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SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT – II 2025-26

ENGLISH

Time : 1½ hrs

Total Score: 40

Std : VIII

INSTRUCTIONS:

- ♦ 15 minutes is given as cool off time.
- ♦ This time is to be used for reading the question paper.
- ♦ You are not supposed to write anything during the cool off time.
- ♦ Attempt the questions according to the instructions.

**Questions 1 -3: Read the excerpt from *Engine Trouble* and answer the questions that follow.** (3x1=3)

Gaiety Land provided us with all sorts of fun and gambling and side-shows. For a couple of annas we could watch anything in any booth - from performing parrots to crack motorcyclists looping the Dome of Death. There were lotteries and shooting galleries. Here, for just eight annas you could acquire prizes that ranged from pincushions, sewing machines, cameras to even a road engine.

One evening they drew the ticket number 1005, and I happened to own it. Glancing down the list, they declared that I had become the owner of the road engine! Don't ask me how a road engine came to be included among the prizes. I was stunned. People gathered around and gazed at me as if I were a strange animal. It was not the sort of prize one could carry home at short notice.

1. What were the prizes one could acquire for eight annas in Gaiety Land?
2. What was the reaction of the narrator when he won the road engine?  
A) He was ecstatic. B) He was shocked.  
C) He was indifferent. D) Both A and C
3. Pick out the word from the passage which means 'to move in a circle'

**Questions 4 – 6: Read the lines from *Get Together* and answer the questions that follow.**

(3x1=3)

Some may come and some may go.  
We will surely pass  
When the one that left us here  
Returns for us at last.  
We are but a moment's sunlight  
Fading in the grass.

Come on, people now  
Smile on your brother,  
Everybody get together,  
Try to love one another right now.



4. Which lines convey the idea that our life is momentary?
5. Pick out a pair of rhyming words from the lines above.
6. What do the lines urge people to do?
  - A) To smile on our brother
  - B) To get together
  - C) To love one another
  - D) All of the above
7. Read the lines from *The Astronomer* and write a paragraph about its theme and poetic devices. You may use the hints given below. (1x4=4)

I only said, "When in the evening the  
round full moon gets entangled  
among the branches of that dadam  
tree, couldn't somebody catch it?"

But Dada laughed at me and said,  
"Baby, you are the silliest child I  
have ever known. The moon is ever so  
far from us, how could anybody  
catch it?"

[Hints: dialogue between two siblings-childhood wonder-adult logic-literary devices- imagery]

**Questions 8 – 10: Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow.** (3x1=3)

### Power Foods

Power foods are foods that provide rich levels of nutrients like fibre, potassium and minerals. A lot of fitness trainers encourage their clients to include these foods in their daily diet to increase muscle development. Of course, the key to enjoying power foods is proper preparation of these foods, the use of season-fresh foods, and identifying your choice of flavour among power foods.

Some of the recommended power food combinations are those that are prepared in our kitchens on a regular basis. Take for instance, the combination of chickpeas and onions. This combination is a powerful source of iron which is required by the body to transport oxygen to its various parts. A study by the 'Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry' says that sulphur compounds in onion and garlic help in the absorption of iron and zinc from chickpeas. A quick way to prepare this power food is to make a chickpea salad with chopped onions, chaat masala and cilantro.

8. What is the key to relishing power foods?
  - A) Proper preparation and use of season fresh food
  - B) Increasing health consciousness
  - C) Identifying your choice of flavour among power foods
  - D) Both A and C



9. What is the advantage of including onions and chickpeas in our diet?
10. How do we prepare a chickpea salad?

Questions 11-13: Read the headlines below and answer the questions that follow: (3x1=3)

**India Creates History with First Women's Cricket World Cup**

**Defence Ties Deepen: India-US Ink New 10-Year Military Framework**

**Hostage Horror Ends: Mumbai Standoff Over, 17 Children Rescued**

**Trump Trade Truce: US, China Deal Eases Tensions, Soybean Purchases Back On**

11. Identify the headline that talks about trade and business.
12. Which headline reflects on India's defence system?
13. What does the phrase 'create history' suggest about India's achievement?
14. Fill in the blanks using appropriate *phrasal verbs* given in brackets. (3x1=3)

The crowd .....(a)..... at the gates to see the Gaiety Land. Some came to buy fancy items but had to wait for a long time before ..... (b)..... . Some others came hoping to win the prizes that were being .....(c)..... .

(checking out, go on, turned up, given away,)

15. Edit the following passage. Errors are given in bold. (4 x ½=2)
- Curiosity is essential **with** (a) a good scientist. It drives the quest for knowledge. While children **asks** (b) questions, adults often do not, either because they **care don't** (c), or because they don't want to appear **ignorent** (d).

16. Complete the conversation between Malala and her mother. (3x1=3)

Malala : Mom, You are quite nervous, .....(a).....?

Mother : Yes. I'm really worried about your safety.

Malala : .....(b).....?

Mother : We are getting threats every day. I want to ensure you are safe.

Malala : What should I do?

Mother : You had better .....(c)..... .

Malala : Of course, I will take the school bus.



17. Prepare a brief profile of C. V. Raman based on the details below.

(1x4=4)

Name : Chandra Sekhara Venkata Raman  
Birth : 7 November 1888  
Known for : Raman Scattering  
Awards : Nobel Prize in Physics (1930)  
: Bharat Ratna (1954)  
: Lenin Peace Prize (1957)  
Death : 21 November 1970

Questions 18 – 20: Answer either A or B.

(3x4=12)

18. [A] The brutal attack on Malala really shocked her friend, Moniba. She jots down her thoughts in the form of a diary. Prepare the likely *diary entry of Moniba*.

OR

18. [B] The narrator in *Engine Trouble* faces some problems in his life after becoming the owner of the road engine. He sends a letter to his friend describing the events. Attempt the likely *letter*.

19. [A] Mani was quite thrilled when granny's eyesight improved. He drafts an e-mail to the ophthalmologist expressing the family's gratitude. Prepare the likely *e-mail*.

OR

19. [B] You are the Secretary of the Science Club of your school. Your school plans to invite Dr Ajith Parameswaran to inaugurate the science exhibition. Prepare a *notice* giving details of the programme.

20. [A] Malala Yousafzai is a renowned educational activist who fought for girls' education. Frame *four questions* to interview Malala.

OR

20. [B] Prepare a *paragraph* describing the picture given below in the light of your reading of the story *Engine Trouble*.

