

Summative Assessment - I, 2011
English Communicative
Class - IX

410015

Maximum Marks: 90

Time : 3 hours

Instructions:

The question paper is divided into four sections.

Section A:	Reading	20 marks
Section B:	Writing	25 marks
Section C:	Grammar	20 marks
Section D:	Literature	25 marks

Section A
(Reading - 20 Marks)

Q1. Read the following passage carefully: **(10 marks)**

The secret of Leonardo Da Vinci's talent and Pablo Picasso's success may have been their dyslexia. The two men suffered from the 'word blindness' that affects as many as one in 12 children-but it seems it can also bring the keen spatial awareness that makes the difference between a jobbing painter and a master of art.

The researchers put 41 men and women through tests to assess their visuo-spatial ability. Although we tend to think of the skill in terms of map-reading and marking, the ability to process 3D information accurately is also key to art and design.

Around half of those taking part were dyslexic and so had trouble learning to spell, read and write. The dyslexic men did better than the other men on many of the tests, including recalling the direction of the Queen's head on a postage stamp and reproducing designs using coloured blocks.

They were also faster and more accurate at navigating their way around a 'virtual town' on a computer screen the journal 'Learning and Individual Differences' reports.

The researchers said there could be several explanations for the findings, including dyslexics developing an enhanced sense of space to compensate for problems with language. Also many dyslexic people prefer to work out problems by thinking and doing rather than by speaking. This could help dyslexic men develop the kind of skills they need to succeed in the artistic and creative world. However, the dyslexic women had no better spatial awareness than the other women, perhaps reflecting that the ability to manipulate 3D images tends to be

more of a 'male' trait.

"Now we have real evidence to indicate that dyslexic men are better in this area". Artists known or believed to have suffered from dyslexia include Da Vinci, Picasso, Rodin and Andy Warhol. Da Vinci, who is also thought to have suffered from attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, wrote this note backwards from right to left. Picasso had trouble in reading and struggled at school.

- Daily Mail

On the basis of your reading of the passage complete the following sentences :

1. One in 12 children in the world suffers from _____.
2. Leonardo Da Vinci and Pablo Picasso are _____.
3. Forty one men and women went through tests in order to _____.
4. Dyslexics have difficulty in _____
5. The _____ was recalled correctly by dyslexics better than normal persons.
6. Dyslexics were quicker and more accurate _____.
7. ADHD stands for _____
8. Picasso struggled at school as _____

Find the words from the passage which mean the same as :-

9. To control, to alter, (para5).....
10. Shortage (para 6).....

Q2. Read the following passage carefully:
Acoustic Responsibility

(5 marks)

We show an amazing tolerance for a form of pollution that is a growing problem : noise. Airplane traffic is increasing by five percent a year. Urban noise is doubling every ten years. By air, land and sea, we are facing an onslaught of noise that is threatening our ability to live in this world.

We have granted ourselves the right to make noise. But what about our responsibilities ? Have we developed a sense of acoustic responsibility ? The evidence suggests that we have not. Many people seem to believe they have an unlimited right to make noise with cars and motorbikes, and with loud music at home and in the street. In some countries measures have been taken to force people to make less noise. In Britain, for example, a law has been passed preventing people from disturbing their neighbours with music at night.

It is widely accepted that we should deal with our rubbish in a responsible way. Noise is in reality a particularly dangerous form of rubbish. It destroys community life, pursues us into our homes, keeps us from sleeping and is the cause of many stress-related illnesses, as well as hearing loss.

Our acoustic environment belongs to all of us. Everyone has the right to use it, but no one has the right to abuse it. Let's start using it responsibly.

Complete the following statements by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones given below :

- (1) The level of noise produced in cities and towns :
 - (a) is four times higher every eight / ten years
 - (b) is twice as high now as two years ago
 - (c) is twice as high now as ten years ago
 - (d) is five percent higher every two years
- (2) The right to make noise :
 - (a) is often questioned
 - (b) is particularly dangerous
 - (c) should be accompanied by a sense of responsibility
 - (d) is granted to every citizen
- (3) Many people :
 - (a) think that they have the right to use noisy motorcycles or cars.
 - (b) feel responsible for their noise.
 - (c) decide on their own rights
 - (d) think that cars and motorcycles are disturbing
- (4) The author points out that :
 - (a) people do not feel responsible for their rubbish
 - (b) noise and garbage are problems that disturb us at home
 - (c) we should accept our responsibility for noise as we do for rubbish
 - (d) we have the right to use our environment our way
- (5) The word in the passage which means 'related to sound' is _____.
 - (a) acoustic

- (b) ability
- (c) tolerance
- (d) pollution

Q3. Read the following poem carefully:

(5 marks)

Did I Ever Stop ?

