

# A S C E N D

## ENGLISH AWARENESS & SKILL TEST (EAST)– 2016

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 (Grammar – 30)

1. Complete the following passage by choosing the correct option from those given below: [1 X 5 = 5

A man on a bicycle (a) \_\_\_\_\_ go three or four times (b) \_\_\_\_\_ than the pedestrian, but (c) \_\_\_\_\_ five times less energy in the process. The bicycle is the (d) \_\_\_\_\_ transducer to match (e) \_\_\_\_\_ metabolic energy to the impedance of locomotion.

(a)will / can / should / would ; (b) fast / faster / fastly / fastest ; (c) is using / used / use / uses ; (d) perfect / more perfect / much perfect / most perfect ; (e) man / men / man's / mens.

2. Report the following dialogue in your own words: 5

“Where’s the hammer ?” asked uncle Podger. “What did I do with the hammer ? Good Heaven ! Seven of you gaping round there, and you don’t know what I did with the hammer.”

3. Replace the bold word/words with phrasal verbs given below: [1 X 5 = 5

[List: turn down : hold back : bring in : make after : draw on : let into ]

(i) The police **pursued** the assailants. Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(ii) We can not **reject** his proposal. Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(iii) I can not **tell** you my secret. Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(iv) Do not **conceal** any thing from your father. Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(v) His business **gives** a decent income. Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

4. Do as directed: [1 X 12 = 12

(i) Use the pronoun 'It' as Indefinitely and as emphatically in two different sentences:

(a) \_\_\_\_\_

(b) \_\_\_\_\_

(ii) I could not but feel sorry for what you said. (Use 'help')

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

(iii) I know no better man than he. (Turn into positive degree) Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(iv) He gave me food. He comforted me. (Join using 'Not only ----- but also').

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

(v) Jetha Lal always dozes when he reads. (Rewrite using negative) Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(vi) Whom do you speak of ? (Use passive voice) Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(vii) We must stay on till our friends arrive. (Turn into simple sentence) Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(viii) Unless you helped me, I could not have finished the work. (Use 'but' and rewrite) Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(ix) **Better** to reign in hell than to serve in heaven. (Use 'preferable' in place of 'better' & write)

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

(x) For all his faults, I love him nonetheless. (Use Adv clause in place of the underlined phrase & rewrite)

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

(xi) Frederick was angry. It was on account of the flight of his daughter. (Join into complex sentence)

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

(xii) James said, "Let the man go." (Turn into indirect narration)

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

5. Rearrange the following words to form meaningful sentences : [ 1 X 3 = 3

(a) this / has / bright / generation / future / a / young .

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

(b) put in to / as the / at low / baby can / he is / as soon / water / toddle / tide / the .

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

(c) this man / decides to give / the police / unless / will not / a reward / be caught .

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

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

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

**Kolkata** : In a city where tram employees turned a ramshackle Raj-era relic into a cool ride, here's another do-it-yourself innovation that's uber-cool – an air-conditioned horse carriage.

The DIY guy is Sujit Sil, who owns six horse carriages and let his imagination gallop wild one particularly sultry and sweaty day. "I am always game for doing something unique. I wanted to ramp up the décor of my coaches with intricate wooden work, like the ones you see in Varanasi and Lucknow. During my research I came across coaches in England and Switzerland," he told TOI.

The Queen has one. Why shouldn't the former Raj capital have one, too? Sil scoured the city and found a craftsman to transform his coach, a Victorian-legacy, into a "royal landau carrier", fitted with a 0.75-tonne air-conditioner. Turning open carriage into an insulated, see-through coach wasn't easy, of course.

"Initially, we tried out revolving glass panes, but they kept breaking because there isn't enough space in the stable. So, we put up thick, transparent plastic curtains," Sil said . The carriage was put out on hire only after a month-long test run.

One of the early patrons was Shuvankar Dutta and his family, who chanced upon the mahogany-colored AC coupe on a sweltering afternoon on the Maidan last month. They couldn't believe their eyes. "An air-conditioned tanga gaari on Gorer Maath (Maidan)! We all wanted to give it a try," said Dutta, who booked it for an afternoon-to-evening package of Rs. 6,000.

