelled swiftly throughout Europe. The first chocolate shop in London opened in 1657, serving the drink in gold and silver cups.

Still, the brew tasted rather fatty due to the cocoa butter and gritty from imperfect crushing of the seeds. A Dutch inventor separated the cocoa butter in the early 1800s, and before the century was out, a conching machine smoothed the chocolate. A Swiss chocolatier added evaporated milk to create the first chocolate bar. Soldiers who ate the bars for energy during World War I brought their taste home, creating a huge market for chocolate bars and snacks invented in the early 1900s.

- (a) 'Bartering' means _____ .
- (i) selling
 - (ii) buying
 - (iii) exchanging
 - (iv) changing
- (b) _____ kept the source of the chocolate beans a secret for nearly 100 years.
- (i) Mayans
 - (ii) The Spanish
 - (iii) The soldiers
 - (iv) Mexico

- (c) The first _____ was made by a Swiss chocolatier.
- (i) cocoa seed
 - (ii) cocoa butter
 - (iii) evaporated milk
 - (iv) chocolate bar
- (d) Mayans got kakawa seeds from _____.
- (i) the kings
 - (ii) the Aztecs
 - (iii) Mexican rainforests
 - (iv) London
- (e) Cocoa brew tasted fatty because of _____.
- (i) bad crushing of the seeds
 - (ii) cocoa butter
 - (iii) imperfect crushing of the seeds
 - (iv) vanilla flavour

3. Read the poem given below :

$$\frac{1}{2} \times 10 = 5$$

To a Fish

You strange, astonished-looking, angle-faced,
Dreary-mouthed, gaping wretches of the sea,
Gulping salt-water everlastingly.
Cold-blooded, though with red your blood be graced,
And mute, though dwellers in the roaring waste;
And you, all shapes beside, that fishy be —
Some round, some flat, some long, all devilry,
Legless, unloving, infamously chaste —

O scaly, slippery, wet, swift, staring wights,
 What is't ye do ? What life lead ? eh, dull goggles ?
 How do ye vary your vile days and nights ?
 How pass your Sundays ? Are ye still but joggles
 In ceaseless wash ? Still naught but gapes and bites,
 And drinks and stares, diversified with boggles ?

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

To a man a fish is a strange creature. Its (a) _____ face has always a look of (b) _____ on it. Its mouth is mostly open and keeps on (c) _____ salt-water. It is called cold-blooded even if red blood runs (d) _____ its body. It lives among (e) _____ waters but is mute itself. The fish may have many (f) _____ but it has no shapely legs. It is loveless and chaste.

The fish are swift and slippery and all the time (g) _____ at others. Man wonders at the (h) _____ they lead. Are their days (i) _____ from their nights ? And what do they do on Sundays ? Do they ever stop or keep on gaping, biting, drinking and (j) _____, punctuated by sudden movements ?

4. Read the passage given below and complete the sentences that follow : 1×5=5

Ganesh Chaturthi is celebrated around India but most grandly in Maharashtra. But the ten-day extravaganza the festival has become is a relatively recent creation. In Pen, in Maharashtra, there are nearly 250 families which work on Ganapathi statues for a living. Both clay and Plaster of Paris are used for the making of the murtis. Clay is more difficult than POP to work with and there are few expert clay sculptors left. Many devout customers insist on clay murtis, for after they are immersed in water, clay dissolves readily while POP can take months with fragments floating to the shore days after the immersion, upsetting both devotees and environmentalists. Once a murti is made, it is ready for decoration. It is first buffed with a soft cloth. Then a small red tilak is placed reverently on its forehead. Next it is sprayed with clay resin primer. After it dries, it is again buffed with 'jheel', a subtle sheen that highlights skin tones. Finally, the most important finishing touch, 'aakhni', the painting of the eyes, is done. It is when the eyes are painted on that an idol comes alive.

- (a) Ganesh Chaturthi has recently become _____

- (b) The material used for the making of murtis is _____

- (c) Fewer clay murtis are made these days because _____

- (d) The devout customers, however, demand clay murtis because ____

- (e) The word in the passage which means the same as 'respectfully' is _____

SECTION B — (Writing)

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5. Your friend, Sachin is going to Delhi for an interview. Your uncle, Mr. Ramalingam is meeting him at the station. Describe your uncle to him in about 80 words so that he can be easily recognised at the station.

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- appearance : height, complexion, other features
- language/languages spoken by him
- clothes that he usually wears/the specific dress he would be wearing that day
- any other unique feature of his personality

6. The following newspaper clipping sets you thinking on the unpredictable weather patterns :

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New Delhi : The situation in Leh has worsened. The unexpected floods have wiped off an entire village. According to the Meteorological Department, such heavy rain at this time of the year is unheard of. Global warming is said to be one of the reasons for this phenomenon.

Write a letter in about 120 words to the editor of a national daily bringing into light the uncertainty of the changing environment due to which the people of Leh had to suffer a great loss of life and property. Also urge him to appeal to the people to render help whole-heartedly to the sufferers at Leh. You may use your own ideas and the ideas from the unit, 'Environment'. You are Ramesh/Rama, 25 Vasundhara Colony, Chandigarh.

7. Reality shows have taken over our lives in a big way. People are of different opinions on the impact of such shows. As a participant in an upcoming debate on 'Reality shows, a boon', write a speech for the debate, for or against the topic in about 150 words.

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8. Complete the passage given below choosing the correct alternatives.

$$\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$$

I heard the noise first, the sound (a) _____
 screeching tyres. A car, obviously, out of control was rushing straight
 (b) _____ me and my four year old son as we stood on the
 footpath (c) _____ to cross the street. There was no time
 to do (d) _____; it happened in a millisecond. The vision of
 that big car (e) _____ the footpath a metre or (f) _____
 from us will never be erased (g) _____ my memory.
 I don't know how close the car came to us, because I turned
 (h) _____ at the last moment.

