SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT – I (2015-16)
ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE
Class - IX

Maximum Marks: 70 **Time: 3 hours**

Instructions :
The question paper is divided into **Three**sections.

Section A	:	**Reading**	**20 marks**
Section B	:	**Writing& Grammar**	**25 marks**
Section C	:	**Literature& Long Reading Text**	**25 marks**

SECTION A
(READING:20 marks)

1 **Read the passage given below and complete the sentences that follow : (1x8)** 8

Goa is India's smallest state in terms of area and the fourth smallest in terms of population. Located on the west coast of India in the region known as Konkan, it is bounded by the state of Maharashtra to the north and by Karnataka to the east and south, while the Arabian Sea forms its western coast.

Panaji (Panjim) is the state's capital, Vasco da Gama (Vasco) the largest city, while the historic city of Margao still exhibits the influenceof Portuguese culture. Portuguese merchants first landed in Goa in the 15th century, and annexed it soon after. The Portuguese colony existed for about 450 years (one of the longest held colonial possessions in the world), until it was taken over by Indian government in 1961.

Renowned for its beaches, Goa is visited by hundreds of thousands of international and domestic tourists each year. Goa is also known for its temples and world heritage architecture including the Basilica of Bom Jesus in old Goa, which makes it one of the biggest Christian pilgrimage sites in Asia. Goa also has rich flora and fauna, owing to its location on the Western Ghats range, which is classified as a biodiversity hotspot.

Old Goa or Velha Goa is an historical city that served the capital of Portuguese establishment from the 16th century until the 18th century. Founded by the Bijapur Sultan on the banks of the Mandovi River, today, it is marked by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. Notable churches such as Basilica of Bom Jesus, Church of St. Caetano Se Cathedral (the seat of the Archbishop of Goa) and the Church of St. Francis of Assisi are found in Old Goa.

(a) Goa is India's smallest state in terms of _____.
(b) The word 'annexed' means_____.
(c) Goa is renowned for _____.
(d) The capital of Goa is _____.
(e) The culture of Goa is influenced by _____.
(f) The city was taken over by the Indian government in _____ .
(g) Old Goa is famous for _____ .
(h) The opposite of 'smallest' is _____. (Para 1)

2 **Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : (2x4)+(1x4)=12** 12

Reshma Anand has always supported the agriculture-based enterprises in the remote parts of India. Her venture, 'Earthy Goods, works at helping them grow into competitive and viable business. Reshma has many stories to share from her life changing and adventurous trip, but there is one incident

that is very close to her heart. "I was in the Chamba district in Himachal Pradesh, and the village I had to visit was a half hour trek from the place we were staying."

Reshma, though, took two hours to reach the village. Once she got there, she found out that the village, which comprised sixty odd vegetable-growing families, had no roads. "And, while I was talking to them, my phone rang. I was so surprised: the village had access to telecom but they lived in the most primitive way."She considers herself lucky that she has never faced any awkward situations. "But I was often looked at with suspicion. They think, 'Why has this woman with her short hair and Western clothes, come here?" She smiles.

Talking about the relevance of natural products, derived from recipes of home remedies, in the city, she says, "Nature has given us everything. I remember whenever my grandmother had fever or cough, she used to boil some tulsi leaves in water and have it. In cities people lead busy lives and might find it difficult to grow tulsi, so just dunk a tulsi tea bag in hot water and savour the goodness."

Unfortunately, we have always underestimated the power of simple and natural, home-made remedies that are not only effective but do not cause any side effects as well. Fortunately, the outlook is now changing, and people are resorting to home remedies for maintaining their beauty and health. The fact that economy has gone down over the years is also a contributing factor to the rise in popularity of the natural remedies.

