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## ENGLISH AWARENESS & SKILL TEST (EAST) – 2013

Time: 2 hours

**Class: X**

Full Marks : 100

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N.B. Answer all the Questions in the space provided. Marks will be deducted for spelling mistake, untidiness and bad hand writing.

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Section	A	B	C	D	E	Total	Signature of the	
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### **Section – A (Grammar – 30)**

1. Fill in the blanks with articles and prepositions given below: [1 X 7 = 7]  
When \_\_\_\_\_ Indian team \_\_\_\_\_ the captaincy of Sunil Gavaskar left \_\_\_\_\_ Australia, nobody could even imagine that it would win such \_\_\_\_\_ victory. And one could hardly be blamed \_\_\_\_\_ such pessimism in view \_\_\_\_\_ the terribly bad form it showed in \_\_\_\_\_ recent test matches.
2. Report the following dialogue in your own word: 4  
Customer : “Can I get the garden-roller in this shop?”  
Assistant : “Yes, Sir in our hardware department.”  
Customer : “And how do I get there?”  
Assistant : “It is on the third floor.”

3. Replace the bold word or words with phrasal verbs given below: [1 X 4 = 4]

[List: run after / do away with / fall through / bring up / make for ]

(i) The death penalty has been **abolished** in many European countries. Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(ii) The villagers were **chasing** the herd of elephants. Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(iii) The child was **reared** by his aunt. Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

(iv) His plans **failed** for want of funds. Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Write as directed: [1 X 15 =15]

(i) The picture was being drawn by the artist. (Change the Voice). Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(ii) Ravi wants to kill the snake? (Change the Voice)

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

(iii) The Giant said, "How selfish I have been." (Change the mode of narration) Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(iv) We should study. It is our duty. (Join the sentences as a subject of a verb. Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(v) Rina finished every thing. (Change into negative) Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(vi) Not many men can be cruel to a cripple. (Change into Affirmative) Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(vii) If I were to tell you all these secrets, you would have a sleepless night. (omit 'if') Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(viii) Kasem did his work hurriedly. (Replace the underlined word by its noun form) Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(ix) We could not make out what she said. (Turn into simple sentence) Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(x) Very few metals are as costly as gold. (Turn into comparative degree) Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(xi) On being punished he wept. (Turn into complex sentence) Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(xii) The more I hate him, the more he flatters me. (Turn into simple sentence using adverbials)

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

(xiii) As soon as he heard the news he finished. (Use “no sooner...than”)

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

(xiv) I am twelve years old. (Use ‘Twelve’ as noun) Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

(xv) Man has faculty. It is improved by use. (Join by noun clause) Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

### **Section – B (Comprehension Test – 15)**

5. Read the following text and answer the questions given below:

Archaeologists have unearthed the remains of an ancient Buddhist Study Centre at Telhara village in Bihar’s Nalanda District. The Centre is believed to be nearly 2000 years old.

A 34-metre-long prayer hall, residential cells for monks, images of Buddha, pottery and a stone plaque were among the discoveries during excavation at the 48 feet high Bulandi mound over the past four months.

“Important evidence of a three-storeyed ancient monastic structure has been discovered within a short period of excavation. “Further digging may reveal more facts about the past,” said Bihar’s Cultural Secretary Vivek K. Singh.

The prayer hall is dotted with Buddha statues. Archaeologists believe this could be the same prayer hall. Chinese traveller Hiuen Tsang mentions in his accounts. Tsang who toured India in the 7<sup>th</sup> century has written about a three storeyed building at ‘Teliadhaka’, which is identified as present day Talhara . He also wrote that the monastery was home to nearly 1000 monks at a time.

A four-feet high basalt image of Buddha in ‘adhaymudra’ and another in ‘dharmachakra prabartana mudra’ are among the many Buddha images in the hall. A brick-paved floor has also been discovered more than 15 feet below the prayer hall. According to Atul Verma, director of the excavation team, the size of the brick on the floor suggests that it belongs to the Kushan age (1<sup>st</sup> Century AD). Other finds include a stone plaque with inscriptions in Proto-Nagri and a black terracotta seal.