- (a) (i) from (ii) into (iii) for (iv) of
 (b) (i) to (ii) towards (iii) against (iv) forward
 (c) (i) wait (ii) waited (iii) waiting (iv) waits
 (d) (i) nothing (ii) anything (iii) none (iv) something
 (e) (i) is hitting (ii) hit (iii) hitting (iv) was hit
 (f) (i) so (ii) to (iii) away (iv) for
 (g) (i) in (ii) from (iii) towards (iv) within
 (h) (i) inside (ii) out (iii) under (iv) away

9. Complete the following news reports by choosing the correct options : $1 \times 4 = 4$

(a) **England beat Pakistan by 5 wickets**

Pakistan's last match in their tour of Britain _____ in a 5 wicket defeat.

- (i) will end
- (ii) ended
- (iii) was ended
- (iv) has been ended

(b) **Hotel collapses — people evacuated**

People had a narrow escape on Sunday as a six-storeyed hotel in a busy market area in Ajmer _____ within seconds of being evacuated.

- (i) was collapsing
- (ii) have collapsed
- (iii) collapsed
- (iv) will have collapsed

(c) **Gogoi resumes duty after surgery**

Assam Chief Minister, Tarun Gogoi _____ duty on Monday after a gap of over one and a half months when he was away from the state for his heart surgery.

- (i) will have joined
- (ii) has resumed
- (iii) has been joining
- (iv) has resuming

(d) **One killed in police firing in Hisar**

One person _____ and several others were injured as the police opened fire on protesters.

- (i) were killed
- (ii) had killed
- (iii) was killed
- (iv) was killing

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

the body / neglected / the teeth / one of / are / the most / parts of /

The teeth are one of the most neglected parts of the body.

- (a) the pain / we go / only when / to the / unbearable / dentist / becomes /
 (b) dental hygiene / in kids / be inculcated / should /
 (c) solve / dental / brushing / can / the teeth / woes / most /
 (d) are due / most / dental / to sheer neglect / diseases /

11. Read the conversation given below and complete the passage that follows. 1×4=4

Patient : For the last one week I have been suffering from a terrible headache.

Doctor : Did you try any medicines ?

Patient : I took a few pain killers but it was in vain.

Doctor : The main cause for the present day headaches is the increasing stress and strain.

A patient came to the doctor complaining that for the last one week (a) _____ from a terrible headache. The doctor (b) _____ any medicines. The patient replied that (c) _____ a few pain killers but it had been in vain. The doctor explained that the main cause for the present day headaches (d) _____ stress and strain.

12. You can see below a set of instructions for washing clothes. Complete the paragraph that follows. 1×4=4

Soak soiled clothes in water.

Add detergent and stir well.

Remove dirt using a brush.

Rinse till clean and wring them.

Spread them on the clothes line to dry.

The soiled clothes are first soaked in water. Then the (a) _____ and stirred well. The dirt (b) _____ using a brush. After washing, the clothes are rinsed till clean and then they (c) _____. Finally they (d) _____ to dry.

SECTION D — (Literature)

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- 13.(A) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the correct options. 1×3=3

‘We were in the war, too, but we were children, we were like our grandmother and grandfather, we didn’t have guns.’

- (a) Which war is referred to here ?
- (i) The war in South Africa
 - (ii) The Civil War in Mozambique
 - (iii) The Second World War
 - (iv) The Civil War in South Africa

- (b) Why did the mother leave the children ?
- (i) To look for father
 - (ii) To fight the bandits
 - (iii) In search of oil
 - (iv) To look for grandfather
- (c) What was the consequence of the war ?
- (i) They had to leave Mozambique.
 - (ii) They had to leave the refugee camp.
 - (iii) They were imprisoned.
 - (iv) The grandparents were killed.

OR

I am important to her. She comes and goes.

Each morning it is her face that replaces the darkness.

In me she has drowned a young girl, and in me an old woman

Rises toward her day after day like a terrible fish.

- (a) Why is the mirror important to her ?
- (i) She saw a fish in it.
 - (ii) It shows her how young she is.
 - (iii) It tells her how she really looks.
 - (iv) It was like a lake.
- (b) Why is she agitated on looking into the mirror ?
- (i) The mirror meditates on the opposite wall.
 - (ii) The mirror reflects her image faithfully.
 - (iii) The mirror is part of her heart.
 - (iv) Her face replaces the darkness.

- (c) Which poetic device is used in these lines ?
- (i) Alliteration
 - (ii) Metaphor
 - (iii) Simile
 - (iv) Personification

(B) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow : $1 \times 3 = 3$

This was the most unkindest cut of all;
For when the noble Caesar saw him stab,
Ingratitude, more strong than traitors' arms,
Quite vanquish'd him: then burst his mighty heart;

- (a) Which incident is referred to here ?
- (b) Why is it called 'the most unkindest cut' ?
- (c) Who is the speaker addressing ?

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

- (a) How did Mark Antony prove that Caesar was not ambitious ?
- (b) Why is the mirror said to be 'unmistaken' and 'exact' ?
- (c) Describe the refugee camp in 'The Ultimate Safari'.
- (d) What was Ali's request to Lakshmi Das, the clerk ?
- (e) How did the creatures of Bingle Bog react to the nightingale's song ?

15. Answer the following question in about 120 words.

Imagine that you are the ancient mariner. Make a diary entry on your experiences in the hot and silent sea.

OR

Calpurnia in Julius Caesar says,

'What mean you, Caesar ? Think you to walk forth ?

You shall not stir out of your house to-day.'

Bring out the reasons why Calpurnia makes this statement.

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