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SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT - II

ENGLISH

(Communicative)

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 70

General Instructions

- (i) The question paper is divided into three sections :

Section A : Reading	20 Marks
Section B : Writing and 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 that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.

1. **Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :** **1 × 8 = 8**

One of the greatest advances in modern technology has been the invention of computers. They are widely used in industries and in universities. Now there is hardly any sphere of human life where computers have not been pressed into service of man. We are heading fast towards the day when a computer will be as much part of man's daily life as a telephone or a calculator.

Computers are capable of doing extremely complicated work in all branches of learning. They can solve the most complex mathematical problems or put thousands of unrelated facts in order. These machines can be put to varied uses. For instance, they can provide information on the best way to prevent traffic jams. This whole process by which machines can be used to work for us has been called 'automation'. In the future 'automation' may enable human beings to enjoy more leisure than they do today. The coming of automation is bound to have important social consequences.

Some years ago an expert on automation, Sir Leon Bagrit, pointed out that it was a mistake to believe that these machines could 'think'. There is no possibility that human beings will be "controlled by machines". Though computers are capable of learning from their mistakes and improving on their performance, they need detailed instructions from human beings to operate. They can never, as it were, lead independent lives or "rule the world" by making decisions of their own.

Sir Leon said that in future, computers would be developed which would be small enough to carry in the pocket. Ordinary people would then be able to use them to obtain valuable information. Computers could be plugged into a national network and be used like radios. For instance, people going on holiday could be informed about weather conditions. Car drivers can be given alternative routes when there are traffic jams. It will also be possible to make tiny translating machines. This will enable people who do not share a common language to talk to each other without any difficulty or to read foreign publications.

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| (a) | What is the greatest advancement in modern technology ? | 1 |
| (b) | What complicated works are computers capable of doing ? | 1 |
| (c) | Write one use of computers. | 1 |
| (d) | Explain automation. | 1 |
| (e) | Why can't computers lead independent lives or rule the world ? | 1 |
| (f) | How would computers as translating machines help people ? | 1 |
| (g) | What was the prediction of Sir Leon about computers in the future ? | 1 |
| (h) | How can computers help people going on holiday ? | 1 |

2. **Read the passage given below.** **12**

- 1 Why does a person become overconfident ? The reason lies in over assessment of his capabilities. Sometimes people over assess their competence and jump into situations that are beyond their control.
2. Napoleon Bonaparte who became Emperor of France would say that the word impossible was common only amongst fools. The overconfident Napoleon invaded Russia in the winter of 1812. This proved to be a big disaster.
- 3 Overconfidence generally leads people into misadventures, endangering their chances in life. It is wisely said that any achievement is a result of two factors-one's personal planning and support from the external world. People, take into account only their planning, generally ignoring external factors. As a result they are unable to foresee future developments. Hence, a great risk of failure.
- 4 Then there is the question : how can one manage overconfidence ? The formula is very simple. Before taking a decision discuss the matter with other informed people with an objective mind and when it is proved that you are about to go off the path, accept reality and say without delay, "I was wrong".

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5. Overconfidence is a flaw characterizing people who lack the virtue of modesty. Modesty makes you a realist; you become a person who is cut down to size. People of this kind become very cautious; before taking an action they assess the whole situation. They adopt a realistic approach.
 6. Overconfident people live within their own thoughts. They know themselves but they are unaware of others. Living inside their own cell they are unable to make use of the experiences of others. This kind of habit is highly damaging to all concerned.
 7. There is a saying that the young man sees the rule and the old man sees the exception, with a slight change, I would like to say that the overconfident person sees the rule and the confident person sees the exception. Overconfident people are always at risk. It is said that taking risk is good but it must be well calculated otherwise it becomes very dangerous.

2.1 Answer the following questions :

2 × 4 = 8

- (a) Why does a person become overconfident ?
- (b) What does overconfidence generally lead people into ?
- (c) How can one manage overconfidence ?
- (d) What kind of person does 'modesty' make you ?

