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

Std.: X   Max. Marks: 20

Date: 11/05/2015   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)What kind of life was the man in the story leading?   **(1)**
(b)Why in your view, did his friends decline his invitation?   **(1)**
(c)What lesson do you learn from his experience?   **(1)**
(d)The word in the passage which means 'useless' is _____. (Para 3)   **(1)**
(e) _____ and _____ cannot be bought with money.   **(½ x2=1)**

SECTION B: WRITING& GRAMMAR(8Marks)

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:	Parents and grandparents should:
*understand their elders' needs.	*be patient
*lend a helping hand	*understand that young people need their space
*understand that the elders are experienced	*present generation faces multifold challenges
*remember that parents don't ask for much except respect and hard work in studies	* 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)

Ahmad was afraid (a) _____ the animals residing (b) _____the forest. Once he had a chance to go (c) _____ some brave boys (d) _____ a forest picnic
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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)

	Incorrect	Correct
We made another too useful experiment	too	very
to show the difference among pure and	(a) _____	_____
impure air. We fill some flasks with broth and	(b) _____	_____
then exposed some of them to a stuffy	(c) _____	_____
air on a room and sealed them up again.	(d) _____	_____

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

5. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. (½ x4=2)
"Now, Now!" urged Miss. Mebbin with some excitement.

 (a) What is Miss Mebbin excited about?
(b) Where is Miss. Mebbin when she speaks these lines?
(c) What nature of Miss. Mebbin is brought out through these lines?
(d) What does the word 'urged' mean?

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

a. How does the nightingale prove to be brainless in the poem, "The Frog and the Nightingale"?
b. What did the nurse tell the author about Nicola and Jacopo?

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

a. What convinced Helen's parents that she must be taught as soon as possible?
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