Did I ever stop to make you smile
When your day was hard or your road was long?
When your light stopped shining for a while,
Did I sing for you a happy song?

Did I ever try to make you laugh
When your eyes held tears and you couldn't speak?
When your world seemed almost torn in half,
Did I hold your hand or kiss your cheek ?

Did I ever pause to hear your voice
When you needed just a moment's ear?
When you'd lost your way or missed a choice,
Did I let you know that I was near ?

Did I ever stop to say I care
When I didn't seek to hear it to?
When you weren't so sure that I'd be there,
Did I ever show my love for you?

Answer the following questions by selecting the most appropriate options from the ones given below :

- (1) The poet seems to be addressing :-
- (a) someone who is feeling low.

- (b) someone who is happy.
- (c) someone who likes to play.
- (d) someone who likes to sing.
- (2) The poem is about :-
- (a) being compassionate to others.
- (b) making others unhappy.
- (c) one's own selfish interests
- (d) unimportant things like laughter
- (3) The poet sings :-
- (a) a melancholy song.
- (b) a happy song.
- (c) a sad song
- (d) an unhappy song
- (4) Of the following, find the word which means the same as "ripped".
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| (a) pause | (b) smile |
| (c) missed | (d) torn |
- (5) The poet wants to know if he ever showed his _____ for the person.
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| (a) love | (b) anger |
| (c) happiness | (d) distrust |

Section B (Writing - 25 Marks)

- Q4.** You are the President of Environment Club of your school. The club is organizing a three day trip to Jim Corbett Park. In about 50 words write a notice for the students informing them about the trip. Also give other necessary details. **(4 marks)**
- Q5.** Given below is a profile of Mr. Ravikishan, the school gardener. Write a short bio-sketch of Mr. Ravikishan. You may take the help of the clues given below. **(6 marks)**
(100 words)
- Age - around 50 years
 - Height/weight -six feet, solid built
 - Family-large -six children, four boys, two girls
 - Education - high school
 - His likes / dislikes
 - Why he is popular/unpopular-believes children are like young saplings

- Knows a lot about plants; a good creative gardener

Q6. Given below is a profile of Michel Jackson, the famous pop singer. In about 100 words, write a biosketch of Michel Jackson with the help of the hints given below. **(7 marks)**

Birth - 29th August 1958 - Gary Indiana, U.S.A

Father - Joe Jackson, guitarist

Mother- Katherine

1964 - Debut on the professional music scene with brothers as 'The Jackson 5'