2.2 Find meanings of the words given below with the help of the options that follow

1 × 4 = 4

- (a) Misadventure (Para 3)
 - (i) Mishap
 - (ii) Unlucky
 - (iii) Unhappy
 - (iv) Unpleasant
- (b) Endangering (Para 3)
 - (i) Reckless
 - (ii) Imperil
 - (iii) Risky
 - (iv) Threatening
- (c) Assess (Para 5)
 - (i) Assemble
 - (ii) Acquire
 - (iii) Evaluate
 - (iv) Accept
- (d) Objective (Para 4)
 - (i) Obedient
 - (ii) Servile
 - (iii) Honest
 - (iv) Impartial

SECTION - B

(Writing and Grammar)

25 marks

3. You feel that the 'Clean India Campaign' has not been as effective as you thought it should have been. As Ankit/Ankita, write an article in 100-120 words discussing the reason for this. Also highlight the measures that a common man and student can take to make it a success .

OR

Influence of friends can have both positive and negative impact on the students. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily in 100-120 words discussing how we can make it more positive and productive. You are Arun/Aruna 24 Mall Road Chennai.

4. **Write a story in 150 - 200 words based on the input given below :**

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It was a cold, foggy morning - the dog - Snoopy - reluctant to come out of its bed - just then suddenly.....

OR

Learning to swim - enjoyed - not fully trained - pushed inside - started drowning.....

5. Complete the following paragraph by filling in the blanks with the help of the given options :

1 × 3 = 3

The school decided (a)_____withdraw the facility of (b)_____additional answer sheets during tests to cut (c)_____on expenses.

- (a) (i) upon (ii) to (iii) for (iv) on
(b) (i) give (ii) gives (iii) gave (iv) giving
(c) (i) on (ii) upon (iii) down (iv) up

6. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the error and its correction as shown in the example.

½ × 8 = 4

	Error	Correction
One day a wonderful plate full in gold	e.g in	of
fell from Heaven into a courtyard of	(a) _____	_____
a temple at Benaras; so on the	(b) _____	_____
plate these words were inscribe.	(c) _____	_____
"A gift from Heaven to he who	(d) _____	_____
"loves better" The priests at once	(e) _____	_____
made a announcement that every	(f) _____	_____
-day at noon, all which would like	(g) _____	_____
to claimed the plate should come.	(h) _____	_____

7. Read the dialogue given below and complete the paragraph that follows

1 × 3 = 3

Anup : Where can we meet tomorrow ?

Atul : I may not be able to meet you tomorrow.

Anup : Are you going to be busy?

Atul : Yes, I will be travelling tomorrow.

Anup asked Atul (a)_____. Atul replied (b)_____. Anup asked if he was going to be busy. Atul said that he was as (c)_____.

SECTION C

(Literature : Textbook and Long Reading text)

25 marks

8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :

1x3 = 3

"Oh, oh, oh, oh, oh ..." Patol Babu began giving the exclamation a different inflection each time he uttered it. After doing it a number of times he made an astonishing discovery.

- (a) Why did Patol Babu repeat the word, 'oh' over and over again ?
(b) What 'astonishing discovery' did he make ?
(c) What does the word, 'uttered' mean ?

OR

"They that have done this deed are honourable :

What private griefs they have, alas, I know not,

That made them do it" :

- (a) Who is the speaker ?
(b) What deed have 'they' done ?
(c) What does the word, 'griefs' mean ?

9. Answer any four of the following in 30-40 words each :

2x4=8

- (a) What is the poet's dual attitude towards the snake ?
(b) How was Shultz finally rescued by Michael ?
(c) What did Caesar leave for the Romans in his will ?
(d) John Hallock could never displease Jenkins. Why ?
(e) What is ironic about the inscription on the pedestal of Ozymandias' statue ?

10. Answer the following in 80-100 words : 4

Who was Mr. Pakrashi and how did he instil the value of being true to one's work in Patol Babu ?

OR

Keeping in mind the poem, 'Snake', write out a speech for the morning assembly on the topic, 'Snakes a beautiful creation of God, an object of our love and not hatred.'

11. Answer the following question 150-200 words : 10

There were many reasons for Helen Keller's embittered childhood. What were they and how were they overcome?

OR

Helen's struggle has become a source of inspiration for all less fortunate. Comment.

OR

Anne's relationship with her mother was never simple. What created the tension and discord ? Why?

OR

Anne's father was close to her. What did she like about him ? Why ?

