

**INDIAN SCHOOL SOHAR
FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT
ENGLISH**

Set-1

**Class: VIII
Date :28/05/13**

**Marks:25
Time – 45mins.**

SECTION A – COMPREHENSION

A1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the question that follows.

Bacteria can be dangerous. They cause illness, get into cuts and wounds, often causing such infection that doctors have had to amputate the infected part to save life. All this has changed dramatically, to the efforts of one man with a bit of luck.

One of the greatest scientists to study bacteria was Alexander Fleming. He was working to discover something that would kill bacteria.

One evening in 1929 after a tiring day in his study, Fleming said to his assistant. “Cover that dish carefully. It contains seaweed and bacteria”. The assistant forgot to cover the dish. Next morning Fleming found green mould growing on it, very much like what one sees on the dish. Next morning Fleming found green mould growing on it, very much like what one sees on stale bread and cheese. He was about to throw it away when he noticed that some of the bacteria had been killed. The water under the mould was clear. He tested a drop of this clear liquid under the microscope. It did not contain any bacteria. He could hardly believe his luck! He had. At last, found the medicine to kill bacteria and he had found it accidentally! What if his assistant had not forgotten to cover the dish of seaweed and bacteria? Fleming named the medicine Penicillin. It was used on a large scale for the first time during the Second World War and saved the life of thousands of soldiers.

Choose the correct answer from the given option.

(1x3=3Marks)

1.What instruction did Fleming give his assistant?

- a) He asked him to preserve it.
- b) Fleming asked his assistant to throw the dish.
- c) Fleming told his assistant to observe.
- d) He told his assistant to cover the dish.

2.What was in the dish ?

- a) The dish contained no Bacteria.
- b) The dish contained some liquid.
- c) The dish contained seaweed and bacteria.
- d) The dish contained green mould growing on it.

3. How did he test the clear liquid?

- a) He used chemicals to test the clear liquid.

- b) He did experiment to test the liquid.
- c) He tested the clear liquid under microscope.
- d) He tested it by adding medicines.

4. Based on your understanding of the passage answer the questions:-

(1x2=2 marks)

- a) When was Penicillin first used on large scale?
- b) What effects does Bacteria have?

SECTION –B (WRITING)

(1x7=7marks)

II. Write a letter of thanks to MR. R.K Gupta a retired police officer for sending you back your lost bag containing some money and important documents.

SECTION-C (GRAMMAR)

IV. Fill in the blanks with appropriate Conjunction given in the brackets. (1/2x4=2marks)
(either....or, neither....nor, so....that, both....and, or)

- a) Let's cut down this tree. It is _____ useful _____ beautiful.
- b) He is _____ rich _____ kind.

V. Rewrite the sentences with participle phrases made from the verbs given in the brackets.

(1x3=3marks)

- a) The baby heard the noise and he woke up. (**hear**)
- b) After she had finished her work, she went out to walk. (**have**)
- c) The rich man took pity on the beggar. He gave him money. (**take**)

SECTION-D LITERATURE

VI. Read the given extract and answer the questions.

(2x1=2marks)

*For he suddenly smote on the doo, even
Louder, and lifted his head:-
'Tell them I came, and no one answered,
That I kept my word.' He said.*

- a) Name the poem and the poet.
- b) Do you think the traveller expected somebody to be at the house? Why?

VII. Give the meaning of the following words and frame sentences of your own(1x2=2Marks)

- a) Perplexed –
- b) Submerged-

VIII. Answer the following question.

(2x2=4Marks)

- a) Why do you think Chicago police had been looking for Bob whom they had nicknamed 'Silky Bob'?
- b) What was the super surprise that greeted Suravi and Rishi on Christmas Day?