

**INDIAN SCHOOL SOHAR
FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT1**

Set 1

**Class: VII
Date: 7/5/2014**

ENGLISH

**Time: 40min.
Marks:20**

SECTION A: READING COMPREHENSION

I. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below.

Fig trees are referred as stranglers because of the way they envelop other trees. Yet, the expression strangler is the quite accurate because the fig trees do not actually squeeze the trees on which they piggy back nor do they actually take any nutrients from the host trees. But they may stifle the host tree's growth as the fig tree's roots meet and fuse together, forming rigid rings around the host's trunk and restricting further growth of the supporting tree.

The most interesting aspect of the strangler fig is that it grows from the sky down to the ground. Birds are a major factor in the birth of new fig trees, ingesting the fruit and later dropping the seeds contained in them. Most seeds that are dropped to the ground do nothing but those that drop into a moist mulch of decayed leaves and mosses that have collected in branches of the trees have a chance of survival. They are more likely to receive some sunlight than those that drop all the way to the ground.

After the seeds of the fig trees germinate high in the canopy, their roots descend to form a menacing vise around the trees that support them. Eventually the host tree may begin to die, but it may take many years. Some types of the trees put down roots so thick that they completely surround the host. In that case, all that is left is a moss-covered scaffold of fig roots.

1. Why are fig trees referred to as stranglers? (1x5=5marks)
2. How do fig trees strangle the host tree's growth?
3. What role do the birds play in the birth of new fig trees?
4. What happens after the seeds of the fig trees germinate?
5. Which word in the passage mean 'an elevated platform'?

SECTION B: WRITING & GRAMMAR

(10 marks)

II. You are Vishal / Veena, write to a friend, asking him /her to come and stay with you after the examination and telling him/her how you would make his /her stay pleasant.

(1x5 =5marks)

Take these points in consideration to make your letter interesting.

- **Visit to some of the beautiful places**
- **Shopping**
- **Meeting your friend**
- **Meeting a person whom you admire and respect the most**

III. Do as directed:

A. Fill in the blanks with compound words.

(2x1=2marks)

1. The police are organizing _____ on the criminals in these areas.
2. The staff expect a major _____ with the new chairman joining the company

B. Fill in the blanks with to-infinitives or bare infinitives.

(3x½=1½marks)

1. The students made me _____ a song.
2. They all refused _____ cricket.
3. It is difficult _____ music.

C. Fill in the blanks with to-infinitive idioms.

(3x½=1½ marks)

1. _____ means to disclose a secret.
2. _____ means to become suspicious.
3. _____ means to be old-fashioned.

SECTION C: LITERATURE

IV. Give the meaning of the following words and use them in sentences of your own.

a) suspicious

b) aggressive

(2x1=2 marks)

V. Answer the following questions:

(3x1=3marks)

1. Who is the cleverest of all in the story *Pickwick Club*? Why?
2. How did John Chapman come to be known as Johnny Appleseed?
3. Is *Pickwick Club* a funny story? Which is the most comical part of the story?