10th CBSE (SESSION : 2015-16)
SUBJECT : ENGLISH
SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT-II
SOLUTION _SET-2_CODE NO. 1/2

1. (a) The greatest advancement in modern technology has been the invention of computers.
- (b) Computers are capable of doing extremely complicated work in all branches of learning. They can solve the most complex mathematical problems or put thousands of unrelated facts in order.
- (c) They can provide information in the best way to prevent traffic jams.
- (d) Automation is a process by which machines can be used to work for human beings.
- (e) Computers can't lead independent lives or rule the world as they cannot make their own decisions. They need detailed instructions from human beings to operate.
- (f) Computers as translating machine would enable people who do not share a common language to talk to each other without any difficulty or read foreign publications.
- (g) Sir Leon's prediction about computers in the future was that such would be small enough to carry in the pocket. Ordinary people would then be able to use them to obtain valuable information. Computers could be plugged into a national network and be used like radios.
- (h) Computers help people going on a holiday by informing them about the weather conditions.
- 2.1 (a) The reason lies in over assessment of his capabilities. Sometimes people over assess their competence and jump into situations that are beyond their control.
- (b) Overconfidence generally leads people into misadventures, endangering their chances in life.
- (c) The formula is very simple. Before taking a decision discuss the matter with other informed people with an objective mind and when it is proved that you are about to go off the path, accept reality and say without delay, "I was wrong".
- (d) Modesty makes you a realist; you become a person who is cut down to size. People of this kind become very cautious; before taking an action they assess the whole situation. They adopt a realistic approach
- 2.2 (a) (i) Mishap
- (b) (iv) Threatening
- (c) (iii) Evaluate
- (d) (iv) Impartial

3.

Clean India Campaign
By Ankit/Ankita

The Clean India Campaign is a national campaign by the Government of India covering 4,041 statutory cities and towns to clean the streets, roads and infrastructure of the country. It is the easiest mission taken up by the Modi Government. But the people of India has taken this mission on a back seat. Different Municipal corporations have expressed their helplessness at the state of things. The government alone cannot bring about much change unless the people clean their surroundings and keep the streets spick and span. Its all about attitude; we need a change in our attitudes. Making people aware is important but more important is that this awareness is converted to actions. It is something that everyone wants with all his heart. It is our duty to keep our nation clean and hygiene . Students, moreover should take initiative to keep their schools and communities clean.

OR

24, Mall Road
Chennai
March 16, 2016
The Editor
The Times of India
Sir

Sub : Influence of friends

This is to highlight the influence of friends on children. After their parents, it's friends who influence the minds of children. The way they talk, wear clothes and behave can easily influence the thinking of children. Some of their friends may belong to rich families and flaunt their luxuries like anything or even make the innocent ones get into bad habits such as addictions. Company matters a lot and the children can't help but affect their lives by getting influenced. Sometimes it proves disastrous and becomes the reason for a high scale revolt by children.

Nevertheless, this situation is not too difficult to be dealt with. If parents try to become their children's friends and explain the disadvantages of indulging in bad company to them, it will surely work. They can give some good instances to their children so that they themselves can keep away from bad company. Providing children with a friendly environment and assuring them of their good if they stay in good company can only bring children back on the right track.

I hope you will also be concerned about this sensitive matter and deem it necessary to make people aware of it through your newspaper column.

Thanking you

Yours truly

Arun/Aruna

4. The rattling of the windows disturbed my sleep and I had to get off the bed to shut them. With the blanket still wrapped around my shivering body, I shut the windows and was shocked to look at the clock. It was 8 : 30 am. I rushed downstairs to take my dearest dog, Snoopy for a stroll, being a part of his daily routine. But, that day wasn't just an ordinary day. Usually Snoopy was ready for a walk as soon as he heard my footsteps on the staircase. It used to be overjoyed, jumping up and down for the stroll. That day Snoopy was lying in his kennel, absolutely lethargic. It was a strange behaviour showed by Snoopy. I tried to make him get up repeatedly but to no avail. After several callings I went up to his kennel and pulled his leash but he didn't move an inch. On touching his body I realised that Snoopy had high fever because his body was very hot. I rushed to my room and called the vet without wasting any time.

