

**Summative Assessment – I, 2011**  
**ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE**  
**Class - X**

**510044**

**Maximum Marks: 80**

**Time: 3 hours**

**Instructions:**

The question paper is divided into four sections.

<b>Section A:</b>	<b>Reading</b>	<b>20 marks</b>
<b>Section B:</b>	<b>Writing</b>	<b>20 marks</b>
<b>Section C:</b>	<b>Grammar</b>	<b>20 marks</b>
<b>Section D:</b>	<b>Literature</b>	<b>20 marks</b>

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

**Q1. Read the following passage carefully:**

**(5 marks)**

Waste collectors around India work silently, often late into the night, sorting out mountains of waste, foraging for anything that can be sold. If you walk down some streets of central Mumbai after 11 at night, you will see an army of waste collectors. Men, women, children are hard at work. They work through the night and finally manage to get some sleep on the door steps of the shops on the streets. By daylight they become invisible, having kept their belongings in boxes behind the signs of the shops on whose doorsteps they sleep. These are the people of the night, not noticed by those who inhabit the areas in the day.

What is often not entirely appreciated is that a large percentage of waste collectors is women. While women and children do the more dangerous job of sorting and separating the waste, the men deal with the dry garbage, which they transport to wholesalers and factories. As a result, it is the women who are exposed to the dangerous waste- none of them wear any kind of protective gear- and also face the physical problems of constantly bending and carrying headloads of the waste. Look at any group of waste collectors and you will spot the bent old women who have been performing this function for decades.

**Complete the following statements by selecting the most appropriate options from the ones given below :**

- (a) The reason why common people are not bothered about the waste collectors is then \_\_\_\_\_.
- (i) they are happy doing their work

- (ii) it fetches them a decent livelihood
  - (iii) they are not seen during day time
  - (iv) they are seen sleeping peacefully
- (b) Among the waste collectors the group that is exposed to health risks is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (i) men                      (ii) women
  - (iii) children              (iv) old people
- (c) Most of the old women waste collectors have bent backs. This shows that \_\_\_\_\_.
- (i) it is a physically relaxing job
  - (ii) it is a physically taxing job
  - (iii) it is a comfortable job
  - (iv) it is an easy job
- (d) The waste collectors are called silent environmentalists because \_\_\_\_\_.
- (i) they keep the surroundings clean
  - (ii) they collect and store garbage
  - (iii) they plant trees
  - (iv) they pollute the land and waterbodies
- (e) 'Foraging' in the second paragraph means \_\_\_\_\_.
- (i) looking                      (ii) carrying
  - (iii) searching                  (iv) listening

**Q2. Read the following passage carefully:**

**(5 marks)**

**THE PROBLEM**

Lily's anger could not have been more **palpable**.

She awakened on the Christmas morning and along with her brother, ran down to see the gifts under the tree.

In the living room sat a magnificent mini bike. It was red with a pearly white gas tank and side panels. For a brief moment, Lily was filled with what seemed like **insurmountable** excitement. Then, her eyes caught hold of a baby doll sitting on the couch with a huge bow.

She knew. She knew that the mini bike belonged to her brother and that she had been **relegated** to that doll. It was *par for the course*.

Tommy always got cool things: skateboards, gliders, science kits. The mini bike was just the latest cool thing.

Lily always got the boring gifts: a doll with a gown, a doll with a tutu, a doll with a puppy. This doll seemed unusually blah. The doll wore a petticoat. The doll had short, straight black hair.

Tommy had seen that mini-bike in the front window of Moore's Bike Shop, but hadn't Lily too?

Hadn't she asked for it with as much eagerness as her twin brother ?

Tommy's eyes grew wide at the sight of the bike he knew was his – no doll for him. He ran into his parent's room and jumped excitedly on the bed.

"Thank you, Mama! Thank you, Papa," he yelled.

Lily was angry in the other room. It took a while for anyone to even realize she was missing.

"What's wrong, Lil ?" Papa asked. "Did you see your pretty doll" ?

"I saw it," she said sulkily.

"What's wrong ?" asked Mama.

Silence.

"Oh, Mama, you know Lily is never excited by presents!" her brother laughed.

"Come out and watch me ride!" And so they did.

- (a) Why was Lily's anger described as palpable?
- (i) It was misplaced
  - (ii) It was irrational.
  - (iii) It was very difficult to understand.
  - (iv) It was so intense it seemed like it could be touched.
- (b) Which best describes the act of being relegated ?
- (i) A star athlete is given a rich award.
  - (ii) A disobedient dog is put in the garage to sleep
  - (iii) A struggling student is given the worst grade in the class.
  - (iv) The birthday boy is taken to his favourite restaurant.