A. State whether the following statements are true or false. Write ‘T’ and ‘F’ accordingly in the boxes.

[1 X 4 = 4

i) Hiuen Tsang in his records has mentioned the prayer hall discovered in the excavation.

ii) Any further digging will be of no use to bring out more facts about the past.

iii) The study centre dates back to the 1<sup>st</sup> Century BC.

iv) There were several images of Buddha found in the prayer hall.

B. Fill in the following chart with information from the passage :

[1 X 7 = 7

(i) Type of text : \_\_\_\_\_

(ii) Name of the district where the excavation was done : \_\_\_\_\_

(iii) The height of the Bulandi mound: \_\_\_\_\_

(iv) The name of the Bihar’s Cultural Secretary : \_\_\_\_\_

(v) The name of the Director of Excavation team : \_\_\_\_\_

(vi) The length of the prayer hall : \_\_\_\_\_

(vii) The old name of Tehara mentioned in Tsang's writing ; \_\_\_\_\_

C. Find from the passage the words having the same meaning for the following: [1 X 4 = 4

(i) work of digging: \_\_\_\_\_ (ii) disclose: \_\_\_\_\_

(iii) very old: \_\_\_\_\_ (iv) proof : \_\_\_\_\_

**Section – C (Writing – 20)**

6. Write a paragraph on the “Use of Leisure” based on the points given: (Word limit – 150 words) [10  
[Introduction (rest from work) – time to stand and stare – hard work – tired – rest necessary – refresh  
mind and body – in various ways – pursue hobby – social work – misuse – utility fruitfully.]

7. Write a newspaper report on the basis of the following points:

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Date & Place : 28<sup>th</sup> April, Siliguri

Name & Identity : Sailendranath Roy, 50 year old, a homeguard and a driver with Siliguri Police.

Incident : The man crossing Teesta at the Coronation Bridge – hanging from a wire attached to his tuft of hair – about 400feet above – midway Roy suddenly got stuck in the wire – struggled frantically for 15 minutes – finally he died suspending 250 feet above the raging waters of the Teesta.

Measurement : Onlookers managed to pull the body – rushed to hospital – declared dead.

Cause : Heart failure by nervous breakdown.

**Section – D (Vocabulary – 25)**

8. Construct sentences using the following words as Nouns and Verbs: [ 2 X 2 = 4

i) Dog (Noun) : \_\_\_\_\_

    Dog (Verb) : \_\_\_\_\_

ii) Refuse (Noun) : \_\_\_\_\_

    Refuse (Verb) : \_\_\_\_\_

9. Give the opposite of the following words: [1 X 4 = 4

i) giant : \_\_\_\_\_ ii) defend: \_\_\_\_\_

iii) pathetic : \_\_\_\_\_ iv) vacant: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Form verbs from the following Nouns and make sentences with them: [ 2 X 2 = 4

i) Throne: \_\_\_\_\_ Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

ii) Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

11. Use single word for the following group of words : [1 X 4 = 4

i) The biography of a man written by himself : \_\_\_\_\_

ii) Science on plants : \_\_\_\_\_

iii) What can not be recalled : \_\_\_\_\_

iv) Incapable of being tired : \_\_\_\_\_

12. Make sentences with the following idiomatic expression: [1 X 2 = 2

i) In a nutshell : Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

ii) Fish out of water : Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

13. Use appropriate suffixes and form words with words in bracket to fill in the gaps: [1 X 4 = 4

- (i) The prince lost his \_\_\_\_\_ (king).
- (ii) (Fail) \_\_\_\_\_ is the pillar of success.
- (iii) Why are you roaming \_\_\_\_\_ (clock).
- (iv) (Illiterate) \_\_\_\_\_ must be removed.

14. Rewrite the following sentences by making them correct: [1 X 3 = 3

- i) May I go in? Ans. \_\_\_\_\_
- ii) Everybody wishes he was younger. Ans. \_\_\_\_\_
- iii) Ugly scenes were ensued. Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

**Section – E (Picture Description– 10)**

15. Study the picture and describe it: (Word limit - 100) [10

