

**SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT-II**  
**CLASS-X**  
**ENGLISH( LANGUAGE & LITERATURE)**  
**Set-B**

**Time allowed- 3 hours**

**Maximum Marks-70**

**Instructions:-**

- (a) The question paper is divided in to three sections.
- (b) **Section A: Reading** **20 Marks**  
**Section B: Writing and Grammar** **25 Marks**  
**Section C: Literature/ Text Books & Long Reading Texts** **25 Marks**
- (c) All questions are compulsory.
- (d) Marks are indicated against each question.

<b>Section A</b>		
<b>Reading – 20 marks</b>		
<b>Q1.</b>	<p><b>Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.</b></p> <p>Fish keeping has benefits that make it an attractive hobby for millions of people . Aquariums can bring a bit of nature, a living ecosystem, into any home, including apartments that do not allow other pets. like tending a furry animal ,helping to maintain a fish tank can teach a child the responsibility of caring for other living creatures.</p> <p>As pets fish have distinct advantages: they are quiet, they do not chew or scratch the furniture ,and with a few slow -release feeders in their tank ,they can safely be left alone for a week or two.</p> <p>But it is likely the documented benefit to human health that has helped make aquariums so popular .like petting a dog or cat , gazing at an aquarium at the end of a long, hard day can reduce stress and lower blood pressure. Likewise ,research shows that people waiting to see a doctor or undergo medical procedure were less anxious after watching fish swimming in a tank. Watching fish also has a significant calming effect on children with attention deficit as well as on elderly people with Alzheimer's disease.</p> <p>Today , home aquariums became popular as commercial fish breeding operations and air transport made it easy and affordable . More durable tanks and improved filtration system enabled hobbyists to sustain fish for longer periods.</p> <p>Today, home aquariums range from a child's goldfish bowl to elaborate tanks holding several hundred gallons of water and dozens of exotic fish. more adventurous hobbyists opt for saltwater tanks ,which take more work and equipment to maintain a stable environment .saltwater fish are more costly and more susceptible to changes in temperature and water quality than freshwater species .on the positive side ,they are spectacularly colorful and turn a tank into a dramatic focal point.</p> <p>Modern aquariums have evolved far beyond the boring rectangular tank. today's models come in almost any shape imaginable -round hexagonal, bow front .concave ,free form and flat to hang on the wall .they also have become key elements in home and office decor .they are built into walls and incorporated into tables ,lamps ,desks and even bath tubs. Almost any object it seems can be turned into a fish tank.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(approx.360 words)</p> <p><b>1. On the basis of your reading of the passage answer the following questions:</b></p> <p>a. Why do people prefer keeping fish as a pet?</p> <p>b. What are the special advantages of petting fish?</p>	<b>8</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c. How does fish-keeping control high blood pressure?</li> <li>d. Why is salt water tank used sometimes for keeping fish?</li> <li>e. What is the main reason for the popularity of aquariums?</li> <li>f. Why are aquariums available in different shapes?</li> <li>g. Find a word from the passage which means the same as: a disease of the brain that affects memory. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. a disease of the brain that affects memory.</li> <li>ii different/ unusual</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>Q2.</b>	<p><b>Read the passage given below:</b></p> <p>Tourism is travel for recreation, leisure, religious, family or business purposes, normally for a limited duration. Tourism is generally associated with International travel, but may also refer to travel to another place within the same country. The World Tourism Organization defines tourists as people “travelling to and staying at places outside their usual environment for not more than one consecutive year for leisure, business and other purposes.”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tourism has become a popular global leisure activity. Tourism can either be domestic or international and international tourism can be classified as either inbound or outbound tourism. Today inbound tourism is a major source of income for many countries.es specially in terms of foreign exchange earned by the country as a whole. It also has a substantial impact on the local economy and employment of a place frequently visited by tourists.</li> <li>2. India is a country with a rich cultural heritage which has always fascinated travelers. It is a unique land of diversities where all kinds of natural beauty including desert, sea , forests , mountains, flowers, wildlife is present within a single geographical boundary of a country. Anybody visiting India will have experience of different dresses, culture, flora and fauna in different states. Thus India has always been a destination for tourists who want to enjoy this combination of culture, tradition and rich heritage. Not only this, foreign tourists act as “Ambassadors Of Indian Culture” and take the message further across the world.</li> <li>3. Indian government has made various efforts to take advantage of these unique possessions to promote tourism. One such big initiative is the scheme of e-Tourist Visa. The measure has been introduced to make travelling to India easier and simpler for foreign tourists.</li> <li>4. The entire scheme began with the demand by the tourism industry to liberalize the visa regime for foreign tourists to give a boost to tourism in the country. In response, “Visa-On Arrival” was initiated by the government and is now made available to forty four countries. “Visa-On-Arrival” means that you need a visa to enter but it is possible to apply for and receive the visa only when you show up in the country of visit itself. (approx..360 words)</li> </ol> <p><b>2.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage answer the following questions:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) What do you understand by ‘tourism’?</li> <li>b) How is the economy of a country affected by tourism?</li> <li>c) Can India be a popular tourist destination? Give 2 reasons.</li> <li>d) Give any two factors that help boost tourism in India.</li> </ol>	<p><b>2 X 4 = 8</b></p>