(a) Explain the line : 'they lived in the most primitive way'.
(b) Why was Reshma looked at with suspicion ?
(c) Why have people in the cities resorted to 'Tulsi' teabag ?
(d) What is the current trend towards home remedies ?
(e) What is meant by 'remote' ? (Para 1)
(f) What is meant by 'viable' ? (Para 1)
(g) Find the word opposite in meaning to 'original'. (Para 4)
(h) Find the word opposite in meaning to 'infamy'. (Para 5)

SECTION B
(WRITING& GRAMMAR: 25 Marks)

3 You feel that today's tech savvyenvironment is a necessary evil. You cannot do without it even think. It has created unending problems for today's generation. Write a diary entry in**about 100 - 120 words** expressing your thoughts about it. 5

4 **Develop a story in about 150-200 words using the following hints. Also give a suitable title.** 10

Hints : Ram - a very intelligent boy - father, a rickshaw puller - mother, a domestic servant - parents met with an accident - unable to afford educational expenses - gave tuitions - did odd jobs - continued his studies - excelled

5 **Complete the following paragraph by choosing the appropriate options from the ones given below. Write your answers in the answer sheets against the correct blank number. Do not copy the entire paragraph.** 3

Madhubani painting is a style of painting practiced (a) _____ Bihar. The themes (b) _____ around Hindu Gods and mythology. They also cover scenes

(c) _____ the royal court and social events like weddings

	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)
(a)	in	for	of	off
(b)	revolves	revolve	will revolve	are revolving
(c)	of	to	from	too

6 **The following passage has not been edited. One word is missing from each line. Identify the missing word and write it in your answer sheet along with the word that comes before and after it. Remember to underline the missing word. The first one has been done as an example for you.** 4

	Word Before	Missing Word	Word After
While making popcorn, cover bottom	eg. Cover	the	bottom
of the pan cooking oil. Put	(a) _____	_____	_____
the burner, on gas stove	(b) _____	_____	_____
and turn flame to high. Gas stoves	(c) _____	_____	_____
heat more quickly evenly.	(d) _____	_____	_____

7 **Rearrange the given words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. Write the correct sentences in your answer sheet.** 3

e.g. : sharing / does / rewards / naturally / come / to humans

Does sharing rewards come naturally to humans?

(a) do / humans / their / share / rewards / with others / equitably

(b) comes / naturally / it / to / children / involves / it / when / collaborative work

(c) are / they / less inclined / it / when / does not / collective action / involve

SECTION C
(LITERATURE& LONG READING TEXT: 25 Marks)

Read one of the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow.

8 *'He was a 23 kilo missile of joy. He hit Chuck above the belt, causing him to fight to keep his balance. Those who saw it said that the dog knew instantly. He never jumped on Chuck again. From that moment, he took up a post beside his master's bed around the clock.'* 3

(i) 'He was a 23 - kilo missile of Joy'. What state of mind does it tell us about 'he' ?

(ii) What did the dog know instantly ?

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(iii) Which word in the above passage means the same as poise?

OR

'And here and there a lusty trout and here and there a grayling'.

(i) Identify the poem and the poet from the above extract. 3

(ii) What do the above lines indicate ?

(iii) Write the synonym of the word 'lusty'.

Answer the following questions inabout 30 - 40 words:

9(i) What were the circumstances which made the grandmother realize the importance of education ? Why had the grandmother not gone to school ? 2

9(ii) Why was the poet affected by the song of the solitary reaper ? 2

9(iii) Does Sacha Guitry's 'A Villa for Sale' define human behaviour through the character of Gaston? Give reasons. 2

9(iv) *The final stanza in the poem, 'The Road Not Taken' starts 'with a sigh.' Why ?* 2

Answer one of the following questions in about 80-100 words

10 "Perseverance and determination can make the impossible possible". Comment with reference to the lesson '*A Dog Named Duke*'. 4

OR

Something happens and we blame others for our unhappiness. Do you agree that the choices we make are our own responsibility? Explain with reference to '*The Road Not Taken*'. 4

Answer one of the following questions in about 150-200 words.

11 Describe briefly the incident in the Royal garden when Gulliver was picked up by a white spaniel (dog). 10

OR

Who was Glumdalclitch ? How and why did she help Gulliver ? 10

OR

The three friends shuddered at the idea of taking oil with them. Why ? 10

OR

Why is Uncle Podger a lovable character despite his being clumsy and sloppy ? Give a reasoned answer. 10

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