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**ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE  
SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT - I, 2013  
Class - X**

**Time allowed : 3 hours**

**Maximum Marks: 80**

**General Instructions :**

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

Section A	:	Reading	15 marks
Section B	:	Writing	20 marks
Section C	:	Grammar	15 marks
Section D	:	Literature	30 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.

**SECTION - A  
(Reading)**

- 1 Read the following passage carefully and answer the following 8 questions :

**4,000 - yr - old gold - adorned Skelcton found in UK**  
Press Trust of India

**London:** Archaeologists, excavating near the Royal Borough, have found a 4,400 - year-old skeleton of an upper class woman, who was certainly a member of the local ruling elite.

The individual, aged around 40, was buried wearing a necklace of folded sheet gold, amber and lignite beads, just a century or two after Stonehenge was constructed some 60 miles to the south-west, the Independent reported.

Even the buttons, believed to have been used to secure upper part of her long vanished burial garment, were made of amber and she also appears to have worn a bracelet of lignite beads. It's known that in southern Britain, some high status men of that era - the Copper Age - had gold possessions, but this is the first time archaeologists have found a woman of that period to have gold possessions.

It's believed that the gold to make the jewellery may have come from hundreds of miles to the west - and that the amber almost certainly came from the UK's North Sea coast.

The lignite - a form of coal - is also thought to have come from the UK. The funeral rite for the potential prehistoric royal may have involved her family arranging her body so that, in death, she clasped a 25 centimetre tall ceramic beaker that was decorated with geometric patterns pottery drinking vessel in her hands.

- (a) Archaeologists believed that the Skeleton belonged to an upper class woman or royalty because \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) This discovery was important for the archaeologists as \_\_\_\_\_.
- (c) The amber buttons were a part of \_\_\_\_\_.
- (d) The bracelet was made of \_\_\_\_\_.
- (e) Lignite, a form (a) \_\_\_\_\_ originated from (b) \_\_\_\_\_.
- (f) In death she was \_\_\_\_\_.
- (g) Find words in the passage that mean \_\_\_\_\_.
- (i) a thing owned by someone
- (ii) belonging to a higher social status

- 2 Read the poem given below and complete the statements that follow by choosing the 7 correct options.

### IN LONDON TOWN

It was a bird of paradise,  
Over the roofs he flew.  
All the children in a trice  
Clapped their hands and cried,  
"How nice!  
Look-his wings are blue!"

His body was of ruby red,  
His eyes were burning gold,  
All the grown-up people said,  
"What a pity the creature is not dead,  
For then it could be sold!"

One was braver than the rest,  
He took a loaded gun;  
Aiming at the emerald chest,  
He shot the creature through the breast,  
Down it fell in the sun.

It was not heavy, it was not fat,  
And folk began to stare,  
"We cannot eat it, that is flat!  
And such outlandish feathers as that  
Why, who could ever wear?"

They flung it into the river brown.  
"A pity the creature died!"  
With a smile and with a frown,

Thus they did in London town;  
But all the children cried.

- (a) The bird was flying over/in the .....
  - (i) buildings (ii) sky
  - (iii) mountain (iv) sea
- (b) The grown-ups were interested in .....
  - (i) killing the bird
  - (ii) selling the bird
  - (iii) eating the bird
  - (iv) having the skin and feathers of the bird
- (c) The person shot the bird through the .....
  - (i) breast (ii) head
  - (iii) feathers (iv) green chest
- (d) The people did not like the feathers because they were .....
  - (i) of no use
  - (ii) too big
  - (iii) strange and not very pleasant
  - (iv) pleasant
- (e) 'outlandish' in the above context means .....
  - (i) uncanny (ii) familiar
  - (iii) strange (iv) beautiful
- (f) The children cried because the bird was :
  - (i) beautiful (ii) shot dead
  - (iii) ugly (iv) flying
- (g) "One was braver than the rest", here 'braver' refers to a person who...
  - (i) was present there
  - (ii) had shot dead the bird
  - (iii) was braver than others
  - (iv) had the gem

### SECTION - B (Writing)

- 3 You have been elected President RWA of Friends Society, Sector 82, Gurgaon. Write a notice in 3  
about 50-60 words to be put up on the notice board thanking the residents for their support  
and inviting them to a meeting to discuss your agenda for the improvement of the Society.
- 4 As Kishore/Kiran Sahai, a newspaper reporter of a local daily, write a report on a purse 3  
snatching incident that you witnessed in a market place recently.

- 5 Raju Meera and Shyam are discussing where they will spend their winter vacation. Complete the dialogue below in a suitable way. 4
- Meera : Hello friends! Where (a)\_\_\_\_\_.
- Raju : I am spending my winter vacations at Shimla.
- Shyam : Good lord! Shimla, in winter ?
- Meera : Why don't you choose a warmer place ? In winter you (b)\_\_\_\_\_ death in Shimla.
- Raju : OK. Tell me a suitable alternative.
- Shyam : Why don't you go to Kerala. It is (c)\_\_\_\_\_
- Raju : Certainly. Kerala is the best destination in winter. It is scenic, lush green and warmer.
- Shyam : It's 'God's own place'. This is what they say. So far as greenery and scenic beauty are concerned (d)\_\_\_\_\_ in India.

- 6 You are Rahul/Rita. Your younger sister's exams are round the corner. Lately she has been wasting a lot of time watching the IPL matches on TV. Using the hints given below, along with your own ideas, write a letter to her in about 120-150 words advising her to study hard and not get distracted. 5

- academics important
- make a study schedule
- revision very important
- admission depends upon results
- cricket season will come again - record IPL matches

- 7 You are a member of Literary Club of your school. You have been asked to deliver a speech on the topic, "In some ways, a modern child has a more comfortable life at school than his parents had when they were at school" in the morning assembly. Write the speech in about 120 words. 5

### SECTION - C (Grammar)

- 8 Read the paragraph given below. Fill in the blanks with the help of options that follow. 3

Mikali was a young boy of 14 who had the (a)\_\_\_\_\_ of his infant brother's (b)\_\_\_\_\_ from the wrath of nature. But (c)\_\_\_\_\_ of milk for him was his primary concern.

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|-----|-------|-----------------|------|----------------|
| (a) | (i)   | responsible     | (ii) | responsibility |
|     | (iii) | was responsible | (iv) | response       |
| (b) | (i)   | protect         | (ii) | protecting     |

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|-----|-------|------------|------|---------------|
|     | (iii) | protection | (iv) | is protecting |
| (c) | (i)   | provision  | (ii) | provide       |
|     | (iii) | providing  | (iv) | provided      |

9 Read the given notes. Then complete the paragraph by picking the correct option from the choices given below. Write the answer in your answer sheet against the correct blank number.

- Police rescued 5 year old girl
- Kidnapped neighbour
- Ransom
- Informed police
- Dinesh, a resident, admitted

A five-year old girl (a) \_\_\_\_\_. She had been (b) \_\_\_\_\_.

Upon questioning (c) \_\_\_\_\_ to the crime. He disclosed where the girl had been hidden.

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| (a) | (i)   | By the police was rescued               |
|     | (ii)  | Rescued the police                      |
|     | (iii) | Was rescued by the police               |
|     | (iv)  | Was rescued from the police             |
| (b) | (i)   | For a ransom kidnapped by the neighbour |
|     | (ii)  | For a ransom by the neighbour kidnapped |
|     | (iii) | Kidnapped by the neighbour for a ransom |
|     | (iv)  | Kidnapped for ransom by neighbour       |
| (c) | (i)   | Dinesh resident of their house          |
|     | (ii)  | Dinesh also a resident                  |
|     | (iii) | Dinesh who is a resident                |
|     | (iv)  | Dinesh a resident admitted              |

10 Rearrange the following jumbled words/phrases to make meaningful sentences. The first one has been done for you as an example.

relieves and amuses/soul/laughter/the depressed

Laughter relieves and amuses the depressed soul.

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| (a) | an antidote/and pain/it is/to stress                            |
| (b) | for toning/a good exercise/up/it is/facial muscles              |
| (c) | are stabilized/is improved/body functions/and blood circulation |

11 In the passage given below, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after at in your answer sheet. The first one has been done as an example.

	Before	Omitted	After
He took off hat, revealing thick white hair,	Eg. off	<u>his</u>	hat
put his hands together and seemed be praying.	(a) _____	_____	_____
Then they heard long loud moan come from	(b) _____	_____	_____
the shack that was just the street.	(c) _____	_____	_____

12 Read the conversation given below and complete the paragraph that follows. 3

Customer : Can I have a bottle of juice?

Shopkeeper: Sorry, we only have milk bottles.

Customer : When will it be available?

Shopkeeper: I can give it to you tomorrow.

Customer : Thank you, then I will come tomorrow.

The customer asked the shopkeeper (a) \_\_\_\_\_.

The shopkeeper apologized and said (b) \_\_\_\_\_.

The customer wanted to know (c) \_\_\_\_\_.

### SECTION - D (Literature)

13(A) 'How amused everyone would be if they knew what really happened'. 3

(a) Who said this to whom?

(b) What is the speaker trying to say?

(c) What was the tone of the speaker?

13(B) Read the following extracts and answer the questions given below : 3  
(Not marble, Nor the Gilded Monument)

Not marble , nor the gilded monuments

Of princes, shall outlive this powerful rhyme ;

(a) What does the poet mean by marble ?

(b) Whose gilded monuments are made?

(c) What will happen to 'marble' and 'gilded monuments' ?

13(C) I thought I'd fetch this down as well. (She puts it on the mantelpiece.) 3

(a) Who speaks these lines ?

(b) What has the speaker brought down ?

(c) From where has she brought it down ?

Answer any two of the following questions in 30-40 words each.

- 14(A) What are the three things that grandfather plans to do on next Monday ? 3
- 14(B) Why did Mrs. Packletide want to hunt a tiger ? 3
- 14(C) What makes the woman cry ? 3
- 15 One feels other's pain only when one goes through it himself/herself. Explain the postmaster's change of heart in the chapter 'The Letter' and why it took place. (120-150 words) 5

Attempt either part (a) or part(b)

Part (a)

- 16(A) 'Misfortunes never come singly'. When did Anne observe it ? 5
- 17(A) How did Anne feel about her grandmother ? 5

Part (b)

- 16(B) Why did Helen spend most of her winters in the North despite the cold ? 5
- 17(B) It was through nature that Helen learnt the lessons of life. Discuss the role of nature as a teacher. 5