1971 - began solo career

- Amazing singing and dancing talents

1982 - best selling album of all time 'Thriller' released

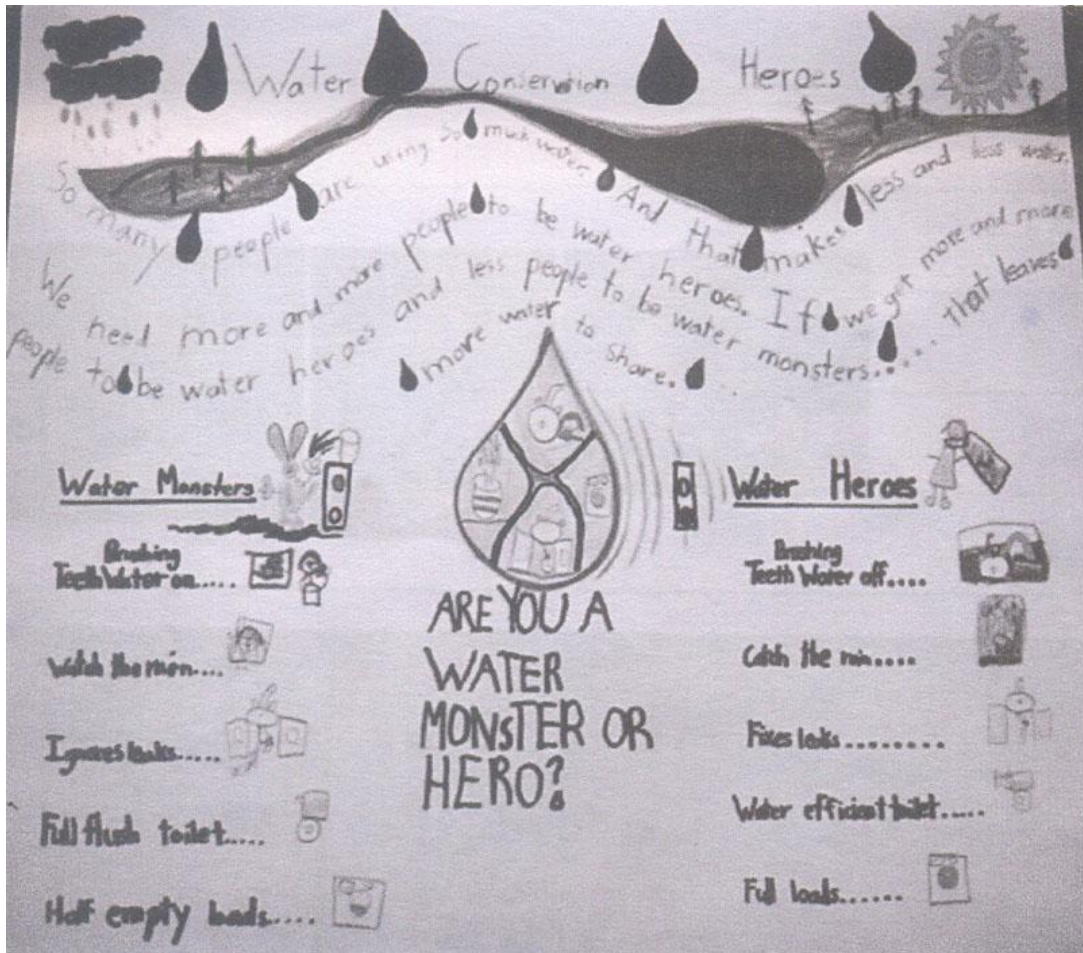
- Popularized a number of dance techniques such as the robot and moonwalk

Achievements - 13 Grammy Awards Multiple Guinness World Records

Known as - The gloved one Wacko Jacko King of pop M.J.

Death - 25th June 2009. Loss to the music world

Q7. You are Anubhav, the given poster and the situation of scarcity of water inspire you to write an article on implementing various schemes to conserve water. Write the article in the answer sheet in not more than 150 words. **(8 marks)**



Section C
(Grammar - 20 Marks)

Q8. Choose the most appropriate option from the ones given below to complete the following passage. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. Do not copy the whole passage. (4 marks)

You (a) _____ come to school in proper dress. You (b) _____ make it a habit to visit the library in your vacant periods. You (c) _____ borrow the books you like for your studies. But spoiling the books (d) _____ be avoided at any cost. Tearing off pages or underlining the passages (e) _____ be seriously dealt with. Remember, you (f) _____ behave like gentlemen to be worthy students of this school. Also, you

(g) _____ respect your teachers. After all you learn at their feet. But you (h) _____ flatter them to take undue advantage.

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| (a) | (i) | must | (b) | (i) | would |
| | (ii) | might | | (ii) | should |
| | (iii) | need | | (iii) | might |

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| | (iv) dare | | (iv) could |
| (c) | (i) may | (d) | (i) should |
| | (ii) could | | (ii) ought to |
| | (iii) can | | (iii) need |
| | (iv) might | | (iv) must |
| (e) | (i) shall | (f) | (i) need |
| | (ii) will | | (ii) must |
| | (iii) can | | (iii) should |
| | (iv) may | | (iv) may |
| (g) | (i) ought to | (h) | (i) daren't |
| | (ii) need | | (ii) needn't |
| | (iii) dare | | (iii) mustn't |
| | (iv) should | | (iv) oughtn't |

Q9. Complete the following sentences choosing the most correct options from those given below : **(4 marks)**

- (1) I'm going to put away all my old books in plastic _____ .
- (i) storaged box
(ii) storaged boxes
(iii) storage box
(iv) storage boxes
- (2) We should always show respect for _____ .
- (i) elderly (ii) the elderly
(iii) the elderly (iv) the old
- (3) That was _____ meal I've ever eaten.
- (i) the more delicious (ii) the delicious
(iii) most delicious (iv) the most delicious
- (4) We _____ the house so it was nice for mum when she got home.
- (i) have tidied (ii) did tidy

(iii) had tidied

(iv) had tidy

Q10. Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. Write your answers neatly in your answer sheet. The first one has been done as an example. (4 marks)

Eg. Beaches/shells/a/sandy/variety/provide/of

Sandy beaches provide a variety of shells.

- (a) purposes/many/came/to India/various/explorers/for
- (b) great/each/has/many/continent/rivers
- (c) this/is/bright/generation/one/a/young
- (d) two/a/mirrors/contains/periscope

Q11. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each of the nine lines. Write the correct word and the correction as given in the example against the correct blank number. Also under line the correct word you have supplied. (4 marks)

	Correction	Error
I want the Indian's to	(a) <u>Indians</u>	rise so that the hole
word	(b) _____	_____
should benefit. I do not want	(c) _____	_____
India to rise the ruin of	(d) _____	_____
other nations. If India is strong	(e) _____	_____
and able she would send on to	(f) _____	_____
the word their	(g) _____	_____
their treasures of art	(h) _____	_____
and health - giving spice.	(i) _____	_____

Q12. Read the following conversation and complete the passage that follows : (4 marks)

Mr. Rao : If you find the job challenging, why do you resign ?

Radha : There is only one reason. I am encountering some problems with the hectic schedule that has been assigned to me. I am expected to travel, meet people and edit articles. My health is being affected.

Mr. Rao asked Radha if she found the job challenging why (a)_____. She

replied that there was only one reason. She told him that (b)_____ some problems with the hectic schedule that had been assigned to her. She further told him that (c)_____, meet people and edit articles and that (as a consequence) her health (d)_____.

Section D
(Literature - 25 Marks)

Q13. A. Read the extract and answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate options. (3X3=9marks)

I listened motionless and still

And as I mounted up the hill,

The music in my heart I bore,

Long after it was heard no more.

- (1) The poet stood motionless because _____
- (i) he was tired after walking uphill
 - (ii) he wanted to rest
 - (iii) he was enchanted to hear the song
 - (iv) he wanted to learn the words of the song
- (2) The last two lines reveal that the song
- (i) was loud and piercing
 - (ii) could be heard miles away from the valley
 - (iii) had a deep impact on the poet
 - (iv) was very simple to learn
- (3) Finally, the poet walked
- (i) along the valley
 - (ii) away from the valley
 - (iii) towards the valley
 - (iv) near the sea

B. Read the given extract and answer the following questions.

When two fellows stare at each other day in, day out, and one can't talk, boredom sets in.

- (i) Name the two fellows referred to in the above extract
- (ii) Why was one of them unable to move ?
- (iii) What does the phrase, 'day in, day out' means ?

C. Read the given extract and answer the following questions.

Gaston : What does it matter ? One day more or less.

- (1) What is Gaston talking about ?
- (2) What does 'One day more or less' refer to ?
- (3) The above lines reflect Gaston's nature ? What type was it ?

Q14. Answer any four of the following questions in 30 - 40 words each.

(2X4=8 marks)

- (a) Write a brief note on the theme of Robert Frost's poem, 'The Road Not Taken'.
- (b) What was the reaction of the staff when Chuck visited his district office ? What did he say to the manager Gordon Doule ?
- (c) Why was Jeanne interested in buying the villa ?
- (d) Comment on the comparison of the solitary reaper's song with the other birds as given in the poem.
- (e) Why was Lord Ullin in despair at the end of the poem ?

Q15. Answer any one of the following questions.

(8marks)

Gaston feels very proud of himself that he has struck a profitable bargain by cheating Juliette, the mistress of the villa. He writes a page in his diary on the deal and what he intends to do with the money he has earned. Write about the event in about 150 words.

OR

Anger is a vice that mars one's sanity. In the context of the poem, 'Lord Ullin's Daughter,' justify the statement.