

**SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT - II (2014-2015)**  
**ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE**  
**Class - IX**

**Time: 3 hours**

**Maximum Marks: 70**

**Instructions:**

The question paper is divided into **three sections.**

<b>Section A</b>	:	<b>Reading &amp; OTBA</b>	<b>20 marks</b>
<b>Section B</b>	:	<b>Writing and Grammar</b>	<b>25 marks</b>
<b>Section C</b>	:	<b>Literature</b>	<b>25 marks</b>

**SECTION A**  
**(READING & OTBA: 20 Marks)**

1(a)	<p><b>Read the following passage.</b></p> <p><b>INDIAN MUSIC</b></p> <p>Indian music has a special appeal not only within the country but also throughout the world. The traditional pattern of Indian music has survived throughout the centuries of modern civilization and entertained not only the common people in this country but lovers of music and art throughout the world. Although there are regional styles in Indian music, but the basic unity, i.e., of Ragas and Talas concept, is uniformly prevalent. Indian music is based on melody. In spirit it is individualistic and the content of the phrases, in the past, was largely devotional. There are two major systems of classical music, the Hindustani system and the Karnatak system. The differences between them are more in practice than their theoretical foundation, as both derive their rules from the same treatise of which the most famous are Bharat’s Natya Shastra and Sarangdeva’s Sangeet Ratnakar.</p> <p>The most famous Indian instrument, however, is the Veena, which is celebrated in the epics and other ancient books. It has been described as the companion of Saraswati, the Goddess of learning. Among the other string instruments are the Sitar with its feminine grace, believed to have been devised by the poet Amir Khusroo in the 14<sup>th</sup> century.</p> <p>The musical history of India is quite glorious and inspite of some western influences in both instrumental and vocal, the Indian music will be ever shining because of the qualities of its content and structure.</p> <p><b>On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions :</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Indian music has entertained _____.</li> <li>(2) In the past, music was mainly _____.</li> <li>(3) Indian Music is very popular inspite of _____.</li> <li>(4) The two major systems of classical music are _____.</li> <li>(5) ‘SHAMEFUL’ is an antonym for _____ .</li> </ol>	5
1(b)	<p><b>Read the following passage.</b></p> <p>Jim Castle was tired when he boarded his plane in Ohio. The 45-year-old management consultant had put on a week long series of business meetings and now he sank gratefully into his seat, ready for the flight home to Kansas City, Missouri.</p> <p>As more passengers entered, the place hummed with conversation. Then, suddenly, people fell silent. Jim craned his head to see what was happening and his mouth dropped open.</p> <p>Walking up the aisle were two nuns clad in simple white habits bordered in blue. He recognized the familiar face of one at once, the wrinkled skin and the eyes warmly intent. The two nuns halted, and Jim realized that his seat companion was going to be Mother Teresa! As the last few passengers settled in, Mother Teresa and her companion pulled out rosaries. Each decade of the beads was a different color, Jim noticed. The decades represented various areas of the world, Mother Teresa told him later, and added, “I pray for the poor and dying on each continent.”</p> <p>The airplane taxied to the runway and the two women began to pray, their voices a low murmur. By the time they murmured the final prayer, the plane had reached cruising altitude. Mother Teresa turned towards him. For the first time in his life, Jim understood what people meant when they spoke of a person possessing an “aura”.</p> <p>As she gazed at him, a sense of peace filled him.</p>	5