- (c) What does the expression *par for the course* imply?
- (i) that something is to be expected
  - (ii) that something cannot be undone
  - (iii) that something is sure to cause anger
  - (iv) that something was meant to be hurtful
- (d) Which is the best antonym for insurmountable?
- (i) sane
  - (ii) phony
  - (iii) unjustified
  - (iv) conquerable
- (e) What is ironic about the title of this passage?
- (i) Lily has a big problem.
  - (ii) Tommy is perfectly happy.
  - (iii) Lily does not get a mini bike.
  - (iv) No one realizes there is a problem.

**Q3. Read the following poem carefully:**

**(5 marks)**

The woman was old and ragged and grey,

And bent with the chill of the winter's day

The street was wet with the recent snow,

And the woman's feet were aged and slow.

Down the street with laughter and shout,

Glad in the freedom of school let out,

Came the boys like a flock of sheep,

Hailing the snow piled white and deep.

At last came one of the merry troop  
The gayest laddie of all the group.  
He paused beside her, and whispered low,  
"I'll help you across if you wish to go".

Her aged hand on his strong younger arm  
She placed and so without hurt or harm.

He guided the trembling feet along,  
Proud that his own were firm and strong.

Then back again to his friends he went  
His young heart happy and well content.

"She is somebody's mother, boys you know,  
For all she's aged and poor and slow;

And I hope some fellow will lend a hand  
To help my mother, you understand,  
If ever she's poor and old and grey,  
When her own dear boy is far away".

And Somebody's Mother bowed low her head  
In her home that night, and the prayer she said

Was "God! Be kind to the noble boy  
Who is Somebody's Son and Pride and Joy!"

(a) The woman was waiting at the side of the road as \_\_\_\_\_ to cross the

road.

- (b) The school boys who came out did not bother to help her because they were \_\_\_\_\_.
- (c) The boy who helped her had high \_\_\_\_\_.
- (d) By helping the poor woman the boy became \_\_\_\_\_.
- (e) "Somebody's Son" in the last line is one who \_\_\_\_\_ her.

**Q4. Read the following passage carefully:  
A Mongoose Teaches a King a Lesson**

**(5 marks)**

By Ramadas Rao

All your charity does not measure up to the ounce of flour given away by a poor Brahmin, who, though he was starving, fed his guest." These words were spoken to the virtuous Pandava emperor Yudhisthira, not by a sage glowing with wisdom, but by a mongoose. The mongoose began to roll on the ground in Yudhisthira's court, and the assembly noticed that one of its flanks was pure gold. Yudhisthira and his brothers had just finished the Ashwamedha yajna. An enormous amount of wealth had been given away to the needy and a sense of 'goodness' suffused the Pandavas.

But just as the flames of the fire had died down, the mongoose appeared. Turning to the emperor, he narrated the story of a Brahmin who lived in abject poverty. A meal was so scarce that the family would eat once in three days. One day, as the family who had scraped together a morsel each, sat down to eat, a weary traveller came by. Though faint with hunger, the Brahmin offered him his share of food. But the guest was still hungry so the Brahmin's wife gave away her morsel. When this too proved insufficient, the son and daughter-in-law gave away their share of the morsel too. "When I rolled on the ground," concluded the mongoose, "the crumbs left there turned one of my flanks to gold. Since then, I have visited royal sacrifices where kings have given away vast sums in charity, to see if I could turn my other flank to gold as well, but in vain. Having heard of Yudhisthira's virtue, I came here with great hope. But, again in vain."

Source : *The Speaking Tree*

- (a) The sermon in the court of Yudhisthira was given by \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) When the mongoose rolled on the ground the court noticed \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) And a sense of goodness suffused the Pandavas, here 'suffused' means \_\_\_\_\_
- (d) 'One of my flanks to gold', flank here means \_\_\_\_\_
- (e) 'The mongoose came with great hope to the court of Yudhisthira, but all in

vain because \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION B**  
**(Writing – 20 Marks)**

- Q5.** Given below is some information about Amitabh Bachchan. Write a biosketch of 'Big B' using the information given, in about 80 words. **(4 marks)**

Born : 1942

Place : Allahabad

Parents : Father - Dr. Harivansh Rai Bachchan – renowned Hindi poet.

Mother – Teji Bachchan – housewife – imparted good values

Education : Science Graduate

First Movie : Saat Hindustani

Achievements : Several big hits to his credit

: Several Awards – Best Actor

: Filmfare, Screen etc.

: Man of the Millennium

: named 'Big B'

At present : Brand Ambassador of various projects like Polio etc.

