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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.

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SECTION A – (Reading) *20 marks*

1. Read the passage given below : *8*

1 The hopping kangaroo is a familiar sight in every snapshot relating to Australia. Members of the kangaroo family can be as small as a rat or as big as a man. Kangaroos are found mainly in Australia, Tasmania and New Guinea. Kangaroos, which are big-footed marsupials that evolved in Australia, use their short front legs like arms. The man-sized kangaroos of Australia are capable of speeding up to 88 km/hr for short distances, their means of locomotion being their powerful hind legs, which carry them over the ground in jumps of 9 m or more at a time.

2 Weighing around 70 kg, they have an average lifespan of around six to eight years and a maximum lifetime of 20 years. When bothered by predators, kangaroos often head for the water, standing submerged to the chest, and attempting to drown the attacker by holding him under water. Another defensive technique is to get their back to a tree and kick at their adversary with their clawed hind feet, sometimes with sufficient force to kill a man. Normally shy animals, they alert other kangaroos to danger by beating on the ground with their hind feet. This loud alarm signal carries over a long distance.

3 The tail is important for kangaroos. It holds them in balance and supports them when they sit or fight against other kangaroos. The kangaroo uses its short legs as arms. With them it scratches itself, cleans its fur and holds branches when it eats leaves. Kangaroos are marsupials and the females carry newborns in a pouch in front of their abdomens. The babies are born small and climb up into the safety of the pouch. There, for the next 225 days or so, they eat, sleep and grow. Once they reach full development, they leave the pouch. A young kangaroo that leaves the pouch is called a 'joey'. To keep from getting too hot, the kangaroos take naps in the afternoon and do most of their grazing at night. But the best stay-cool secret of these creatures is the spit bath! Kangaroos drool and lick saliva all over their faces and bodies to cool down.

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1.1 On the basis of your reading of the above passage, complete the following sentences with appropriate words/phrases : *1×8=8*

(a) When followed by predators, kangaroos submerge _____ and _____ .

(b) The powerful hind legs help kangaroos to _____ .

(c) Kangaroos are mainly found in Australia and are _____ .

(d) They use their front legs to _____ .

(e) Kangaroos warn others of danger by _____ .

(f) The secret of kangaroos to stay cool is _____ .

(g) They use their tails to _____ .

(h) Before becoming 'joeys', the young ones stay in the _____ and _____ .

2. Read the passage given below : *12*

1 It is rare to find someone with good technical and communication skills. You can get far ahead of your colleagues if you combine the two early in your career. People will judge, evaluate, promote or block you based on your communication skills. Since habits form by repeating both good and bad forms of communication, learn to observe great communicators and adopt their styles and traits — in written and verbal forms. The art of listening and learning from each and every interaction, is another secret recipe. Develop the subconscious habit of listening to yourself as you speak and know when to pause.

2 Learning what not to say is probably more important than learning what to say. As your career develops, you will realize that the wise speak less. Speak when you have value to add, else refrain. Poorly constructed emails with grammatical errors are acceptable between friends, but they should be seriously avoided while communicating formally with your seniors. Avoid any communication in an emotional state when you might say things you will regret later. One unnecessary word uttered at the wrong time or place can ruin a relationship, career or even your life. Such is the power of words. If such a thing happens, you should immediately apologise, else it may haunt you for life.

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3 Another problem to overcome is speaking too fast. Since our minds are working faster than our speech, we are inclined to speak fast. This does not necessarily mean that the person hearing it will get it any faster. On the contrary, it is always the reverse. So slow down, and think before you speak. "When I get ready to speak to people," Abraham Lincoln said, "I spend two-thirds of the time thinking what they want to hear and one-third thinking what I want to say." Adding humour and wit is also essential. But realize that not all jokes are funny and observe certain boundaries. Never say anything that could offend. Remember you are not a comedian who must offend as many people as you can to be witty.

2.1 Answer the following questions briefly : *2×4=8*

(a) Why is it necessary to have good communication skills ?

(b) How can communication skills be developed ?

(c) What, according to the writer, should be avoided while communicating ?

(d) Why should you be careful when you tend to be humorous ?

