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INDIAN SCHOOL SOHAR **Set I**
FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT III

Std: IX

Marks: 25

Date: 12.11.2013

ENGLISH

Time: 45 mins

SECTION A: READING

(5 Marks)

1. Read the given poem carefully :

Friendship Poem

The Gift of Knowing You

There are gifts of many treasures
For both the young and old,
From the tiniest little trinkets
To great boxes filled with gold.
But, put them all together
And they could not stand in lieu,
Of the greatest gift of all
The gift of knowing you.
When your times are filled with troubles
Sadness, grief, or even doubt,
When all those things you planned on
Just aren't turning out.
Just turn and look behind you
From the place at which you stand,
And look for me through the shadows,
And reach out for my hand.

Answer the following questions by choosing the correct options from those given below : (5 x 1=5)

- (1) What, according to the speaker, is the greatest gift ?
(a) Boxes filled with gold (b) Precious stones (c) Trinkets (d) The gift of being blessed with a true friend.
- (2) The words "in lieu" mean _____
(a) beside (b) above (c) below (d) instead of
- (3) A friend offers help when _____
(a) you desperately need money (b) you face danger (c) you face trouble, grief or even doubt (d) everybody has forsaken you
- (4) When you are down and out a friend will _____
(a) give sound advice (b) give you financial support (c) help you find a job (d) share your sorrows and tears and stand by you
- (5) The poem describes the qualities of a _____
(a) brave friend (b) wise friend (c) true friend (d) rich friend

SECTION B : WRITING

(7 Marks)

II. I peeked at my watch. It was exactly 12 midnight. I had missed the last bus home and hence I had walked for almost an hour. Thank God! Home was just a few kilometers away. Suddenly **Complete the story in any suitable way in about 120 words. Give a suitable title to your story.** (1x7=7)

SECTION C : GRAMMAR**(5 Marks)**

III. Given below is a set of instructions for preparing bread toast on an electric toaster. Use them to complete the paragraph that follows : (4x ½ =2)

HOW TO PREPARE TOAST ON AN ELECTRIC TOASTER

- Switch on the electric toaster.
- Insert two slices of bread into the slots.
- Leave them inside for about two minutes.
- Switch off the toaster and take out the toast.

The electric toaster (a) _____ . Then two slices of bread (b) _____ into the slot.

They (c) _____ inside for about two minutes. The toaster (d) _____ and the toast is taken out.

IV. Read the following conversation. Then fill in each blank in the reported speech. (3 X 1=3)

Bina: Are you leaving now?

Rachel : Yes, I'm planning to shop at the Instore.

Bina: Can you drop me at Panagal Park?

Rachel: Sorry, I'm already late.

Bina asked Rachel (a) _____ . Rachel replied that she was planning to shop at the Instore.

Bina wanted to know (b) _____ at Panagal Park. Rachel refused as she (c) _____ .

SECTION D: LITERATURE**(8 Marks)**

V. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: (4x½=2)

“I need to only draw your attention to the sheer waste of vitamin values.....”

- (1) Who does 'I' refer to?
- (2) 'Draw your attention'. Whose attention is drawn here?
- (3) What does the speaker mean by 'waste of vitamin values'?
- (4) Who overheard the above lines being spoken?

VI. Answer the following.

(2x3=6)

Q.1. Write the character sketch of Corporal Turnbull.

Q.2. The soldier and the justice have contrasting appearance and nature. Justify your statement.

Q. 3. What amazing spectacle comes before Gulliver's eyes as he stands on a rock in the last island?

THE END