- Q6.** You are Neena or Nikhil settled in Delhi. Write an e-mail in about 120 words to your friend describing the nostalgic memories in your mind of your native place and the difficulties you face to adjust with the urban conditions in Delhi **(8 marks)**

- Q7.** Using the following input write an article in about 150 words for the school magazine **(8 marks)**

Obey traffic rules

Observe speed limits

Do not Drink and Drive - Switch off your phone while driving  
Remember someone is waiting for you

YOUR LIFE IS IN YOUR HANDS

**SECTION C**  
**(Grammar – 20 Marks)**

- Q8. Choose the best words from the given options to complete the following passage. Write the correct answers in the answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. Do not copy the passage. (4 marks)**

The importance(a)\_\_\_\_\_the agricultural sector for economic development as (b)\_\_\_\_\_ source of support of both labour and food to growing urban (c)\_\_\_\_\_ areas has received a good deal of attention in recent analyses of economic growth. Without (d)\_\_\_\_\_ organization of existing factors and proper application of new techniques in agriculture, supplies of agricultural products are frequently not adequate to meet the increasing demand.

- (a) (i) of (ii) for (iii) into (iv) to  
(b) (i) the (ii) a (iii) an (iv) any  
(c) (i) industrialised (ii) industrial  
(iii) industrious (iv) industrialisation  
(d) (i) improving (ii) improvement  
(iii) improved (iv) improve

- Q9. Complete the conversation by choosing the correct options from those given below. (4 marks)**

Mohan : I tried to contact you several times but you were not to be seen.

Ravi : Don't you know that I (a)\_\_\_\_\_ a festival in Ramnad district.

Mohan : Yes of course I (b)\_\_\_\_\_ your brother

Ravi : I went to Watrap and from there I went by bus and (c) \_\_\_\_\_ reached the hillock where the temple of Sundara Maha Linga Swamy (d) \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) (i) have to attend (ii) had been to attend  
(iii) was been to attend (iv) am being to attend  
(b) (i) learned through (ii) learned by  
(iii) learned of (iv) learned with  
(c) (i) by foot (ii) by walk  
(iii) on foot (iv) on walk

- (d) (i) was at the top (ii) in on the top  
 (iii) has been at the top (iv) is at the top

**Q10. Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. (4 marks)**

- (a) have become/part of /developing city/an airstrip/an essential/any/  
 (b) services will/tourism in/air taxi/the states/boost/  
 (c) we need/and heliports/for this/landing facilities/more flight/  
 (d) promote/will surely /our tourism/such services/sector/

**Q11. There is one error in every line of the following passage. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet. Ensure that the correct word is underlined. Do not copy the passage. (4 marks)**

	Incorrect	correct
Once, an ant which has come to drink at a	(a) _____	_____
stream fell in the water and was carried	(b) _____	_____
away by the swift current. It was in great danger for	(c) _____	_____
drowning. A dove, perch on a nearby tree	(d) _____	_____
saw the ant in danger and dropped a leaf into the water.		
The ant climbed on to these and was carried to	(e) _____	_____
safety. Sometimes after this a hunter, creeping	(f) _____	_____
through the bushes, saw a dove asleep, and took	(g) _____	_____
a careful aim for the gun.	(h) _____	_____

**Q12. Read the following conversation and fill in the blanks to complete the passage given below. (4 marks)**

God : What is the matter ?

Wood cutter : I have let my axe fall into the river.

God : Just wait for a moment, I'll bring it back for you.

Looking at the crying woodcutter, God asked (a)\_\_\_\_\_. The woodcutter replied that (b)\_\_\_\_\_. God then instructed him (c)\_\_\_\_\_ and assured

that (d)\_\_\_\_\_.

**SECTION D**  
**(Literature – 20 Marks)**

**Q13. (A) Read the extract and answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate options. (3X2=6marks)**

Dumbstruck sat the gaping frog,

And the whole admiring Bog

Stared towards the sumac, rapt,

And, when she had ended, clapped

(a) The frog was dumbstruck in \_\_\_\_\_.

- (i) anger
- (ii) wonder
- (iii) appreciation'
- (iv) anticipation

(b) The phrase, "whole admiring Bog" means \_\_\_\_\_.

- (i) the creatures of the Bog whom the nightingale admired.
- (ii) the frog who lived in the Bog and admired the nightingale
- (iii) all the creatures of the Bog struck with admiration for the nightingale's song
- (iv) all of the above

(c) Name the poetic device used in the above lines

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|-----------------------|-------------------|
| (i) alliteration      | (ii) onomatopoeia |
| (iii) personification | (iv) metaphor.    |

**OR**

'He's done it on purpose, just to annoy us.'

(a) Who is the speaker ?

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|----------------|-------------------|
| (i) Mrs Slater | (ii) Mrs Jordan   |
| (iii) Victoria | (iv) Henry Slater |

