



INDIAN SCHOOL SOHAR
UNIT TEST: 2015-16
ENGLISH

Std.: XI
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Marks: 50
Time: 2Hrs.

Instructions:

- This paper is divided into three sections. Section A: Reading, Section B: Writing & Grammar and Section C: Literature & long Reading Text. All sections are compulsory.
- Separate instructions are given for each section and question wherever necessary. Read the instructions carefully and follow them faithfully.
- Strictly adhere to the prescribed word limit.

SECTION A: READING

(10 marks)

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

1. How often do we exclaim: "That was a mistake!" That bewildered expression of regret and panic gets relayed through life. Some mistakes we forget, others we don't. The mistakes can be mundane as forgetting to turn the geyser off or to pick up your passport from the airport counter.

2. Absent mindedness, preoccupation, distraction, carelessness, nervousness— there are umpteen excuses to justify mistakes. However major decisions like relocations of home and an unwarranted resignation letter can cause much trouble and upheaval and lead to regrets that leave you sad and depressed. Some mistakes are irreversible. Then, is there room for hope?

3. In fact, there are no mistakes, only experiences. There are no problems only challenges. Every experience teaches us something in life. Every mistake inspires retrospection and introspection. The experience is humbling and it makes us wiser. That is, if every mistake is regarded as an experience and not as a source of self-condemnation. Many times people are unable to reconcile with the change grooved in the same culture and rooted in the past. They have to realise the life time benefits they receive from changes.

4. Nature abounds in examples of flexibility and relocation in case of birds and beasts. