

Name of the School: _____

SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT – I (2026–27)

Class IX — ENGLISH (Third Language)

Common for English and Telugu Medium

Model Question Paper — Set A

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 80

Name of the Student: _____ Roll No.: _____

Syllabus covered: Unit 1 Humour (The Snake and the Mirror; The Duck and the Kangaroo; Little Bobby), Unit 2 Games and Sports (True Height; What Is a Player?; V.V.S. Laxman, Very Very Special), Unit 3 School Life (Swami Is Expelled from School; Not Just a Teacher, but a Friend; Homework), Unit 4 Environment (What Is Man without the Beasts?; The River; Can't Climb Trees Any More), Unit 5 Disasters (A Havoc of Flood), with grammar and discourses covered in these units

Instructions:

1. This paper has two parts. Part A (60 marks) is to be answered in the answer booklet within the first 2 hours 30 minutes.
2. Part B (20 marks) is to be answered on the question paper itself in the last 30 minutes.
3. Read the passages carefully before answering. Write neatly and within the word limit wherever given.

PART – A

Time: 2 Hours 30 Minutes

Marks: 60

SECTION – A: READING COMPREHENSION (30 Marks)

Read the following passage and answer the questions in one or two sentences each. (5 × 2 = 10)

Pullela Gopichand won the All England Open Badminton Championship in 2001. For an Indian player it was a rare achievement, and people expected him to keep playing for many more years. But injuries troubled him, and soon he began thinking about something bigger than his own career.

Gopichand dreamed of a world-class badminton academy in Hyderabad where young Indians could train with the best facilities. Money was a problem, so he mortgaged his own house to help build it. The Gopichand Badminton Academy opened in 2008. He woke up before dawn every day to be on the court with his students. His hard work paid off when players trained by him, such as Saina Nehwal and P.V. Sindhu, went on to win medals at the Olympic Games. Gopichand often says that a coach wins only when his students begin to believe in themselves.

1. Which championship did Gopichand win in 2001?
2. Why did Gopichand start thinking about something bigger than his own career?
3. What did he do to raise money for the academy?
4. Name two players trained by Gopichand who won Olympic medals.
5. What, according to Gopichand, is a coach's real victory?

Read the following poem and answer the questions that follow. (5 × 2 = 10)

Said the Duck to the Kangaroo,
“Good gracious! how you hop!
Over the fields and the water too,
As if you never would stop!
My life is a bore in this nasty pond,
And I long to go out in the world beyond!
I wish I could hop like you!”
Said the Duck to the Kangaroo.

— Edward Lear

6. Who is speaking in these lines, and to whom?
7. What does the Duck admire about the Kangaroo?

8. Why is the Duck unhappy with its life?
9. What does the Duck wish for?
10. Pick out two pairs of rhyming words from the stanza.

Answer any TWO of the following in about 80–100 words each. (2 × 5 = 10)

11. Answer any two:

- (a) How did the homeopath in ‘The Snake and the Mirror’ escape from the snake? What makes the story humorous?
- (b) Why is V.V.S. Laxman called ‘Very Very Special’?
- (c) What does Chief Seattle say about the relationship between man and the beasts in ‘What Is Man without the Beasts?’

SECTION – B: CREATIVE WRITING (DISCOURSES) (30 Marks)

Answer each question. Choose (a) or (b) in each. (3 × 10 = 30)

12. (a) Imagine you are the homeopath in ‘The Snake and the Mirror’. Write a diary entry about the night the snake fell on your shoulder.

OR

- (b) Write a letter to your friend describing the Sports Day celebrations held in your school.

13. (a) Write a biographical sketch of P.V. Sindhu using the details given below.

- (i) Born: 5 July 1995, Hyderabad; parents were volleyball players
- (ii) Coach: Pullela Gopichand
- (iii) Olympic medals: silver at Rio 2016, bronze at Tokyo 2020
- (iv) World Champion: 2019
- (v) Honours: Padma Bhushan (2020)
- (vi) Qualities: discipline, hard work, fighting spirit

OR

- (b) Write a speech to be delivered in your school assembly on World Environment Day on the topic “Save trees, save life”.

14. (a) Write a conversation of about 10 exchanges between a student and a teacher about the importance of games in school life.

OR

- (b) Develop a story using the hints: a lazy boy – finds a note in his homework notebook – “Try once more” – begins to work – surprises everyone in the exams – lesson learnt.

PART – B

Time: 30 Minutes

Marks: 20

I. Grammar

Choose the correct answer and write its letter in the bracket. ($10 \times 1 = 10$)

1. The doctor was _____ homeopath. []
(A) a (B) an (C) the (D) no article
2. The snake coiled itself _____ his arm. []
(A) around (B) into (C) over (D) at
3. Laxman _____ 281 runs in that famous match. []
(A) score (B) scored (C) scoring (D) scores
4. If it rains, we _____ the match. []
(A) cancel (B) cancelled (C) will cancel (D) would cancel
5. Choose the passive form: "The villagers planted trees." []
(A) Trees are planted by the villagers.
(B) Trees were planted by the villagers.
(C) Trees have been planted by the villagers.
(D) The villagers were planted by trees.
6. Choose the reported form: The teacher said, "Do your homework." []
(A) The teacher said to do your homework.
(B) The teacher told us to do our homework.
(C) The teacher said that do our homework.
(D) The teacher asked do the homework.
7. Sindhu is _____ player in her academy. []
(A) good (B) better (C) the best (D) best
8. You have finished your homework, _____? []
(A) have you (B) haven't you (C) didn't you (D) don't you
9. The students _____ for the bus since 8 o'clock. []
(A) are waiting (B) have been waiting
(C) waited (D) wait
10. He was tired, _____ he continued to play. []
(A) so (B) because (C) but (D) or

II. Vocabulary

Choose the correct answer and write its letter in the bracket. ($5 \times 1 = 5$)

11. The synonym of 'havoc' is []
(A) peace (B) destruction (C) joy (D) order
12. The antonym of 'ancient' is []
(A) old (B) modern (C) rare (D) famous
13. Choose the correctly spelt word. []
(A) recieve (B) receive (C) receeve (D) riceive
14. Which word comes first in dictionary order? []
(A) snake (B) snail (C) snack (D) snap
15. The adjective form of 'humour' is []
(A) humorous (B) humourly (C) humouring (D) humoured

III. Match the words with their meanings

(5 × 1 = 5)

No.	Word		Meaning
16.	courage ()	A.	bravery
17.	trophy ()	B.	a prize, usually a cup
18.	expel ()	C.	to send away from school
19.	wilderness ()	D.	a wild, uncultivated area
20.	flood ()	E.	overflow of water onto dry land
		F.	a type of bird

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