	<p><b>2.2 Choose the right option from the given alternatives-</b></p> <p>a. Identify the word which means the same as “consecutive” (para 1)</p> <p>(i) period of time one after the other without interruption.  (ii) period of time with some interruption.  (iii) period of event with some interruption.  (iv) period of event with no interruption at all</p> <p>b. Identify the word which is the synonym of “frequently”. (para 2)</p> <p>(i) daily (ii) habitual (iii) sometimes (iv) always</p> <p>c. Identify the word which is the antonym of “simpler” ( para 4)</p> <p>(i) complicated (ii) plane (iii) possible (iv) foolish</p> <p>d. Identify the word which means the same as “liberalize” (para 5) it allows:</p> <p>(i) people more freedom.  (ii) people more opportunity.  (iii) selected people some opportunity.  (iv) only limited freedom.</p>	<p><b>1 X4 = 4</b></p>
	<p><b>Section B</b>  <b>Writing &amp; Grammar – 25 Marks</b></p>	
<p><b>Q3.</b></p>	<p>You are Neetu / Neelansh of Angel Public school, Delhi . You are concerned about the cleanliness in your school, as the students waste a lot of paper and do not use dust-bins properly .Write a letter to the Principal of your school, highlighting the possibility of diseases and the dire need for creating awareness about the prevention of such diseases through informative posters in the morning assembly and giving suggestions to maintain cleanliness in the school in about 120 words.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>You are Jaya /Ajay .After the recent earthquake ,You feel that there is need to be aware and alert about natural disasters. You are sad to know that Man is responsible for these disasters due to his greed and carelessness. Write an article on 'Natural Disasters ' (about 100 -120 words )</p>	<p><b>5</b></p>
<p><b>Q4.</b></p>	<p><b>Complete the following story in 150 to 200 words.</b>  <b>Given below is the beginning of a story. Continue from this point and complete the story in about 150-200 words.</b>  On a warm Sunday afternoon ,when even the bees look sleepy, Ramesh was looking for his grandfather without finding him anywhere . Then he looked out of the window, he was surprised to see his grandfather.....</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>
<p><b>Q5.</b></p>	<p><b>Read the passage given below and fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate word from the given options.</b></p> <p>It is not possible even for the greatest optimist (a)----- ( on, for, of, to )smile all the time and feel good throughout the day. Every one (b) -- ----- (had ,have,had having )a tension now or then , when everything seems dark. But once you develop a positive attitude (c)_____ (so ,but ,and ,or 0 ,realize that life is a roller coaster ride, a series of ups and downs</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>
<p><b>Q6.</b></p>	<p><b>The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction against the correct blank number. The first one is done as an example.</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p>

