

# Remedial Assessment 2018

Class: X

Subject : Communicative English

## SECTION – A (READING)

### 1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

After water, tea is the most popular beverage in the world. Its popularity has survived thousands of years and has played a role in many cultures. It is enjoyed both hot and cold, as a refreshing drink, as part of a ceremony, or as a tonic for improved health.

The drink of Asia for hundreds of years, tea is discovered to have been brought to Europe by the Dutch. Today, from remote Ladakh in India to Buckingham Palace in London, tea is synonymous with cheer. It is rightly said that there will be no agreement on a perfect cup of tea. Though for drinkers (tea) the brew is addictive, the preferred method of preparation and taste differ from person to person and region to region. From traditional black teas, to the newer and extraordinarily healthy white tea, and recognizable flavoured teas such as Earl Grey, to exotic blends such as Roosbos Love, there is a flavour and a blend for everyone. Today many varieties of tea and tea brands are available in the market, An innovation is the tea – bag, easy, quick and less messy than traditional ways to a brevering tea. Green tea is popular in China and Far East.

In Japan, the tea ceremony is a traditional way of greeting guests and in a social occasion. Unlike the tea we are familiar with, green tea is not drunk with sugar or milk. It is an olive coloured liquid served in porcelain cups. In Morocco, green tea is infused with freshly plucked mint. Some scientists believe tea prevents tooth decay because it is a rich source of fluoride.

Tea is also a folk remedy for stomach upsets, flu and diarrhoea. Tea is also said to have anti – oxidants that fight cancer and also has anti – ageing properties that fight free radicals in our bodies. Research suggests that drinking tea reduces the risk of heart disease and cancer and lowers cholesterol levels in the blood.

A welcome thought for in vertebrate tea drinkers. Tea is the new apple a day to keep the doctor away.

#### I. Answer the following questions:

- (a) Who has introduced tea to Europe?
- (b) What does the line “Tea is synonymous with cheer” mean?
- (c) What is the new and convenient way of making tea?
- (d) Where is the tea ceremony a way of greeting guests?
- (e) What are the fluorides in tea and what are they useful for preventing?
- (f) Whom do you call ‘an inveterate tea drinker’?
- (g) What are the benefits of drinking tea?
- (h) Where is ‘Green Tea’ popular?

### 2. Read the following passage carefully.

Discipline for democracy, development and decency in public life needs no reiteration nor does it require any expert to espouse its cause for personal pose and social solidarity. Discipline should be the order in public life which is the cry of the hour more than ever before. Discipline stands for training, especially of the mind and the character, aimed at producing self control, obedience in the face of temptation or provocation.

Discipline in public life ensures peace and harmony, which in turn provides impetus to the forces of progress and prosperity. No country, big or small, can afford to play duck and drakes with the deity called discipline. All talks of equity or social justice becomes a cry in the wilderness or a pompous promise if the “ powers that be” fail to comprehend and carry out the dictates of discipline at all costs and in all situations. With discipline as way of life, all plans, policies and programs are found to bear fruit. Whenever people in public life or private enterprise dilute the demands of discipline, most aspirations and achievements go astray leading to failures and frustration at various levels. Discipline for countries like India which are standing at the threshold of economic breakthrough and a stupendous store of opportunities, it’s the most immediate and urgent pre requisite .Discipline for the rulers and the ruled, is an essential ingredient if we mean business in fields and factories.

The recent outbreak of ‘plague ‘ and the wrong signals that this ‘limited epidemic’ sent across the world, was not an act of god as some unwanted would like us to believe but the regretful results of unpardonable negligence on the part of civic authorities. The useful way the routine calls of duty and discipline by paid public servants were given a go – bye is a matter of crying shame for one and all. The heaps of garbage in towns and cities were given to rot and their removal left to rag – pickers speak volumes of the callous attitude towards disciplined and devotion to duty .Its high time that we do sit up and do serious heart searching.

The ease with which state opposition sponsored ‘Bandhas’ are organized in our country is another area of concern. With discipline in public life under a cloud, the entire socio – economic momentum is brought to a grinding halt. When such is the sadistic approach towards discipline, there is nothing that come to out rescue if some bigger calamity overtakes us in future. The remedy of so many ills that afflict us today is not in tall talk but in the restoration of discipline in public life. Discipline is the only route that can take us to our rightful place among the comity of nations.

**2.A Answer the following questions briefly:**

- (i) What is the advantage of discipline in public life?
- (ii) What happens when discipline is diluted on public or private life?
- (iii) Why is discipline important for India?
- (iv) Why is the entire socio – economic momentum brought of a grinding halt?

