

FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT III

Std: IX

Marks: 25

Date:12.11.2013

ENGLISH

Time: 45 mins

SECTION A: READING

(5 Marks)

I. Read the following poem carefully:

I wish you, Friend,
 That finest thing
 That I can wish for you, not health, nor wealth,
 Nor luck, but just a spirit of bamboo.
 Bend with the wind and thus survive
 Though storms may flatten you.
 Weep not at fate, but spring erect
 As bamboo thickets do.
 Wealth may be lost and health may fade,
 Yet you'll be wise and true
 If you can bend and you can grow
 With a spirit of bamboo !

Answer the following questions by selecting the most appropriate option from the ones given below : (5 x1=5)

- (a) The poet wishes for his friend _____.
- (i) the agility of the bamboo (ii) the glowing height of the bamboo
 (iii) the spirit of the bamboo (iv) the slenderness of the bamboo
- (b) The poet asks his friend to _____.
- (i) weep over his fate (ii) to agitate over his hardship
 (iii) to break down in a storm (iv) to stand erect at all times
- (c) Having the qualities of a bamboo will make his friend _____.
- (i) wise and true (ii) weak and sick
 (iii) wealthy and healthy (iv) lucky and happy
- (d) The spirit of bamboo is _____.
- (i) joyous (ii) sad (iii) angry (iv) restless
- (e) 'But spring erect as bamboo thickets do' - Here '**thicket**' means...
- (i) a thick bamboo (ii) a group of trees
 (iii) thick friends (iv) straight thick stems

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.** (7marks)

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 conversation given below and complete the following passage. (3 X 1=3)

Anita : What do you want to do this morning ?

Prakash : I feel like taking a walk. It's so nice outside.

Anita : Great, let's walk around the lake in the park.

Prakash : It's really rocky here.

Anita : Yes, watch your steps so you don't trip.

Anita asked Prakash (a) _____. Prakash answered that he (b) _____ because it was so nice outside. Anita agreed to this and suggested that (c) _____. Then Prakash observed that it was really rocky there. Anita cautioned him to watch his steps.

SECTION D: LITERATURE

(8 Marks)

V. Read the extract given below and answer the following questions.

(4x½=2)

"At first we had a certain respect for him, but soon we lived in terror of his approach".

- (a) Who is 'him' in the above lines?
- (b) Why did the recruits respect him?
- (c) Why did they start living in terror of his approach?
- (d) What was the name given to 'him' by the recruits?

VI. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each.

(2x3=6)

Q.1. Was Corporal Turnbull justified in giving Private Quelch permanent cookhouse duties? Why? Why not?

Q.2 . Why does the poet compare the last stage with second childishness?

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

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