

INDIAN SCHOOL SOHAR
FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT 4 :2014-15

SET 1

Class :VIII
Date: 05-02-2015

ENGLISH

Time: 40mins.
Marks : 20

SECTION A: READING**(5 Marks)****I. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow below:****Robin Hood**

Robin Hood lay on his rough bed and watched the rising moon as it sent silvery sparkles through the breeze-blown leaves outside his room. He speculated how he could ever settle down to learning a trade when the greenwood around him offered a life of freedom, excitement and adventure.

All through the years, while Robin was growing from a boy into sturdy manhood, he never failed to remember his first adventure in the forest. He spent his leisure time wrestling, leaping and running with the other boys. He felt confident riding a horse, learning to set it at high fences, and leap them. But his much loved and most preferred sport was aiming at a target with his bow and arrows.

So he grew up, a manly, robust fellow, who could run swiftly like a hare, ride with enormous dexterity, wing an arrow exactly at his target, and fight courageously with his fists or staves.

Answer the questions briefly:**(1x5=5 Marks)**

1. How did Robin spend his spare time?
2. What was his favourite sport?
3. He was reluctant to learn a trade because.....
4. While growing up, Robin always remembered.....
5. Find out words from the extract which mean the same as the following words:
a) Strong b) Skill

SECTION B: WRITING AND GRAMMAR**(8 Marks)****II. Write a letter to a friend recommending a good book that you have just finished reading.****(4 Marks)****III. Do as directed:****1. Change the following into indirect speech:****(1/2x2=1)**

- a) My friend said to me, "Are you going to the football match?"
- b) Neetu said to Meera, "Where have you been for the last one month?"

2. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate tense of the word given in the brackets: (1/2x2=1)

- a) Mahesh in films for fifteen years when he decided to join politics.(act)
- b) Theyfor three hours by 6 o'clock in the evening.(rest)

3. Fill in the blanks with the infinitive or gerund form of the verb given in the brackets: (1/2x2=1)

- a) The landlord had.....the lock and occupy the house.(break)
- b) Parikshit is fond.....cards.(play)

4. Complete the following conditional sentence with the correct form of the verb given in the brackets: (1/2)

- a) No one.....out if you keep it a secret.(find)

5. Add question tag to the statement: (1/2)

- a) The people of this area are modern.

SECTION C: LITERATURE (7 Marks)

IV. Read the given extract and answer the questions that follow:

And sometimes goin' in the dark
Where there ain't been no light.
So boy, don't you turn back.
Don't you set down on the steps
'Cause you find it's kinder hard.

- a) What is the mother's advice to her son? (1)
- b) Pick the line that shows that she has faced moments of deprivation in her life.(1/2)
- c) Name the poet and the poem. (1)

V. Answer the following questions: (1 1/2 x 2=3)

- a) Why did Nick decide on a certain moment to give his gift? Explain its significance.
- b) What effect did the sister's words have on September? What did she do?

VI. Give the meanings of the following words and frame meaningful sentences of your own:

- a) Anticipation
- b) Mystified (1x2=2)