2.2 Choose the most appropriate meanings of the given words from the options provided : *1×4=4*

(a) evaluate (para 1)

(i) estimate

(ii) assume

(iii) punish

(iv) evolve

(b) trait (para 1)

(i) treaty

(ii) trail

(iii) quality

(iv) liberty

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(c) utter (para 2)

(i) flatter

(ii) speak

(iii) rot

(iv) unique

(d) haunt (para 2)

(i) hunt

(ii) chant

(iii) trouble

(iv) avoid

SECTION B – (Writing and Grammar) *25 marks*

3. You had been to a tourist spot and were disappointed at the way the place was being maintained. Write a letter in 100 – 120 words to the editor of a newspaper on how places of tourist interest should be made tourist friendly. You are Maya/Mohan, 48 Court Road, Trichur . *5*

OR

Man has gained control over nature and animals. This has led to ecological imbalance. Write an article in 100 – 120 words on how this imbalance has affected the life of man. You are Maya/Mohan.

4. Write a short story in 150 – 200 words on the basis of the hints provided : *10*

It was raining heavily. Karthik was all alone at home. The sound of thunder frightened him .....

OR

We were playing football on the lawn. The ball hit a neighbour's window and broke the glass pane .....

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5. Fill in the paragraph given below by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones that follow. Write the answers in the answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. *1×3=3*

Marita read the newspaper sitting (a) _____ the library. She read about a woman (b) _____ had climbed Mt. Everest. Marita said, "May be, one day I (c) _____ climb it too."

(a) (i) the (ii) in (iii) along (iv) on

(b) (i) which (ii) whose (iii) who (iv) she

(c) (i) is (ii) was (iii) are (iv) shall

6. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line against which a blank has been given. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number as given in the example. Remember to underline the word that you have supplied. $\frac{1}{2} \times 8=4$

		Error	*Correction*
If there is a perfect mountain valley of the world,	e.g.	of	in
it is certainly the magnificence valley of Kashmir.	(a)	_____	_____
It is surrounded by a snow-capped, lofty	(b)	_____	_____
mountains which make it a land for springs	(c)	_____	_____
and beautiful lakes. For the past hundred	(d)	_____	_____
of years the beauty of Kashmir have held the	(e)	_____	_____
visitors spellbound. Srinagar, the chief cities	(f)	_____	_____
of the valley or the summer capital of	(g)	_____	_____
Jammu and Kashmir lying on the banks of the	(h)	_____	_____
river Jhelum.			

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7. Read the dialogue given below and complete the paragraph that follows. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. *1×3=3*

Nathen : I could not call my English tutor.

Mother : Have you cancelled today's class ?

Nathen : His phone is dead and there is no other way to contact him.

Nathen told his mother that (a) _____ . Mother asked him whether (b) _____ . Nathen replied that (c) _____ way to contact him.

SECTION C – (Literature) *25 marks*

8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow : *1×3=3*

"Ah! well a-day! what evil looks
Had I from old and young!
Instead of the cross, the Albatross
About my neck was hung."

(a) Who is the speaker in these lines ?

(b) Why did others give him evil looks ?

(c) What does the word, 'evil' mean ?

OR

When we got them, I remember some of them were not new. Anyway, back at home, I launched myself off into the first of the games.

(a) Who is the speaker ?

(b) What did the speaker get ?

(c) What does the word, 'launched' mean ?

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9. Answer any ***four*** of the following questions in 30 – 40 words each : *2×4=8*

(a) Which was 'the most unkindest cut' of all ? Why was it called so ?

(b) How does the poet describe the snake while he was drinking water ?

(c) Why does Sosanko say that Patol Babu was a lucky actor ?

(d) Why was the first game complicated for Michael ?

(e) Why had John forgotten about Lavinia's message ?

10. Answer the following in 80 – 100 words : *4*

Describe how Shelley brings out the futility of power and riches in the poem, 'Ozymandias'.

OR

The poem, 'Snake' reminds us of the fact that animals too have a right to life which we have no right to deny them. Describe how man should co-exist with nature and its creatures for ecological balance.

11. Attempt the following in 150 – 200 words : *10*

How did the residents of the annexe react to the good news of the invasion by the Allies.

OR

Describe Albert Dussel as he appears in Anne Frank's diary.

OR

What does Helen say about her association with Alexander Graham Bell ?

OR

Describe Merton S. Keith as he appears in Helen Keller's, 'The Story of My Life'.

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