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## ENGLISH AWARENESS & SKILL TEST (EAST)– 2015

Time: 2 hours

**Class: IX**

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.

Signature of the Invigilator	Section	A	B	C	D	E	Total	Signature of the	
		30	15	20	25	10	100	Examiner	Scrutinizer
	Marks obtain								

### **Section – A (Grammar – 30)**

1. Rewrite as directed: [1 X 20 = 20

(a) R. K. Narayan is more charming than any other writer living. (Turn into positive degree)

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

(b) This medicine tastes bitter (Change the Voice) Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

(c) I expect you to help her. (Change the Voice) Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Does he want to go? (Name the Mood of Verb) Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

(e) The lesson is very long. It can not be finished today. (Combine the sentences using infinitive)

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

(f) To laugh is better than to frown. (Replace infinitive by gerund) Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

(g) Everything he did was fair and straight forward. (Rewrite using Adv phrase for the underlined word)

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

(h) The school was closed on Monday in place of last Saturday. (Use another prepositional phrase for the underlined)

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

(i) The fairy resembles a flower. (Rewrite using the Adjective form of the underlined word)

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

(j) No sooner did he open the letter than he started weeping . (Remove 'No sooner' and Rewrite)

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

(k) What if we happen to be late ? (Turn into Assertive sentence) Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

(l) A prudent man does not live beyond his means. (Turn into Affirmative sentence) Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

(m) Poor as he is, he will not pocket this insult. (Use 'though' and Rewrite) Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

(n) I begged most \_\_\_\_\_ for his forgiveness. (Use suitable form of word 'humble' in the gap)

(o) The reason of his failure is not known. (Turn into complex sentence) Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

(p) Bruce repeatedly failed, but he did not lose hope.(Turn into Simple sentence using 'Notwithstanding')

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

(q) His vote must be secured. The cost does not count. (Join the sentences into simple sentence using adverbials)

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

(r) It is an important secret. I must keep it to myself. (Join the sentences using Adjective clause)

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

(s) Rama said, "Our brother arrived yesterday, he will go tomorrow." (Change the mode of narration)

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

(t) Kailash said, "Let us join the N.C.C." (Change the mode of narration) Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

2. Fill in the blanks with articles and prepositions: [1 X 6 = 6]

Sania Mirza and Martina Hingis reclaimed \_\_\_\_\_ number one spot \_\_\_\_\_  
the teams ranking \_\_\_\_\_ reaching the final \_\_\_\_\_ the International BNL d'Italia  
\_\_\_\_\_ hard-fought 6-2, 7-6 win over Caroline Garcia and Kalarina Srebotnik.

3. Fill in the blanks with phrasal verbs given below: [1 X 4 = 4]

[List: - put up : go by : turn down : hold out :]

(i) It is not wise to \_\_\_\_\_ appearances. (ii) How long will our food supplies \_\_\_\_\_?

(iii) Where are you \_\_\_\_\_ now-a-days? (iv) The minister has \_\_\_\_\_ our request.

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

4. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below:

**Gandhijana Sangam:** The anguish was palpable in Malli Mastan Babu's Tribal village here in Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh on Saturday after news spread that he had died while climbing a peak in distant continent, in another hemisphere.

Anxiously awaiting Mastan's safe return for 10 days, residents went numb on learning that their icon would never return. Gandhi Jana Sangam is 40km from Nellore and its simple folk mourned in silence.

“Our hopes of Mastan finishing his task by summiting Cerro Tres Cruces are shattered,” said MP Mekapati Rajamohan Reddy, who visited the village.

Although Mastan lived in the village only till elementary school, he was in touch with childhood friends and relatives. He last visited the village in 2010, a few years after scaling the seven summits in seven continents in 2006. Villagers recalled Mastan as humble even after acquiring fame.

Mastan’s mother Subbamma fainted on hearing was gone forever. Despite feeble health, she had gone to Nellore a few days ago to meet the district collector seeking government intervention in rescuing her son. She had been fasting for days praying for his safe return. “God did not listen to my prayers. He has taken away my child even before me.”

The youngest of the five children of Mastanaiah and Subbamma, climbing was his passion. “He never stayed home and was always busy summiting mountains,” grief-stricken sister Dorasanamma told TOI. She said he was in touch with her via SMS until March 20.