The vet had soon arrived. Snoopy was diagnosed with Malaria. I was very upset. The vet prescribed some medicines for Snoopy and told me to take intense care of him. Within a week's time, Snoopy recovered gradually, the week passed I was happy to see Snoopy recover. In the end of the second week I was back on the roadside with my dearest Snoopy for a stroll.

OR

From my early childhood whenever I saw somebody swimming, I admired the way they swam. Many a time even I wished to swim but my apprehensions never allowed me to do so.

When I was in class six, one day my father came home and showed a form which he had bought for me. It was a form regarding the training of swimming. When I was excited when I got to know that I am going to learn swimming. When I went to the class on the first day, the coach instructed me to go to the shallow pool and start practising the breathing and pedalling exercises. I enjoyed myself so much that I had no idea when an hour had passed. Gradually I was learning the concept of swimming and was gaining confidence.

One day I arrived very early at the pool to swim and no one was there, so I was thinking to swim in the deep pool. I was just thinking of it but one of my mates pushed me into the pool. I was afraid and forgot to swim and started drowning and was screaming for help. The coach came and pulled me up and scolded the girl who pushed me.

5. (a) to
(b) giving
(c) down
6. (a) a the
(b) so and
(c) inscribe inscribed
(d) he him
(e) better best
(f) a an
(g) which who
(h) claimed claim

7. (a) Where they could meet the next day
(b) that he might not be able to meet him the next day
(c) he would be travelling the next day

8. (a) After remembering the words of Gogon Pakrashi, his mentor, Patol Babu tried to bring the essence of the monosyllabic expression 'oh' instead of brutally overlooking it. For this very reason he uttered the word many times and found that it could be used to show various expressions and emotions. For instance 'oh' uttered in grief, "oh" uttered in surprise etc. So it could be let go without taking into account.
- (b) He uttered 'oh' differently giving it the emotions of despair, sorrow, whisper, shouting etc. He spoke it with a high-pitch, a low-pitch. He found that the monosyllabic expression "oh" contained a gold-mine of meaning. This was the astonishing discovery he made. Now he was able to prepare a thesis on it.
- (c) The word uttered means 'spoke' or 'said'.

OR

- (a) Mark Antony is the speaker here.
- (b) They i.e. the conspirators stabbed mighty Caesar with a dagger.
- (c) 'Griefs' mean grudges.
9. (a) The poet certainly showed a dual attitude towards the snake who had come to his water-trough to quench his thirst. His 'voice of education' and knowledge told him that the yellow-brown snake was poisonous and must be killed at once. If he were a brave man, he would take a stick and kill him. But his natural instinct told him that he feared him but was also fascinated by his presence. He thought him 'someone' and not 'something', who had come there to seek his hospitality.
- (b) Micheal was very fond of video games. One day he got psychodrive games from a computer fair. When he started playing the first game, he got to meet Shultz whom he thought as a second player and continued playing. After the first game "Wildwest" got over, he received a message from Shultz stating he needed to be rescued and asked him to try "Dragonquest", the second game. He could not clear that and on request of Shultz tried the third game i.e. "Jail-break". He could not rescue him in that game also. The narrator received a message again to try 'Warzone'. The narrator and Sebastian Shultz went amidst gun fire, sniper fire, tank fire and bombs exploding. Sebastian Shultz jumped into a jeep but it had been hit by a tank pursuing it. He was thrown into the air and tumbled round and round. But the narrator pulled him up and sat him down beside in a helicopter. He had saved him in this way.
- (c) As per Caesar's will each citizen would get 75 drachmas (silver coins) and left all his private gardens, newly planted orchards and arbours for public use and many other provisions for the amusement of citizens.

- (d) The narrator could never displease Jenkins as his magazine had been the only one to print narrator's stuff. Jenkins might get angry and withdraw the offer or he might not give him any work in the future if he refused.
- (e) The ironic thing about the inscription on the pedestal of Ozymandias's statue is that the consequences of his authority and pride do not comply to his accomplishments made before. Not even a pinch of his victories and annexations remains now. Time has destroyed everything. Even the statue is shattered and the parts are lying here and there in the desert. The whole kingdom of Ozymandias has turned out to be vast and limitless stretches of sand (desert) as far as anybody can see.

