

INDIAN SCHOOL SOHAR
FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT I: 2014 -2015

Std. : IX

Date: 01. 05. 2014

ENGLISH

Marks : 20

Time : 40 Min

Set: 2

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- *This paper consists of three sections:*
 - Section A – Reading* (5Marks)
 - Section B – Writing & Grammar* (8Marks)
 - Section C – Literature & Long Reading* (7 Marks)
 - All sections are compulsory.*
 - *Separate instructions are given for each section and question wherever necessary. Read the instructions carefully and follow them.*
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SECTION A: READING (5 Marks)

I. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

In our electronic age, new machines are arriving at such a great speed that it is difficult to keep track of them. Colour televisions, Computers, Fax machines, Telephone answering machines and all the other paraphernalia of instant communication are making it possible for Indians to be part of the future.

The hand held cellular telephone, that necessity of the successful urbanite has become popular even in rural India. A farmer can be seen lying on his string bed under the shade of a tree beside his tethered bullocks talking into his cellular telephone. Whom is he talking to? Perhaps he is enquiring about the crop prices from the grain market or he is making arrangements to hire a tractor. It cannot be ruled out that he has contacted a property dealer in the city about the sale of some fields as city boundaries extend towards the village.

The city is bursting with computer schools as a quarter of a million Indians are busy producing computer software, which is used around the world. The electronics industry is the youngest in India but it has the fastest growth – exporting a billion dollar worth of electronic goods abroad every year.

Fill in each of the blanks with one suitable word only. (10x 1/2 =5 Marks)

The author calls this the (a) _____ age as new (b) _____ are coming to the market at great (c) _____. The (d) _____ uses his cellular telephone to keep track of grain prices, to hire a (e) _____ or to sell some fields to a property (f) _____ from the city. The (g) _____ industry is a relatively new industry but it has developed at a very (h) _____ rate. This is (i) _____ as the computer (j) _____ is being developed very fast.

SECTION B (WRITING & GRAMMAR) (8 Marks)

2. Last Sunday you visited your family doctor as you were ill. Taking ideas from the unit ‘People’ of your MCB and using your own ideas **write an e-mail** to your friend Ravi/Rani **describing the doctor** in not more than 100 words. (4 Marks)

3. The following passage has not been edited. Find the error and write the correct answer. The first one has been done for you. (2 Marks)

	Incorrect	Correct
A boy is drowning in a river	is	was
and he was shout for help. A	(a) _____	_____
man passing by jumped into a	(b) _____	_____
river and saved his life. As the man	(c) _____	_____
was leaving, the boy look at him.	(d) _____	_____
The man asked him the reason.		
The boy thanked him for saving her life.		
The man replied, “Make sure that, when you		
grow up your life was worth saving”.		

4. Rearrange the following jumbled words into meaningful sentences. (2 Marks)

- i) fast/so/why/you/driving are/?
- ii) uncle /admitted / not well / in the hospital / my / and / is / he is

SECTION C (LITERATURE & LONG READING) (7 Marks)

5. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow.

*I slip, I slide, I gloom, I glance,
Among my skimming swallows;
I make the netted sunbeam dance
Against my sandy shallows.*

- a) What does ‘the netted sunbeam dance’ refer to? (1 Mark)
- b) Identify the poetic device used in the first two lines. (½ Mark)
- c) Give the rhyme scheme of the above stanza. (½ Mark)

6. Answer the following in 20 – 30 words each. (2 x 1 ½ =3 Marks)

- a) Why and how did the grandmother express her gratitude to her granddaughter?
- b) What is the ‘refrain’ in the poem ‘The Brook’? What effect does it create?

7. Answer the following in 30 – 40 words. (2 Marks)

- a) Gulliver’s size and extraordinary diet pose a problem for the people of Lilliput. What alternatives come before them and what is finally decided?