“On March 21, which was Telegu New year, my greetings to him went unanswered,” she said. After waiting a couple of days, she alerted the authorities about his disappearance on March 24. Mastan was supposed to return to India on March 28.

He was an alumnus of IIM-Kolkata and IIT-Khragpur. “Mastan remained single in order to pursue his passion for mountaineering,” said Dorasanamma.

A. Answer the following questions given below:

[2 X 3 = 6]

a) How did Malli Mastan Babu die ? Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

b) What was Malli Mastan Babu famous for ? Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

c) Who was Subbamma? What did she do for her son’s recovery? Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

B. Put a tick mark (✓) on the right alternative:

[1 X 4 = 4]

i) Malli Mastan belonged to – (a) Madhya Pradesh  (b) Andhra Pradesh  (c) Utter Pradesh

ii) Malli Mastan visited his village – a) before 2006  (b) after 2006  (c) during 2006

iii) Mastan Babu was the student of – (a) IIM-Kolkata  (b) IIT-Kharagpur

(c) Both IIM-Kolkata & IIT-Kharagpur

iv) Telegu New Year falls on – (a) 12 March  (b) 24 March  (c) 21 March

C. Complete the following sentences with information from passage :

[1 X 3 = 3]

i) Villagers recalled Mastan as \_\_\_\_\_.

ii) Mastan did not marry because \_\_\_\_\_

iii) Anxiously waiting residents became numb because \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

D. Find words from the passage that mean the following:

[1 X 2 = 2]

i) idol : \_\_\_\_\_ ii) meek : \_\_\_\_\_

**Section – C (Writing – 20)**

5. School life is full of interesting and humorous events. Write a composition (Paragraph) describing some of the humorous incidents during your school life. : (Word limit – 150 words) [10

6. You have been chosen Head Boy / Girl of your school. Write a letter to your parents telling them about some of your new responsibilities and explaining why you think you have been chosen for this position. (Word limit – 150 words) [10

**Section – D (Vocabulary – 25)**

7. Construct sentences using the following words as Adjectives and Verbs : [2 X 2 = 4]
- i) Chance (Adj.): \_\_\_\_\_  
Chance (Verb): \_\_\_\_\_
- ii) Down (Adj.): \_\_\_\_\_  
Down (Verb): \_\_\_\_\_
8. Fill in the blank with right word from the brackets: [1 X 4 = 4]
- i) Good soaps give a lot of \_\_\_\_\_. [lather / leather].  
ii) In ancient times \_\_\_\_\_ of Tartars attacked China. [hoard / horde]  
iii) There was guard at the \_\_\_\_\_ gate. [main / mane]  
iv) The bird can not \_\_\_\_\_ high. [sore / soar]
9. Give the antonym of the following words: [1 X 3 = 3]
- i) glory: \_\_\_\_\_ ii) Docile : \_\_\_\_\_ iii) mar : \_\_\_\_\_
10. Give the synonym of the following words: [1 X 3 = 3]
- i) hurt : \_\_\_\_\_ ii) quit: \_\_\_\_\_ iii) dainty: \_\_\_\_\_
11. Use single word expression for the following group of words : [1 X 4 = 4]
- i) To turn friends into enemies : \_\_\_\_\_  
ii) The first appearance or representation : \_\_\_\_\_  
iii) Government by king or queen : \_\_\_\_\_  
iv) Incapable of being repaired : \_\_\_\_\_
12. Rewrite the following sentences by making them correct: [1 X 4 = 4]
- i) It is nothing else than shame. Ans. \_\_\_\_\_  
ii) I have visited Murshidabad many a times. Ans. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
iii) Bubai has disposed his old house. Ans. \_\_\_\_\_  
iv) These days he is enjoying bad health. Ans. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
13. For the underlined words use idioms given below: [ 1 X 2 = 2]
- ( till the cows come home : be on ones toes : from the bottom of one’s heart : upto one’s ears)
- i) Pinaki is deeply involved in his work. \_\_\_\_\_  
ii) The teacher thanked me very much. \_\_\_\_\_  
iii) We could cheerfully sit and talk here for a very long time. \_\_\_\_\_

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

14. Study the picture and describe it: (Word limit - 100)

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