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)

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Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

Faced with complaints of overpricing of medical devices like cardiac stents and implants, the government seems to be finally getting its act together.

According to a government official, in a string of measures to regulate the industry under the Draft National Medical Device Policy, it has recommended creating an autonomous body - the National Medical Devices Authority (NDMA)-pricing control for medical devices by including them under the Essential Commodities Act and, most importantly, floating a separate pricing division in the drug pricing regulator, NPPA.

Significantly, the draft says the government may announce a separate policy for regulating prices of identified medical devices and implement it through a separate medical devices control order.

Currently, prices of medicines are notified through the Drug Prices Control Order, by the department of pharmaceuticals.

The NMDA may be headed by an officer of the rank of additional secretary/joint secretary and include a member secretary (rank of joint secretary), two medical practitioners, two medical device technologists or scientists and the secretary general of Quality Council of India (ex-officio).

In a patient-friendly measure, the draft mentions adopting policies on efficacy and safety testing, and quality control through a 'Made in India' marking (BIS) specific to medical devices in line with global standards.

In fact, the objective of the National Medical Device Policy 2015 is “strengthening the Make in India drive by reducing dependence on imports and setting up a strong base for medical
Medical devices, which are classified as equipment, implants and disposables, are mainly import driven, with nearly 70-80% high-end devices and equipment brought into the country, while the domestic industry manufactures disposables and medical supplies. “Lack of national regulation helped the MNCs in doing business in this sector,” it says. Incidentally, the Drugs and Cosmetics (Amendment) Bill, 2015, for providing regulation on medical devices is also in the legislative process.

(a) Due to some serious issues like _________ of medical devices like cardiac stents etc, the government has now decided to take a call.

(b) The National Medical Devices Authority has decided to regulate the prices of such devices by putting them under _________.

(c) The prices of the medicines are notified through the _________ by the department of pharmaceuticals.

(d) The main objective of National Medical Device Policy 2015 is promoting and strengthening the _________ drive.

(e) The entire effort is a _________ measure aiming to regulate prices, ensuring quality etc to the patients.

(f) The domestic industry in this sector contributed mainly to _________ and medical supplies.

(g) The Drugs and Cosmetics (Amendment) Bill 2015, which would provide regulation on _________ is also in the legislative process.

(h) The word in para 6 which means ‘extremely important’ is _________.

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

1. Unemployment is a serious problem in India. It is becoming more and more serious day by day. India has the population of about 1.20 billion. The problem of unemployment is rising fast. Every able-bodied man and woman must get employment. If not, the problem of unemployment will create difficulties for the development of the country.

2. Many age-old businesses that are not able to cope-up with the changing demand and economic scenario are either closed down or heavy retrenchment takes place in them. When there is slump in business, many people find themselves without jobs.

3. Though a number of young men have been absorbed in the Information Technology businesses, a large number of youth is still unemployed.

   First of all, we must check the fast rising population of India. We cannot create jobs for all if the rate of population is not slowed down.

   Family Planning schemes should be made popular. People should be educated about the importance of a small family. This will help solve the problem of unemployment.

   The education system of our country should be need-based. It should be job-oriented. It must make our students self-dependent. A change in the mental attitude
of our boys and girls is necessary. As many of them are service-minded, they do not want to take risks. They do not like to start business or small-scale industries. They should not depend on the government for everything. It is not possible for any government to give jobs to all. A desire for doing something of one's own may solve, to some extent, the problem of unemployment for both the educated and the uneducated people.

5. In brief, we have to solve the problem of unemployment on a war footing. For this, both long and short measures should be taken in India. Population growth has to be checked. Family Planning should be made productive. Each one should give financial help to the unemployed to set up some industry or start some business. People should be encouraged to go for skill-based education. Government should promote the establishment of industries by private sector.

(a) How can population growth affect employment in India?
(b) What reforms should be made in our education system to reduce unemployment?
(c) How can a change in the mental attitude of our boys and girls reduce the problem of unemployment?
(d) What measures should be taken to solve the problem of unemployment?
(e) Which word in Para 2 means the same as 'setting'?
(f) Which word in Para 2 means the same as 'reduction'?
(g) Find a word in Para 5 which means 'place'.
(h) Which word in Para 2 means the same as 'recession'?

SECTION B
(WRITING & GRAMMAR: 25 Marks)

3 You are a member of the Eco Club of your school. A few weeks back, your school celebrated Earth Day. Various informative programmes were showcased in the morning assembly. Write a diary entry in about 100 - 120 words, describing what you learned through those activities.

4 Develop a story in about 150-200 words with the following beginning. Also give a suitable title.
Raman and Seema were very busy working in a multinational company earning a very handsome salary but they didn't have the time to ________

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.
The construction of the Taj Mahal began around 1632. (a) ______ was completed around 1653, employing thousands (b) ______ artisans and craftsmen. The work was entrusted (c) ______ a board of architects under imperial supervision

(i) (ii) (iii) (iv)
(a) and as it which
(b) off of for to
(c) for of across to
6. The following paragraph has not been edited. One word is missing from each line. Identify the missing word and write it along with the word before and the word after in your answer sheet.

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

e.g.: salty fluid / tear / is / a / filled with / water / mucus and oil / protein

Tear is a salty fluid, filled with protein, water, mucus and oil

(a) humans / usually / excessive / tears / produce / emotional contexts / in
(b) not all / of course / tears / are / of / the emotional / variety
(c) three types / of / tears / with / exist / different / purposes

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

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

"She nodded but did not reply. I did not understand and forgot about it. In the night, after dinner, we were sleeping in the open terrace of the house."

(i) Who are 'she' and 'I' in the above extract?
(ii) What did 'I' not understand?
(iii) Which word in the above passage means the same as deck?

OR

"That was a month ago and now I have only one thought, that is to get the wretched place off my hands."

(i) Who is speaking the above lines and to whom?
(ii) What do you mean by 'wretched place'?
(iii) Why does the speaker call the place 'wretched'?

Answer the following questions in about 30 - 40 words:

9(i) What made Triveni a popular writer in Kannada literature?
9(ii) What is the dilemma faced by the poet in the poem 'The Road Not Taken'?
9(iii) "You are an exception. Frenchmen usually have to consult about ten people before they get a move on ...." What does this remark tell you about the speaker?
Answer one of the following questions in about 80-100 words

With Duke's death Chuck lost his strongest support system, his best friend. Elaborate highlighting the character traits of Duke and the values a best friend must possess.

OR

Lord Ullin was repentant and full of remorse about his stern attitude towards his daughter which led to her sudden and tragic death. It happened due to the absence of basic human values in her father – tolerance and non-violence – that led to the tragedy. Do you agree? Give reasons.

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

What reply did the emperor of Blefuscu give to the emperor of Lilliput regarding Gulliver?

OR

Critically analyse the character of Lemuel Gulliver in Book 1 and Book 2.

OR

We are all prone to make quick judgments. How did the crowd support this statement looking at the men with their luggage?

OR

All the four characters in the story, 'Three Men in a Boat' have one or two admirable qualities in them. Describe them briefly.