**2.B Find words in the passage which convey a similar meaning of the following words by choosing the correct option:**

- (i) Forward motion
  - (a) impetus
  - (b) threshold
  - (c) reiteration
  - (d) espouse
- (ii) Essential component
  - (a) drake
  - (b) ingredient
  - (c) pre – requisite
  - (d) callous
- (iii) Desire to achieve things
  - (a) stupendous
  - (b) go – bye
  - (c) callous
  - (d) aspiration
- (iv) Surprisingly impressive or large
  - (a) comprehend
  - (b) provocation
  - (c) reiteration
  - (d) stupendous

**SECTION – B (WRITING SKILLS WITH GRAMMAR) 30 MARKS**

- 3. Vishu/Vinni came across a newspaper clipping in which 200 people died due to spread of ebola virus in many parts of India and the West. Write a letter to the Editor of a local imazine emphasizing the need to create awareness of the spread, prevention & treatment in about 120 words.
- 4. Write a short story that ends with the following words in 150 – 200 words: ‘..... On that day I learnt a lesson that beware of friends who run away in time of danger.’
- 5. **Complete the following passage by filling in one word each:**  
 Most of us fail in our efforts (a) self improvement because our schemes are too ambitious and we never have time (b) \_\_\_\_\_ carry them out. We also make the fundamental error of announcing our resolution to everybody so that we look even more foolish when we slip back (c) \_\_\_\_\_ our bad old ways. Aware of these pitfalls, this year I attempted (d) \_\_\_\_\_ keep my resolution to myself. I limited myself to two modest ambitions, to do physical exercise every morning and to read more (e) \_\_\_\_\_ the evening. An overnight party on New year’s eve provided me with a good excuse (f) \_\_\_\_\_ not carrying out either (g) \_\_\_\_\_ these new

resolutions on the first day of the year, but on the second, I applied myself assiduously (h)\_\_\_\_\_ the task.

6. In the passage given below, one word has been omitted in each line.

Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after it in your answer sheet. Ensure that the word that forms your answer is underlined.

The first one has been done as an example for you:

	Before	Missing	After.
Most people travel as part of their daily routine because it enjoyable.	<b>e.g. as</b>	<b>a</b>	<b>part</b>
There are lots places to explore in the world. Travelling worth every penny you spend memories last forever	(a) _____		
When travelling, one the opportunity to meet different people from different places. One the most important social skills that we learn is how interact and communicate with different people.	(b) _____		
	(c) _____		
	(d) _____		
	(e) _____		
	(f) _____		
	(g) _____		
	(h) _____		

7. Rearrange the following words / phrases to form meaningful sentences:

1. is its / remarkable feature / preciousness / the most / of time
2. opportunities /of golden / every moment / thousands / brings with it
3. slip away / not allow / we must / time to / such precious
4. Valuable /time/is/more/money/than

### SECTION – C (LITERATURE TEXTBOOK & LONG READING TEXT)

8. Read the following passages and answer any one of the following choosing the most appropriate options from those given below :

O, pardon me, thou bleeding piece of earth ,  
That I am meek and gentle with these butchers!

- (a) Whom does the expression 'thou bleeding piece of earth' refer to?
- (b) Why is the speaker meek and gentle with these butchers ?
- (c) What is the poetic device used in line 2?
- (d) Who is speaking to whom?

OR

So the frog and the nightingale  
Journeyed up and down the scale  
For six hours, till she was quivering  
And her voice was hoarse and quivering.

- a) In which weather did the nightingale and the frog start her practice?
- b) What do you mean by the expression 'Journeyed up and down the scale'
- c) What made the nightingale's voice hoarse?
- d) What happened at the end of the poem?

9. Answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each:

- (a) " My name is Ozymandias, King of Kings." Why does Ozymandias refer to himself as king of Kings? What quality of the king is revealed through this statement?
- (b) What plans does Mrs.Packletide make before going for shooting of the tiger.
- (c) Why does John wish he were dead?
- (d) What were the various jobs that the two boys did in the chapter ' Two gentlemen of verona'.
- (e) Why did Brutus Kill Caesar?

10. Answer any one of the following questions in 120-150 words.

After her reconciliation with her husband John Hallock, Lavinia describes her feelings about her relationship with him and how it had almost been on the verge of breaking and what saved it. Describe her feelings at that point of time.

OR

Briefly analyse Antony's funeral speech and how he was able to turn the Roman mob into mutiny and rage.

11. The charges of plagiarism had shaken Helen's confidence and demoralized her.How did she regain her confidence in life?

OR

Write a character sketch of Helen Keller.

(Attempt the answer in 150 to 175 words)

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