

Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, Ernakulam Region  
Summative Assessment – I (2016 – 17)  
X – Communicative English

Marks: 70

Time : 3 Hrs.

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**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 and Long Reading Text– 25 Marks
  - II. All questions are compulsory
  - III. All questions of a particular section must be attempted in the correct order.
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**SECTION A READING (20 Marks)**

1. Read the following passage carefully:

8 Marks

“Sustainable development is development that meets the needs of the present, without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs”. The concept of sustainable development can be interpreted in many different ways, but at its core it is an approach to development that looks to balance different and often competing needs along with an awareness of the environmental, social and economic limitations we face as a society. All too often, development is driven by one particular need, without fully considering the wider or future impacts. We are already seeing the damage this kind of approach can cause, from large-scale financial crisis caused by irresponsible banking, to changes in global climate resulting from our dependence on fossil fuel based energy sources. The longer we pursue unsustainable development, the more frequent and severe its consequences are likely to become, which is why we need to take action now. Living within our environmental limits is one of the central principles of sustainable development. One implication of not doing so is climate change. But the focus of sustainable development is far broader than just the environment. It’s also about ensuring a strong, healthy and just society. This means meeting the diverse needs of all people in existing and future communities, promoting personal well-being, social cohesion and inclusion, and creating equal opportunities for all.

Sustainable development is about finding better ways of doing things, both for the future and the present. People need to change the way they work and live now, but this doesn’t mean that the quality of life will be reduced. The impacts of our decisions as a society have very real consequences on people’s lives. Poor planning of communities, for example, reduces the quality of life for the people who live in them. Sustainable development provides an approach to making better decisions on the issues that affect all of our lives. By incorporating health plans into the planning of new communities, for instance, society can ensure that residence have an easy access to healthcare and leisure facilities. Small actions, taken collectively, can add up to real change.

**On the basis of your reading of the above passage answer the following Questions: (1 x 8 = 8 Marks)**

- a. What do you understand by sustainable development?
- b. What damages does the unsustainable development cause?
- c. What is central principle of sustainable development?
- d. What is prime focus of sustainable development?
- e. Everyone is affected by the ways of \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Poor planning of community reduces the \_\_\_\_\_

- g. \_\_\_\_\_ is about finding better ways of doing things  
h. \_\_\_\_\_ ensures an easy access to health care and leisure facilities

**2. Read the following passage carefully**

**12 Marks**

It is often said that help comes to those who ask for it, which is why you must give vent to your pent-up insecurities. You will need to open up and talk about your troubles. If you are close to your family or friends, then it would be nice to talk to someone you consider wise, and seek advice about your inner turmoil. In order to be able to trust yourself, you will need to believe in your worth as human being. You will need to face your fears and tackle them, one by one.

If your biggest fear is low confidence, you will need to find ways to build your self-confidence. However, for this you will need all the confidence you can muster from within. Do not allow anyone to tell you that you are not good enough for something. You alone should be the judge of whether you are suitable or unsuitable for accomplishing a particular task. Bad role models will sap you of your growing will-power and faith in yourself, and thus must be avoided at all costs.

You have to stop badgering yourself over your shortcomings, and work over your weakness to make yourself better. You must learn to respect other individuals, as well as yourself and the person you are. Everyone has their own set of talents and drawbacks, which is what makes them the people they are. Stop allowing the stereotypical ideologies and trends to make you feel inadequate or insignificant. Accept the person you are, and you will not be burdened by other people's expectations.

Once you begin to develop a stronger self-esteem, you will gradually unravel the innate qualities of your personality. You will understand the things you are capable of and can achieve, things you never had the confidence to try before. Progress is in our hands, and we are the ones to decide if we are ready and adequately prepared to take on challenges as and when they present themselves to us. Every failure is a stepping stone to success, and we keep learning along the way. We will be wiser tomorrow than we think we are today, simply because we observe and learn from our past-experience.

**2.1 Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words.**

**(2x4=8)**

- In what ways can we resolve our inner turmoil?
- How can one build self-confidence?
- Mention the suggestions given by the author to make yourself better.
- How is stronger self-esteem beneficial in making us a better person?

**2.2 Read the following questions and write the option you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet.**

**(1x4=4)**

- Words that means the same as 'to release some strong feeling' is .....  
(i) pile up (ii) give vent (iii) to observe (iv) gather
- 'To achieve' is referred as .....  
(i) accomplish (ii) unravel (iii) avoid (iv) sap
- Write the antonym of 'peace'?  
(i) Turmoil (ii) failure (iii) drawback (iv) calm

- d. The word innate can be best replaced with .....
- (i) inborn      (ii) acquire      (iii) impact      (iv) affect

**SECTION B - WRITING & GRAMMAR - (25 MARKS)**

3. The medical test in your school showed that most of the students were suffering from weak eyesight. This is a cause for concern. Write an article in about 120 words on what the students should do to protect their eye sight.

- Correct posture while studying - Proper eye care – limit television viewing – correct diet – washing eyes regularly with cold water – use anti glare glasses while using computer – proper sleep for giving rest to the eyes. **(5Marks)**

**OR**

You are Ragini Pathak of 12L Parliament Enclave, New Delhi. In most metropolitan cities, the traffic scene is so pathetic that many patients die en-route before they can reach the hospitals. Write a letter to the Editor in about 120 words highlighting the problems and offering some solutions. You may refer to the clues given below.

Situation - Traffic scene bad –even ambulances are stuck in traffic jams–no one gives way.

Problem - Many emergency cases die before they reach hospitals.

Solution - Have more ambulances fitted with global tracking systems and radio communication system – have special lanes for ambulances etc.

4. Using the given clues, develop an interesting story in about 150 -200 words **(10Marks)**

On his way back from school – Naveen sees a man lying in pool of blood – people gathered around the accident scene .....

**OR**

Dark night – quiet jungle – sounds of footsteps – followed footprints trail – reached a lonely house hidden behind – entered – shocked to see

5. Fill in the blanks in the following passage with one word only in each blank. (1/2 X 6 = 3 Marks)

In every field (a) \_\_\_\_\_ are pressures. Instead of succumbing to them (b) \_\_\_\_\_ has to get motivated and perform (c) \_\_\_\_\_ in their field. In every failure there is a lesson to be (d) \_\_\_\_\_. Parents and teachers should motivate children (e) \_\_\_\_\_ putting pressure on them. Man's biggest (f) \_\_\_\_\_ is his fear of failure. It can adversely affect his performance.

- (a) (i) these      (ii) there      (iii) those      (iv) their  
 (b) (i) you      (ii) he      (iii) one      (iv) ones  
 (c) (i) well      (ii) perfect      (iii) alright      (iv) greater  
 (d) (i) taught      (ii) conveyed      (iii) learnt      (iv) learn  
 (e) (i) instead of      (ii) by      (iii) and      (iv) rather  
 (f) (i) source      (ii) weakness      (iii) advantage      (iv) fearless

6. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number as given in the example.

$\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$  Marks

The Government in India instituted the Kabir Puraskar in 1990 as promote communal harmony in a country, It is named on Kabir, the famous Saint of

	Error	Correction
e.g.	in	of
(a)	___	___
(b)	___	___
(c)	___	___

