

**INDIAN SCHOOL SOHAR**  
**FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT**  
**ENGLISH**

**Set-2**

**Class: VIII**  
**Date: 28/5/13**

**MARK-25.**  
**TIME-45 mins**

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**SECTION A – COMPREHENSION**

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

1. The Galapagos Island in the Pacific Ocean are a rocky, lonely spot, but they are also one of the most unusual places in the world. The reason is that they are the homes of some of the last giant tortoises left on the earth.
2. Weighing hundreds of pounds, these tortoises wander slowly around the rocks and sand of the island. Each of these island has its own particular kinds of tortoise. There are seven different kinds of tortoises on the eight islands.
3. Hundreds of years ago, thousands of tortoises wandered around these islands. All that changed when people started landing there. When people first arrived, their ships had no refrigerators. This meant that fresh food was always a problem for the sailors on board. The giant tortoises provided a solution to the problem.
4. Ships would anchor off the islands, and crew would seize as many tortoises as they could. Once the animals were aboard the ship, the crew would roll the tortoises onto their backs and use them for soups and stews.

I. Complete the following sentences.

**(3x1=3marks)**

- i) The author calls the Galapagos Islands, an unusual place because \_\_\_\_\_.
- ii) The fresh giant tortoise could be killed and \_\_\_\_\_.
- iii) There are seven \_\_\_\_\_.

II. Choose the appropriate meaning from the given options:

**(2x1=2 marks)**

iv) 'Ships could anchor off the islands' means

- a) Ships would go off    b) Ships would be near the shore    c) Ships would be off to another land    d) ships would go to another island.

v) b) In paragraph 4 the word 'crew' means

- a) The new settlers    b) men arriving on Galapagos islands    c) men working on the ships    d) men catching the tortoises.

**SECTION –B (WRITING)**

**(1x7=7marks)**

**Write a letter to the Principal of your School requesting her to arrange special coaching for Basketball and Cricket during summer vacation.**

**SECTION-C (GRAMMAR)**

**IV. Fill in the blanks with appropriate Conjunction given in the brackets. (1/2x4=2marks)**  
( either ....or. neither.....nor, as well as. Or, and)

- a) \_\_\_\_\_ Rakesh \_\_\_\_\_ Mohan has seen the Taj Mahal.
- b) He may go \_\_\_\_\_ to Delhi \_\_\_\_\_ to Ambala.

**V. Rewrite the sentences with participle phrases made from the verbs given in the brackets. (1x3=3marks)**

- a) The magician took pity on the mouse. He turned it into a cat. **(take)**
- b) After he had done his work, he went out to play.**(have)**
- c) The giant heard the noise and he woke up. **(hear)**

**SECTION-D LITERATURE**

**VI. Read the given extract and answer the questions. (2x1=2marks)**

*'Is there anybody there?' said the Traveller.  
Knocking on the moonlit door:  
And his horse in the silence champed the grasses  
Of the forest's ferny floor  
And a bird flew up out of the turret.*

- a) Name the poem and the poet.
- b) The Traveler knocked on the door of a house. What kind of house was it?  
(2x1=2marks)

**VII. Give the meaning of the following words and frame sentences of your own**

- a) Smote –
- b) Swagger-

**VIII. Answer the following question. (2x2=4marks)**

- a) The story is about an appointment between two friends. What kind is special about the appointment?
- b) Why was it a most unusual December for the two children?

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