Sil charges Rs. 10,000-15,000 a night depending on the distance. He has no factor in the cost of a diesel generator and maintenance of the landau and AC. And, his cool carriage is much in demand during the marriage season.

A. Answer the questions given below: [2 X 3 = 6

i) What is the innovative idea mentioned in the above passage ? Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

ii) Who hits the idea first and how? Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

iii) Who chanced to ride the carriage and what was his opinion about the ride ?

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

B. Write 'T' for true and 'F' for false statements in the boxes on the right-hand side: [1 X 4 = 4]

- i) The city Kolkata will have air-conditioned horse carriage.
- ii) The AC cool carriage has no demand during marriage season.
- iii) The said carriage is fitted with 0.75 tonne air-conditioner.
- iv) Sujit Sil has had no credit to this innovative carriage.

C. Fill in the gaps with information / words from the passage: [1 X 3 = 3]

- i) In short, do it yourself indicates \_\_\_\_\_ .
- ii) The boys could not \_\_\_\_\_ that they got a new lease of life.
- iii) The office does not maintain \_\_\_\_\_ register regularly.

D. Find words from passage that mean the following : [1 X 2 = 2]

(i) jump : \_\_\_\_\_ (ii) a carriage with a folded top : \_\_\_\_\_

### **Section – C (Writing – 20)**

7. Now a days, people along with their families go out during weekends and holidays for meals at fast food outlets with mouth-watering pizzas, French fries and burgers served to them. Use the hints given below to write an article promoting healthy eating habits among people on the topic "Fast Food and People's Health" in about 150 words. [10]

- excess fat and carbohydrates.
- high on calories, low on nutrition
- short-term and long-term effects on the body; they may please the taste buds, but are far from being healthy; they use transfats which are harmful.

8. Write a news paper report with the help of the following points: (Word limit 120 words): 10  
[Points : lightning strikes across 4 states – killed 117 people – 57 killed in Bihar, 40 in U P, 13 in Jharkhand and 7 in M P – severe thunder-storms and torrential rain – lightning strike left open a 100 foot-wide and 8 foot deep in Patna – Prime Minister expressed condolences over the death – happened on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2016]

**Section – D (Vocabulary – 25)**

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

i) better (Noun) : \_\_\_\_\_

    better (Adv.) : \_\_\_\_\_

ii) fair (Noun) : \_\_\_\_\_

    fair (Adv.) : \_\_\_\_\_

10. Use single word for the following group of words : [1 X 3 = 3

i) taking a hopeful view of things : \_\_\_\_\_

ii) health-report for the sick : \_\_\_\_\_

iii) what is distinctly seen through : \_\_\_\_\_

11. Give the antonym of the following words: [1 X 3 = 3

i) romance : \_\_\_\_\_      ii) optional: \_\_\_\_\_

iii) boisterous: \_\_\_\_\_

12. Give the synonym of the following words: [1 X 3 = 3

i) devil : \_\_\_\_\_      ii) skin : \_\_\_\_\_

iii) splendid : \_\_\_\_\_

13. Fill up each blank space with the right word from the brackets: [1 X 3 = 3]

- (i) The relics of his greatness are still \_\_\_\_\_(extent / extant).
- (ii) I like his \_\_\_\_\_ (ingenuous / ingenious) manners.
- (iii) We should \_\_\_\_\_ (reveal / revel) in victory.

14. Replace the underlined words with idioms given below : [1 X 3 = 3]  
[List : once for all ; on tiptoe ; out and out ; right and left]

- i) He is completely vagabond : Ans. \_\_\_\_\_
- ii) I warn you finally. : Ans. \_\_\_\_\_
- iii) We are all eager for the result of the match. Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

15. Rewrite the following sentences by making them correct: [1 X 4 = 4]

- i) He was appointed as Head Clerk. Ans. \_\_\_\_\_
- ii) Many died by the accident. Ans. \_\_\_\_\_
- iii) Metal is hard to be digested. Ans. \_\_\_\_\_
- iv) If he was a god, I won't trust him. Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

16. Construct sentences showing the difference in meaning between the following pair of words: [ 1 X 2 = 2]

- a) License : (Meaning) \_\_\_\_\_ Sentence : \_\_\_\_\_
- b) Licence : (Meaning) \_\_\_\_\_ Sentence : \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

