



**INDIAN SCHOOL SOHAR**  
**FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT II: 2015 – 2016**  
**ENGLISH**

**SET I**

**Std.: IX**  
**Date: 10.8.2015**

**Marks: 20**  
**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**

- 1. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below it: ( 5 Marks)**

Many animals are able to communicate with each other very well-but none of them can talk as we do. That is, no animals use words. Birds cry out and make sounds that other birds understand. Smells, movements, and sounds are used for communication by animals, through which they express joy or anger or fear.

Human speech is a very complicated process, which no animal can perform. One reason is that in a very special way we use a whole series of organs to produce the sounds we want to make when we utter words. The way our vocal cords are made to vibrate, is something animals can't do. They cannot produce a whole series of words to make a sentence.

And there is another, perhaps more important reason why animals can't talk. Words are only labels for objects, actions, feelings, expressions and ideas. For example, the word 'bird' is a label for a living, flying object.

For human beings, therefore, the uses of words mean the use of labels or symbols, and then organizing them in a certain way to communicate something. This requires a degree of intelligence and logical thinking that no animals have. So, they can't talk the way people do.

**Complete the following sentences: (5Marks)**

- a. While human beings use words to communicate, birds and animals are different since they use \_\_\_\_\_ for communication.
- b. Though birds and animals cannot communicate like human beings, they are capable of \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. The complicated process of human speech requires a very special way of using \_\_\_\_\_.
- d. Using words for communication requires intelligence and \_\_\_\_\_.
- e. Pick out a word that means 'to move from side to side very quickly and with small movements'. (Para 2)

**SECTION B: WRITING & GRAMMAR**

**(8Marks)**

2. The Management of time is an art and needs discipline. Without time management, no one can succeed in life. On the basis of the hints given below, write an article in about 80 words on ‘The Importance of Time Management’.

**(4 Marks)**

- Wasting time
- Postponing activities
- Impact upon day-to-day life
- Leads to failure
- Create schedules

3. **Complete the news choosing the correct option:**

**(2 Marks)**

a. **President pushes for woman judge in Supreme Court**

President Pratibha Patil \_\_\_\_\_ strongly in favour of the appointment of woman judge to the apex court.

- (i) argued
- (ii) will argue
- (iii) argue
- (iv) has argued

b. **Aussie law coming to clean up rot in education system**

Australia \_\_\_\_\_ the process of drafting a law to clean up a system in which dubious institutions and immigration agents take foreign students for a ride.

- (i) has begun
- (ii) begun
- (iii) is beginning
- (iv) began

4. **In the passage given below, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after against the correct blank number. Underline the word that forms your answer.**

**(2 Marks)**

	Before	Word	After
One the oldest and most effective	(a) _____	_____	_____
forms alternative medicine is yoga.	(b) _____	_____	_____
An art that was discovered India	(c) _____	_____	_____
Yoga has successfully spread the globe.	(d) _____	_____	_____

**SECTION C: LITERATURE & LONG READING TEXT**

**(7 Marks)**

5. **Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow.**

**(2 Marks)**

“And both that morning equally lay  
 In leaves no step had trodden black  
 Oh, I kept the first for another day!  
 Yet knowing how way leads on to way,  
 I doubted if I should ever come back.”

- (a) What does the word both refer to? **(1/2 Mark)**
- (b) Who does ‘I’ refer to? **(1/2 Mark)**
- (c) What decision does the speaker take of the ‘first’ road? **(1 Mark)**

6. **Answer the following in about 20- 25 words each.**

**(3 Marks)**

- (a) What do the roads in the poem, “The Road Not Taken” symbolize?
- (b) What special qualities made Duke an extraordinary dog?

7. **Answer the following in about 30 words: (Long Reading Text)**

**(2 Marks)**

A Charge of treason is brought against Gulliver. What are its main articles? Write any two.

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