	<p><b>Complete the following sentences :</b></p> <p>(a) Jim met Mother Teresa while travelling to _____.</p> <p>(b) When Mother Teresa entered the plane, _____.</p> <p>(c) The decades of the beads of Mother Teresa's rosary represented _____.</p> <p>(d) When Mother Teresa gazed at him, her 'aura' filled Jim with _____.</p> <p>(e) The word in the passage which means the same as 'thankfully' is _____.</p>	
2	<p><b>Theme : " India's Tryst with Mars " (5+5)</b></p> <p>a) Why has Mars been the planet of 'enigma' for the astrologers for centuries ?</p> <p>b) Why is Mangalyaan referred to as 'a budget player in the global space race' ? Elaborate your answer with relevant facts.</p> <p>(*Please ensure that open text of the given theme is supplied with this question paper)</p>	10
	<p><b>SECTION B</b> <b>(WRITING &amp; GRAMMAR: 25 Marks)</b></p>	
3	<p>You have heard the proverb that truth is stranger than fiction but that morning was not only surprising but also shocking. Share your feelings with your diary in 100-120 words narrating the incident that surprised you.</p>	5
4	<p>Surfing through the Internet you find a strange pop-up : "Click now to receive three million dollars ! Just press the link ! You have 30 seconds." The lights immediately turn off and a timer begins on your screen. What happens next ? What do you do ?</p> <p><b>Write a story in your own words. (150 - 200 words)</b></p>	10
5	<p><b>Choose the most appropriate options from the ones given below to complete the following paragraph.</b></p> <p>Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (a) _____ composing at the age of five, writing over 600 pieces of music that today are lauded as some of the best ever created. Yet during his lifetime, Mozart didn't (b) _____ such an easy time, and was often restless, leading to his dismissal from a position as a court musician in Salzberg. He struggled to (c) _____ the support of the aristocracy and died with little to his name.</p> <p>(a) (i) began (ii) begin (iii) begun (iv) begins  (b) (i) had (ii) has (iii) have (iv) get  (c) (i) keeping (ii) be kept (iii) have kept (iv) keep</p>	3
6	<p><b>The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in the space provided against the correct blank number.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Error Correction</b></p> <p>Book has symbolic strength. We shudder, (a) _____  while we hear of 'book burning.' (b) _____  associated down the ages at tyranny (c) _____  and oppression. More books are been written today (d) _____</p>	4
7	<p><b>Read the conversation given below and complete the paragraph that follows. Write the answers against the correct blank numbers in your answer sheet. Do not copy the whole sentences.</b></p> <p><b>Anuradha :</b> Are you going to attend Rahul's wedding?  <b>Poonam :</b> I have an interview tomorrow. So I'll be a little late.  <b>Anuradha :</b> The function is at 8 o'clock.  <b>Poonam :</b> Then I will be able to reach in time.</p> <p>Anuradha asked Poonam (a) _____ Rahul's wedding. Poonam replied (b) _____ so she would be a little late. When Anuradha said that the function was at 8 o'clock, Poonam replied (c) _____</p>	3

**SECTION C**  
**(LITERATURE: 25 Marks)**

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

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| 8 | <i>Brother, I have no patience with you. There, sit down and take your soup, it has been waiting ever so long. And if it is spoilt, it serves you right'.</i><br>(a) Who has no patience with her brother ?<br>(b) Explain the last line.<br>(c) Write the antonym of 'patience'. | 3 |
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|  | <i>Yet Harold defying the laws of heredity, he had run to intellect as his father had run to muscle. He had learned to read and write with amazing quickness. He sang in the choir.</i><br>(a) Who had defied the laws of heredity?<br>(b) What was so special about Harold?<br>(c) What does 'amazing' mean? | 3 |
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**Answer the following questions in about 30 to 40 words each:**

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| 9(i)   | Persome calls the covict a 'blackguard'. Is she justified ? Give two reasons.                                      | 2 |
| 9(ii)  | What is Musketry ? What happened in the first lesson in Musketry ?   | 2 |
| 9(iii) | What are the characteristics of the 'justice' stage of life as elaborated in Shakespeare's poem, 'The Seven Ages'? | 2 |
| 9(iv)  | How does the convict realize that he is not a 'wild beast' ?   | 2 |

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

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| 10 | It was love at first sight for John Pescud. It was his honesty and dedication that made it possible for Pescud to win the hearts of the Colonel and his daughter. Write your views on the above statement. | 4 |
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|  | 'Dental care is very important'. Describe citing examples from the poem 'Oh, I Wish I'd Looked After Me Teeth'. | 4 |
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**Answer one of the following questions in about 150-200 words.**

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| 11 | What explanation does the Governor of Lagado give to Gulliver about the sad state of affairs ? | 10 |
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|  | Swift describes lawyers in England as unscrupulous and unprincipled. Explain with reference to chapter 6 Part IV of the novel Gulliver's Travels. | 10 |
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		Describe Harris' encounter with the swans.	10
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		Bring out the comic aspect of the author's character giving instances from the novel.	10
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