10. When Patol Babu got his one-word dialogue he was greatly shocked and felt like walking out of the shooting site. But the real artist in him was awakened. A faint memory of his past and his mentor Gogon Pakrashi stirred up in his mind. His mentor used to say to him that however small a part he was offered, he should never consider it beneath his dignity to accept. As an artist his aim should be to make the most of his opportunity. He should squeeze the last drop of meaning out of his lines. As an artist he must also remember that a play involved the work of many. It was the combined effort of many that made a success of the play. Gogon Pakrashi also used to say that each word spoken in a play was like a fruit in a tree. As an actor he was to pluck that, get at its essence and serve it up to the audience for his edification. These words awakened in Patol Babu a real artist.

OR

Good morning respected Principal, teachers and dear friends. Today I would like to speak on "Snakes- A Beautiful Creation of God, An Object of Our Love and Not hatred."

Snakes are the most modern of reptiles but perhaps the least understood reptiles. Most people are afraid of snakes, even those with an educated understanding of the environment and nature. This is unfortunate because the average snakes that turns up in the backyard or the forest is usually harmless. Many snakes are even helpful to humans. This color will help to clarify which are indeed dangerous and how to detect them. Snakes inhabit a wide variety of ecological habitats such as land, trees, underground, fresh water, and salt water. They are found in every continent except Antarctica.

11. In the book 'The Story of My Life', gems to inspire life are sprinkled everywhere. Any other child in Helen's place would have submitted to the adverse circumstances but not Helen. She took the challenge valiantly and rose to the occasion. Her world was dark, desolate, dull, drab, silent and gloomy. She found it difficult to reach other persons. This gave her excruciating pain and frustration. To make herself understood was an uphill task for her. She yearned for a companion to communicate with. Darkness engulfed her from so, while describing Nature she compels the readers to admit that she was an effective writer. We get a reflection of the Romantic poets, who were close to nature, in her personality. Helen was very sensitive. The allegation of plagiarism almost broke her heart. She was brave at heart and knew how to fight the odds. Any other handicapped person in her place would have drowned in the mire of the allegation of plagiarism but she emerged out successfully. We marvel at her extraordinary memory while reading the description of famous and eminent personalities. Simply by touching she could tell who the person was. Her description simply proves that she had an extraordinary intelligence.

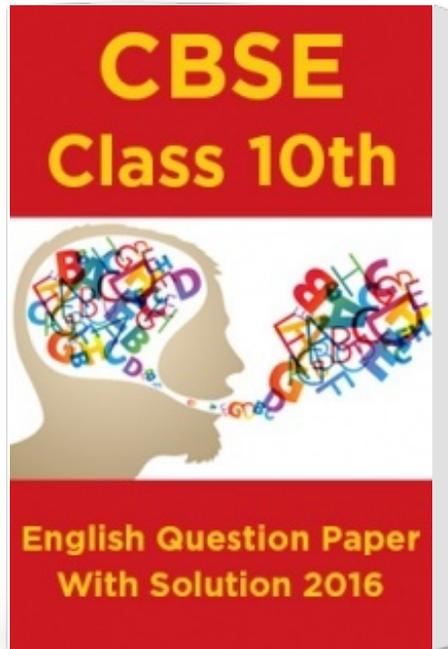
The trait most characteristic of Helen is to make her readers feel things the way she does. Skill in the use of words and her habit of playing with them makes her a distinguished writer. Helen Keller is a memorable personality and very inspiring also. She preaches that zenith can be reached if one is determined, pure at heart and believes in one's teacher.

OR

The book 'The Story of My Life' is all inspiring and those who read between the lines get a plethora of life-saving and life improving medicines. One gets the message that a man should set a target for himself and work tirelessly to achieve it. He should be determined and work for achievement with a single-minded devotion and determination. Dark clouds will scatter giving place to the sun to shine brightly.

Then one gets the message that hurdles on the way should be tackled bravely and they should not be allowed to send a person into the deep pits of depression. Let bygones be bygones. Start life afresh and begin work forgetting the unfortunate past. Then one understands that Nature has the capacity to apply balm to the melancholic hearts. Rest in the lap of Nature and get the required solace and all the good

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