

**INDIAN SCHOOL SOHAR
FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT I**

Set 2

**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.

Trees give shade for the benefit of others, while they themselves stand in the sun and endure the scorching heat; they produce the fruit by which others profit. The character of a good man is like that of a tree. What is the use of this perishable body, if it is not used for the benefit of mankind? Sandalwood, the more it is rubbed, the more scent does it yield. Sugar-cane, the more it is peeled and cut into pieces, the more juice does it produce. Gold, the more it is burnt, the more brightly does it shine. The men who are noble at heart do not lose their qualities even by losing their lives. What matters whether men praise them or not? Life itself is unprofitable to a man who does not live for others. To live for the mere pleasure of living one's life is to live life of dogs or cows. Those who lay down their lives for the sake of humanity will assuredly live forever in a world of bliss.

1. What do the trees do for us? (5x1=5marks)
2. Why is a good man compared to gold?
3. What lessons do the trees teach us?
4. What makes life unprofitable to a person?
5. Which word in the passage mean 'something that can get destroyed'?

SECTION B: WRITING & GRAMMAR

(5x1=5marks)

II. You are Ramesh/Riya. 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.

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 _____ in the family was most unexpected.
2. Though John's idea of running a car on solar energy was quite interesting, it had quite a major _____.

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

(3x½=1½marks)

1. I wish _____ Principal.
2. The school has offered _____ to the sick and needy.
3. He made me _____ the work.

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

(3x½=1½ marks)

1. _____ means to accept defeat.
2. _____ means to be exactly right.
3. _____ means praise your own ability.

SECTION C: LITERATURE

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

a) suspicious

b) curious

(2x1=2 marks)

V. Answer the following questions:

- a. Is *Pickwick Club* a funny story? Which is the most comical part of the story?
- b. How did the incident change Johnny's life?
- c. Why did Mr. Pickwick take down notes? Do you think it was a wise thing to do?
