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SET-2

Series HRK/2

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- Please check that this question paper contains 8 printed pages.
- Code number given on the right hand side of the question paper should be written on the title page of the answer-book by the candidate.
- Please check that this question paper contains 11 questions.
- **Please write down the Serial Number of the question before attempting it.**
- 15 minute time has been allotted to read this question paper. The question paper will be distributed at 10.15 a.m. From 10.15 a.m. to 10.30 a.m., the students will read the question paper only and will not write any answer on the answer-book during this period.

## 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 : Textbook and Long Reading Text 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.

1.1 Answer the following questions :

1×8=8

- (a) What does the author tell us about the financial condition of her parents ?
- (b) What is the most treasured value of the author's family ?
- (c) Give an example to show that the author's parents were very hospitable.
- (d) What kind of girl was the author ?
- (e) How do you know that the author's parents discriminated between sons and daughters ?
- (f) Why do the mountain people consider themselves to be born mountaineers ?
- (g) Why would the author invite foreign mountaineers to her house ?
- (h) Why were foreigners drawn to the Himalayas ?

2. Read the passage carefully :

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- 1 One would imagine that at the very sight of the panther, deer, antelopes, and its other preys would just run for their lives. Nothing of the sort. They all stand their ground and make such a loud noise that the panther is left with no other choice except to leave quietly. I have seen a tiny *chital* baby standing in the middle of an opening in the forest, stamping its feet on the ground and shooing away a tiger. With the white of its erect tail showing, it kept up its shrill call until the tiger made itself scarce. No tiger in its senses would attempt to catch such an impertinent brat, just as you would not dream of catching an offending crow cawing away in your verandah.
- 2 While the panther sticks to cover and hugs the edge of the forest, the game animals, on the other hand, like to assemble right out in open vast grazing grounds. Open spaces which the panther carefully avoids, are what the game animals deliberately seek.
- 3 It is difficult to describe the pandemonium kicked up by various animals when they spot or suspect a panther around. The *chital* strikes a shrill note, the *kakar* emits a deafening bark and the sambar rings a bell. The peacock on its perch, the jungle fowl on the ground, and the monkey on treetops, all join in the chorus of

- (c) mercy (Para 4)
- (i) facility
  - (ii) compassion
  - (iii) decency
  - (iv) agility
- (d) contrary (Para 5)
- (i) opposite
  - (ii) airy
  - (iii) close
  - (iv) further

**SECTION B - (Writing and Grammar)**

**25 marks**

3. Shantikunj is a thickly populated locality inhabited mainly by the working class people. Unfortunately, there is no Mother Dairy milk booth in the locality. Write a letter in 100 – 120 words to the editor of a local daily drawing the attention of the authorities to the problem faced by the people, requesting them to open a milk booth. You are Ram / Roma, 4, Shantikunj, Delhi.

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**OR**

There is a vast pool of women talent in our country. Given encouragement and opportunities, women can excel in every field. They are contributing to the nation's progress as scientists, doctors, entrepreneurs, sportspersons, etc. There is no limit to what they can achieve. Write an article in 100 – 120 words on "Women Power". You are Ram / Roma.

4. Write a story in 150 – 200 words based on the input given below :

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Mrs. Beena inside dog clinic — Snowy (her dog) vaccinated — came out — her purse dangling from shoulder — a young man — snatched purse — disappeared into street — Snowy ran after him .....

**OR**

— haunted house — avoided — Mandeep had doubts — decided to unravel the mystery — entered — complete silence — then .....

**SECTION C – (Literature : Textbook and Long Reading Text) 25 marks**

8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :  $1 \times 3 = 3$

Counting your chickens again before they are hatched, are you ? No wonder you can never make a go of it.

- (a) Who is the speaker ?
- (b) What does it tell us about the speaker ?
- (c) What is the antonym of 'never' ?

**OR**

I thought how paltry, how vulgar, what a mean act !  
I despised myself and the voices of my accursed education.

- (a) To which act is the speaker referring ?
- (b) What kind of act was it ?
- (c) What does the word 'accursed' mean ?

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

- (a) Why is Lavinia angry with her husband John ? What decision does she take ?
- (b) What is your impression of Michael ?
- (c) What arguments does Antony put forward to refute the charge that Caesar was an ambitious man ?
- (d) How is the poet guilty of violating the rule of hospitality ? (Snake)
- (e) Why did the sailors hang the dead albatross around the neck of the Ancient Mariner ?