

The Indian School, Bahrain

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ENGLISH (COMMUNICATIVE)
SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT - I (2013)
Class -IX

Maximum Marks : 70

Time : 3 hours

Instructions :

(i) The question paper is divided into three sections.

Section A---Reading 20 marks

Section B---Writing Grammar 25 marks

Section C---Literature 25 marks

(ii) All questions are compulsory.

(iii) You may attempt any section at a time.

(iv) All questions of a section must be attempted in the correct order.

SECTION A
(READING: 20 Marks)

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

Tarantula is a large, fierce hairy spider. In the Middle Ages it was believed that people bitten by a tarantula became ill. The patients fell into a dull, unhappy state. The only way to stir people out of this state was with music and they were supposed to dance until they were completely worn out.

From this belief, a dance called the 'tarantella' was developed. It is a very lively Italian dance that gets faster and faster until the end. While the bite of the tarantula is fatal to insects, there is no evidence that it is so to humans as well. But still, the fear of tarantula bite persists.

Tarantulas are found in Southern Europe and are named after the city of Taranto in Italy. Like some other spiders, they don't spin webs. Instead they dig deep burrows which they line with silk. They hibernate during winter.

Tarantulas wait for their prey somewhat like tigers. They lie hidden within their burrows. As soon as their prey comes along, they rush out, bite it and then drag it into their burrows. The bite either kills the insect or paralyses it so that it becomes helpless. They suck out the blood and body juices. When it comes to their own young ones, tarantulas are very kind. They keep their cocoons in their houses, and carry them when they go out.

(a) A person bitten by a tarantula :

(i) dies

(ii) becomes mad

(iii) becomes dull and unhappy

- (iv) becomes abnormal
- (b) A peculiar trait of these spiders is that they :
- (i) bite the insects fatally
- (ii) are named after the city of Taranto in Italy
- (iii) don't spin webs
- (iv) hibernate during winter
- (c) If an insect is bitten by a tarantula :
- (i) it dies
- (ii) it becomes unconscious
- (iii) it becomes restless
- (iv) it becomes poisonous
- (d) These creatures are different from others in the sense that they :
- (i) carry their eggs whenever they go out of their burrows
- (ii) suck the body juices of their preys
- (iii) hibernate during winters
- (iv) drag their prey to their burrows
- (e) Choose a suitable word/expression from the following that means similar to 'spending winters in a state like deep sleep.'
- (i) Evidence (ii) Fatal
- (iii) Hibernate (iv) Paralyse

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

Sociability should also be exhibited in our dealings with animals. They too are sentient beings, and some of them are capable of attachment and devotion to human beings and to one another. Men killed many animals in the early period of civilization in order to clear the jungle, and the same cruel but unavoidable process can be witnessed in new colonies. There are also noxious, venomous and ferocious animals like tigers, jaguars, wolves, sharks, snakes and others, which kill us, but we must not kill them. We are not responsible for their appearance on earth, and they cannot be tamed and used. There was only one wolf of Gubbio, and even he does not exist. Rats, Add, flies, wasps, locusts, white ants and other animals destroy our property and spread disease; they must be destroyed. We cannot afford to feed all these hungry hordes. Zoroaster enjoined upon all his disciples the duty of exterminating such pests, and you should follow his teaching. But all animals which are employed in the service of man should be treated with the greatest kindness and sympathy. They are your colleagues and comrades.

They have also done their part in building up the fabric of civilization. Feed them well lay not too heavy burdens on them : give them medicine and rest when they are sick; give them a warm blanket in cold weather; speak affectionately to them at times, they can feel the words of love, though they do not understand them. The cow, the ass, the shepherd's dog, the horse the camel, the bullock, the elephant, the milkman's dog, the pony, the yak and other domesticated animals are humble and helpless members of the fellowship of labour. They must not be robbed of their rights, especially as they cannot strike back, or agitate for the redress of their grievances.

- (a) Some of the animals are capable of

- (i) attaching themselves to work
- (ii) devoting themselves to God
- (iii) serving human beings affectionately
- (iv) experiencing sensations
- (b) Before building new colonies we can see the builders
 - (i) making the land smooth and levelled
 - (ii) killing animals
 - (iii) reviving the process of civilization
 - (iv) considering all the animals socially equal
- (c) The animals which serve man
 - (i) have built many fabrics
 - (ii) have shown kindness and sympathy to man
 - (iii) are our real companions
 - (iv) are very affectionate
- (d) The domesticated animals
 - (i) are as humble and helpless as the poor labourers are
 - (ii) agitate for the redress of their grievances
 - (iii) do not understand the feelings of man
 - (iv) can strike back
- (e) The word 'enjoined' in the passage means
 - (i) to join the disciples with Zoroaster
 - (ii) to enjoy the company of animals even if they are vicious
 - (iii) imposed upon the people
 - (iv) spreading the ideas of socialism

3 Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

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Ego does not exist anywhere else except in human beings, and ego starts growing as the child grows. Parents, schools, colleges – they all help to strengthen the ego for the simple reason that for centuries man had to struggle to survive and the idea has become a fixation, a deep unconscious conditioning that only strong egos can survive in the struggle of life. And scientists have made it even for convincing with the theory of the survival of the fittest. So we help every child to become stronger in the ego, and there the problem arises.

