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

Maximum Marks: 70

SET - A

Time: 3 hours

Instructions:
The question paper is divided into Three sections.

Section A : Reading
Section B : Writing & Grammar
Section C : Literature & Long Reading Text

SECTION A
(READING: 20 marks)

Read the passage given below and answer the questions / complete the sentences that follow: 1x8=8

Whenever someone travels overseas they are like "a fish out of water." Like the fish, they have been swimming in their own culture all their lives. A fish doesn't know what water is. Likewise, we often do not think too much about the culture we are raised in. Our culture helps to shape our identity. Many of the cues of interpersonal communication (body language, words, facial expressions, tone of voice, idioms, slang) are different in different cultures. One of the reasons that we feel like a fish out of water when we enter a new culture, is that we do not know all of the cues that are used in the new culture.

There are four stages you pass through when you enter and live in a new culture. The first stage is when we arrive. Everything is strange but exciting. This stage can last for quite a long time because we feel we are involved in some kind of great adventure.

Unfortunately, the second stage of culture shock is more difficult. After we have settled down into our new life, we begin to miss our homeland and our family. This 'rejection stage' can be quite dangerous because the visitor may develop unhealthy habits like smoking and drinking too much. This stage is considered a crisis in the process of cultural adjustment and many people choose to go back to their homeland or spend all their time with people from their own culture speaking their native language.

The third stage is the 'adjustment stage'. You realize that things are not so bad in the host culture. You learn to take care of yourself. Things are still difficult, but you are now a survivor!

The fourth stage is the 'at ease at last'. You are comfortable in your new surroundings. You cope with most problems. If you meet someone from your country who has just arrived, you are the expert on life in the new culture and help them to deal with their culture shock.

There is a fifth stage which many people don't know about - 'reverse culture shock'. Surprisingly, this occurs when you go back to your native culture and find that you have changed, things there have changed while you were away. You feel a little uncomfortable back home. Life is a struggle!

(a) Why does someone travelling overseas feel like "a fish out of water."?
(b) How does our culture help us?
(c) What are the various cues of interpersonal communication?
Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

Long, long ago, in a big forest, there were many trees. Among the cluster of trees, there was a very tall pine tree. He was so tall that he could talk to the stars in the sky. He could easily look over the heads of the other trees. One day late in the evening, the pine tree saw a ragged, skinny girl approaching him. He could see her only because of his height. The little girl was in tears. The pine tree bent as much as he could and asked her: “What is the matter? Why are you crying?”

The little girl, still sobbing, replied, “I was gathering flowers for a garland for goddess Durga, who I believe, would help my parents to overcome their poverty and I have lost my way”. The pine tree said to the little girl, “It is late evening. It will not be possible for you to return to your house, which is at the other end of the forest. Sleep for the night at this place.” The pine tree pointed out to an open cave like place under him. The little girl was frightened of wild animals. The girl quickly crept into the cave-like place. The pine tree was happy and pleased with himself. He stood like a soldier guarding the place. The little girl woke up in the morning and was amazed to see the pine tree standing as a guard outside the cave. Then her gaze travelled to the heap of the flowers that she had gathered the previous night. The flowers lay withered on the ground. The pine tree understood what was going on in the girl’s mind. He wrapped his branches around the nearby flower trees and shook them gently. The little girl’s eyes brightened. But a great surprise awaited her. The pine tree brought out a bag full of gold coins which had been lying for years in the hole in its trunk and gave it to the girl. With teary eyes, she thanked her benefactor and went away.

(a) Why was the little girl crying?
(b) Where did the pine tree want the little girl to sleep for the night?
(c) Why was the little girl disappointed when she looked at the flowers and what did the tree do to make her happy?
(d) What lesson does the story teach us?
(e) What is meant by the word, ‘cluster’? (Para 1)
   (i) group
   (ii) team
   (iii) class
   (iv) party
(f) What is meant by the word, ‘approaching’? (Para 1)
   (i) calling
   (ii) touching
   (iii) coming close
   (iv) running towards
(g) What is meant by the word, ‘wild’? (Para 2)
   (i) cunning
   (ii) dirty
   (iii) unpolished
   (iv) dangerous
(h) What is meant by the word, ‘withered’? (Para 2)
(i) dead (ii) shrunk (iii) colourless (iv) unhappy

SECTION B
(WRITING & GRAMMAR: 25 Marks)

Underage driving is not safe, i.e., below 18 years of age. We should follow the traffic rules.

Write an article, in about 100-120 words, bringing out the risks involved.

Write a story in about 150-200 words using the hints given below:

Sitting near a window - enjoying the rain - cars splash - pitter patter on the window-pane - khar-khar of the FM station - unable to access Radio Stations - the near-by patch of green - vibrant - soothing smell of the wet soil - noise of foot steps - bell rings...

Read the paragraph given below. Fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate words/phrases from the given options.

It must, however, be kept in mind that as useful as computers are, they are not capable of independent thought and (a) _______ require human input. In recent times, scientists have developed ‘Artificial Intelligence’ in computers that may enable (b) _______ to function independently (c) _______ man in the future.

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The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the error and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. The first one has been done as an example.

Finally, one day, Sunita ran out in patience.Enough was enough. She decide to confront Suruchi. She asked her why she was been nasty to her. She had done nothing to offend you. She knew the confrontation will mean the end of their relationship.

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Rearrange the following words/phrases to make meaningful sentences.

(a) to send / messages / computer / to another / one computer / internet allows
(b) issue / to converse / people / it now / debate / or discuss / allows
(c) network / this / of files / all kinds / stores

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

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

Mrs. Packletide was pardonably annoyed at the discovery; ...............

(a) What was the discovery?
(b) Why was Mrs. Packletide annoyed?
(c) What is the adjective form of the adverb, 'pardonably'? OR

"And you, too. Are you such a poor creature that you must do every dirty thing she tells you?"

(a) Who is the 'poor creature'? 3
(b) Why is he/she being called a 'poor creature'? 3
(c) Which word in the extract is the opposite of 'clean'? 3

**Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words.**

9(i) How did Miss Louisa Mebbin blackmail Mrs. Packletide? 2
9(ii) Why has the woman in the 'Mirror' been compared to a terrible fish? 2
9(iii) What did the grandfather, Abel Merryweather decide to do on Monday? 2
9(iv) To what extent is the nightingale responsible for her miserable plight and subsequent death? 2

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

10 'When you live for a strong purpose, then hard work isn't an option. It is a necessity.' Both Nicola and Jacopo were hard working and uncomplaining. You too realised the importance of hard work after reading their story. Write an article in 120-150 words on the 'Virtues of Hard Work'

OR

The woman in the poem, *The Mirror* associates youth with beauty and feels she will lose her beauty as she gets older. Keeping this in view write an article on 'Beauty lies in the eyes of the beholder'.

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

11 Describe Anne's relationship with her father and how her feelings for him changed? 10

OR

Human beings continue to be petty-minded even in the most trying circumstances. Comment with reference to 'Diary of a Young Girl'.

OR

The arrival of Anne Sullivan coincided with the coming of spring. What symbolic significance does it hold?

OR

Comment on the controversy related to the 'Frost King'. What does it indicate about the character of Helen?