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Incorrect      Correct</b></p> <p>You are very trusting with <u>my</u> servant. The local <b>e.g My _____ Your</b>  Grain merchant warns me one day.                    a. _____                    _____  You shall lock up your house when you                    b. _____                    _____  Go out and let the boy sleeps elsewhere.                    c. _____                    _____  some of this boy turn out to be thieves.                    d. _____                    _____</p>	
<b>Q7.</b>	<p><b>Rearrange the following words or phrases into meaningful sentences. One has been done for you as an example.</b></p> <p><b>e.g. artisans /displays / artists /Dilli Haat/ and /at one place/of /works</b></p> <p><b>Dilli Haat displays works of artists and artisans at one place.</b></p> <p>a. from all/ Craftsmen/ over India /come to/ at stalls here/ their wares/ sell  b. food court /can try/ different/ food /One/ from/ regions in India/ at the.  c. cultural /there /performances/ are /folk dances /regular/ including</p>	<b>3</b>
	<p><b>Section – C</b></p> <p><b>Literature Text Books and Long Reading Text - 25 marks</b></p>	
<b>Q8.</b>	<p><b>Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow:</b></p> <p><i>Natalaya: Papa gave 85 roubles for his Squeezer ,and Squeezer is heaps better than Guess !</i>  <i>Lomov : Squeezer better than Guess ?what an idea!( laughs ) Squeezer better than Guess !</i>  <i>Natalaya: Of course he's better! Of course Squeezer is young ,he may develop a bit,but on points and pedigree he's better than anything that even Volchanetsky has got .</i>  <i>Lomov :Excuse me Natalaya Stepanovna , but you forget that he is overshot, and an overshot always means the dog is a bad hunter!</i>  <i>Natalaya : overshot ,is he? The first time I hear it</i>  <i>Lomov I assure you that his lower jaw is shorter than the upper.</i>  <i>Natalya : have you measured ?</i></p> <p>a. Who are Squeezer and Guess?  b. How is Squeezer better than Guess ?  c. Find a word that refers to a currency .</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <p><i>Belinda paled ,and she cried Help!Help!</i>  <i>But Mustard fled with a terrified yelp,</i>  <i>Ink trickled down to the bottom of the house hold,</i>  <i>And little mouse Blink strategically mouse-holed.</i></p> <p>a. Why did Belinda cry for help?  b. Who was Mustard?  c. How did Blink react ?</p>	<b>3</b>
<b>Q9.</b>	<p><b>Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How was the confusion over “Oxen” meadows settled?</li> <li>Hobbies play a very important role in one’s life; elaborate this with reference to “the Making Of a Scientist”.</li> <li>What is a famous Indian legend regarding tea?</li> <li>Why does Maxwell observe that the airhostess “was the very queen of her kind”? Why does the she say – ‘it would be better if you resumed your seat, and I will find the animal and bring it to you’?</li> </ol>	<b>8</b>

<b>Q10.</b>	<p><b>Answer the following question in about 80 - 100 words--</b></p> <p>Selfish is a common trait among all except a few and Kisa Gotami could not save herself untouched from it. She says, “How selfish am I in my grief!” Justify her statement to her realization of Death to all.(about 80 to 100 words)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>We should be content with what life gives us. If we long for more and are not contented with our means, we shall suffer much and face difficulties in our life. Justify it with reference to the character ‘ Matilda’ in the lesson ‘The Necklace’. (about 80 to 100 words)</p>	<b>4</b>
<b>Q11(A)</b>	<p><b>Part A:</b></p> <p>1.Why was Helen withdrawn from the Gilman School? How was her education pursued further?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>2. How did people along with Bishop Brooks contribute to Helen’s happiness?</p>	<b>10</b>
<b>OR</b>		
<b>Q11(B)</b>	<p><b>Part B:</b></p> <p>Ann Frank loved her father a lot . She once wrote a letter to him regarding her relationship with Peter. What does it reveal about her character?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Anne was so witty, clever and wise in presenting her views on the subject. It is seen in her statement “There is no smoke without fire”. What does Anne Frank want to refer to by this statement. Explain.</p>	<b>10</b>