As the ego becomes strong it starts surrounding intelligence like a thick layer of darkness. Intelligence is light, ego is darkness. Intelligence is very delicate, ego is very hard. And if you want to survive, they say-then you have to become rock-like, you have to be strong invulnerable. You have to become a citadel, so you cannot be attacked from outside. But then you become closed. Then you start dying as far as your intelligence is concerned because intelligence needs the open sky, the wind, the air, the sun in order to grow, to expand, to flow. To remain alive it needs a constant flow; if it becomes stagnant it becomes slowly a dead phenomenon. (Are children really intelligent – Parenting – August 2012)

1. On the basis of your reading of the passage, complete the following

statements :

- (a) As the child grows _____ grows.
- (b) It is believed that only strong egos _____.

2. Answer the following questions.

- (a) How does ego make you unapproachable ?
- (b) Intelligence cannot grow in enclosure. Why ?

3. Find words from the passage which mean the same as the following.

- (a) believable (para 1)
- (b) stationary (para 1)

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Above the Bight Blue Sky

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Albert Midlane.

There's a Friend for little children

Above The bright blue sky,

A Friend who never changes

Whose love will never die;

Our earthly friends may fail us,

And change with changing years,

This friend is always worthy

Of that dear name he bears.

There's home for little children

Above the bright blue sky,

Where God reigns in glory,



A home of peace and joy;
No home on earth is like it,
Nor can with it compare;
And everyone is happy,
Nor could be happier there.

- (1) Who is the friend who resides above the bright blue sky ?
- (2) Identify the figure of speech in the line 'A home of peace and joy'.
- (3) The home for little children according to the poet is _____.
- (4) The earthly friends fail us because _____.
- (5) Find the word in the poem that is similar in meaning to 'rules'.

SECTION B
(WRITING & GRAMMAR: 25 Marks)

- 5 Write a letter to the editor of a national daily , expressing your concern over the increasing illegal mining in the Aravali Region resulting in irreparable damage to our environment and green belts. You can take help of the information given below and write this letter in about 120-150 words : 6
- Illegal mining - Aravali Range - rampant corruption - mining without valid permit - patronage - curbing of illegal mining needed - vigilance - operation with people - severe punishment to illegal miners - protection of law of land.
- 6 Surveys conducted among school children have repeatedly revealed that the children today are lazy and unhealthy. They love to eat out and relish only junk food. Consequently, obesity is a common problem that afflicts them. Write an article in not more than 120 words on this issue for a parenting magazine. 5
- 7 The International Film Festival which was hosted in Mumbai was the talk of the town. You visited the film festival with your friends and talked about the quality of films at the film festival. Prepare a report in about 80 - 100 words for the publication in the newspaper. 4

- 8 Complete the following passage by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones given below. Write your answers in the answer sheets against the correct blank number. Do not copy the entire passage. 3

At first Tinmay appeared to be quite afraid of the puppy and (a) _____ back with a spring if it came too near. He would make absurd dashes at it (b) _____ his large forepaws, and (c) _____ retreat to a ridiculously safe distance. Finally, he allowed the puppy to crawl on his back and rest there.

- (a) (i) dart (ii) darted
(iii) is darting (iv) darts
(b) (i) by (ii) with (iii) from (iv) along
(c) (i) than (ii) then (iii) to (iv) make

- 9 The following paragraph has not been edited. One word has been omitted in each line. Write the omitted word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after in your answer sheet against the correct blank number as shown in the example. 4

	Before	Omitted	After	
A helpline been opened	Eg helpline	has	been	
in United Kingdom for people	(a) _____	_____	_____	
who had close encounters with	(b) _____	_____	_____	
aliens, making it first of its	(c) _____	_____	_____	
kind the country. The phone	(d) _____	_____	_____	service. offers
counseling to those who believe they have been abducted by extra terrestrials.				

- 10 Read the conversation given below and complete the passage that follows : 3 marks 3
- Hubert : I don't care for these reality shows.
Linda : Why is that ?
Hubert : They are unrealistic.
Herbert told Linda that (a) _____ reality TV shows. Linda enquired (b) _____ Hubert asserted that (c) _____

SECTION C
(LITERATURE: 25 Marks)

- 11 'I come from haunts of coot and hern ;
I make a sudden sally
And sparkle out among the fern ,
To bicker down a valley' . 3
- (A) Who is " I " in these lines ?
(B) What is this figure of speech known as ?
(C) Why does it bicker down a valley ?



Answer the following questions: (2x4)

- 12.1 Chuck said, "Gordon, this isn't just a visit." What did Hooper want to say? 2
- 12.2 What was Mrs. Al Smith's perception about French people? 2
- 12.3 In the poem, "The Road Not Taken" where is the poet and what did he see in front of him. 2
- 12.4 'It was like lighting a fuse. Duke shimmied himself U-shaped in anticipation'. Explain. 2
- 13.1 Though young, the granddaughter understands the feelings of her grandmother and was able to help her. What does this reveal about the personality of the narrator? 4

OR

- 13.2 Marcy was not in favour of having Duke in the house, but towards the end of the story her attitude undergoes a drastic change. Discuss. 4

Attempt either part (a) or part(b)

Part (a)

- 14(A) Compare and contrast Gulliver's life at the island of Lilliput and Brobdingnag. (100-120 words) 5
- 15(A) Discuss the character of the Slamecksans of the Lilliput Island in 100 words. 5

Part (b)

- 14(B) 'Three Men in a Boat' By Jerome is a classic example of rich humour rather than a travel guide. Give valid points to prove this statement. 5
- 15(B) All the four characters in the story, 'Three Men in a Boat' have one or two admirable qualities in them. List them according to your preference. 5
