



INDIAN SCHOOL SOHAR
FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT 1: 2015-16

Class : VIII
Date: 10-05-2015

ENGLISH

Time: 40 mins.
Marks. 20.

SECTION A: READING

(5)

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

One fine evening a holy saint was sitting in his cottage. A gigantic tough king entered his cottage, 'Saint,' he said, arrogantly, 'tell me about heaven and hell.' The saint looked up at the king and replied, 'Teach you about heaven and hell? I can not teach you anything! You are dishonor to your class of kings. Just get out of my sight and don't bother me.' Hearing this, the king was furious. He shook with rage and withdrew his sword and raised it, almost preparing to slay the saint. 'That act is indicative of hell, said the saint softly. The king was overwhelmed. This little man had put his life at stake just in order to make the king understand the essential difference. The king slowly put down his sword and bowed with gratitude. 'That is what heaven is,' said the saint gently.

1.1. Choose the correct option:

(1x2=2)

- a) The indicative of hell is _____.
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| i) emotions like anger and arrogance | ii) an angry king |
| iii) a king slaying a saint with the sword | iv) people with sword |
- b) The turning point in this story is that _____.
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| i) the king became spiritual | ii) the king became polite |
| iii) the king's anger has gone | iv) the king learnt the difference |

1.2. Answer the following questions briefly:

(1x2=2)

- a) What did the king do when he was furious?
b) Who entered the saint's cottage?

1.3. Find a word from the passage which means the same as the following:

(1)

- a) The feeling of being grateful _____.

SECTION B: WRITING & GRAMMAR

(8)

2. You are Yashika / Yash. Next week it is your birthday. You have decided to celebrate your birthday. Write a letter in about 50 words, to your friend Priya / Prem to invite him / her on your birthday party.

(4)

- 3. Do as directed:** (4)
- a. Join the following pairs of sentences using an appropriate conjunction.** (1x2=2)
- i. Peter is poor. He is contented.
 - ii. You should hire a taxi. You will not reach in time.
- b. Complete the sentences with suitable adjectives.** (1/2x2=1)
- i. Tom lives in a _____ family.
 - ii. She seems to take _____ pleasure in playing with children.
- c. Fill in the blanks with suitable compound words.** (1/2x2=1)
- i. Mankad's _____ partnership with Roy won both of them a place in cricket history.
 - ii. The seven day trip made all of us feel very _____.

SECTION C: LITERATURE (7)

- 4. Read the given extract and answer the questions that follow:**

*I come from haunts of coot and hern,
I make a sudden sally,
And spark out among the fern,
To bicker down a valley.*

- a) Who does 'I' refer to here? (1)
- b) Coot and hern means _____ . (1)

- 5. Give the meaning of the following words and frame meaningful sentences of your own:** (2)
- a) submerge
 - b) staunch

- 6. Answer the following questions:**
- a) Why do you think Antarctica was named Terra Incognita? (1 ½)
 - b) What is special about the appointment made between two friends in the story, 'After Twenty Years'? (1½)
