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INDIAN SCHOOL SOHAR
FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT I: 2015 – 2016 **SET I**

Std.: X

Max. Marks: 20

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ENGLISH

Time: 40 Min.

General Instructions:

- This paper consists of three sections:
 - Section A – Reading (5 Marks)
 - Section B – Writing & Grammar (8Marks)
 - Section C – Literature & Long Reading Text (7Marks)All sections are compulsory.
- Separate instructions are given for each section and questions wherever necessary. Read the instructions carefully and follow them.

SECTION A: READING(5 Marks)

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below it:

Money is indispensable to make life's machine run smoothly. People who lack money are often deprived of even the basic necessities of life. But it must also be clearly understood that it cannot be the be-all and end-all of life. There are several things, like peace of mind, happiness and love, which are extremely important in our life but which cannot be bought with money.

A man inherited a palatial bungalow, a big fleet of luxury cars and a thriving business. He believed he was placed in such a situation where he could command anything in life. Hundreds of people flocked to him every day and fleeced him of some money. Since his "safes" were overflowing with money, the loss of a little did not pinch him. Unfortunately, he remained blind to the real motive of those people's friendship and prided himself on his large following.

One day, bored with the inactive life he was leading, he invited some friends to his house to spend time with him. All of them pretended to be busy. He renewed the invitation but none of them responded. Feeling desperate, he took his chauffeur to a five-star hotel and spent over ten thousand rupees in a futile bid to 'buy' happiness. He returned home in the evening, utterly disgusted with life. It was then that he realized that one could not buy everything with money.

- (a) How do people who are not "well-off" suffer in life? (1)
- (b) How did the man try to overcome his frustration? (1)
- (c) What lesson do you learn from his experience? (1)
- (d) The word in the passage which means 'cheated' is _____. (Para 2) (1)
- (e) Money cannot buy the more essential things like ____ and ____ in life. (½ x2=1)

SECTION B: WRITING & GRAMMAR(8 Marks)

2. Parents and children often complain of the generation gap that leads to family and social maladjustments. Write an article titled 'Bridge the Gap**' in about **80 words**. You may use the following ideas. (4)**

Children should:

- *understand their elders' needs.
- *lend a helping hand
- *understand that the elders are experienced
- *remember that parents don't ask for much except respect and hard work in studies

Parents and grandparents should:

- *be patient
- *understand that young people need their space
- *present generation faces multifold challenges
- * understand that children's anxiety leads to mood swings

3. In the passage given below, some words are missing. Choose the correct word from the given options to complete the passage meaningfully: (½ x4= 2)

Disturbances in the eco-system have led (a) _____ a significant decline in the number (b) _____ migratory birds which used to fly across (c) _____ Himalayas in (d) _____ winter months to warm marshy areas around Kolkata.

(a) (i) to (ii) from (iii) with (iv) in

(b) (i) for (ii) of (iii) from (iv) on

(c) (i) a (ii) an (iii) the (iv) on

(d) (i) the (ii) some (iii) few (iv) many

4. In the passage given below, there is an error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction against the correct blank number in your answer sheet. (½ x4= 2)

We made another too useful experiment
to show the difference among pure and
impure air. We fill some flasks with broth and
then exposed some of them to a stuffy
air on a room and sealed them up again.

Incorrect

too

Correct

very

(a) _____

(b) _____

(c) _____

(d) _____

SECTION C: LITERATURE & LONG READING TEXT (7 Marks)

5. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. (½ x4=2)

“And for Loona Bimberton, she refused to look at an illustrated paper for weeks and her letter of thanks for the gift of a tiger-claw brooch was a model of repressed emotion.”

(a) Loona didn't look at papers for weeks because _____.

(b) Her emotions were “repressed” because _____

(c) Who gave her the gift?

(d) Pick out the word that can substitute ‘declined’.

6. Answer the following in about 20- 30 words each. (1 ½ x 2= 3)

a. Why according to you did the frog exploit the nightingale?

b. Why were Nicola and Jacopo living in the streets of Verona?

7. Answer the following in 30 – 40. (Long Reading Text) (2)

a. Who was Martha Washington? What type of a relationship did Helen have with her?
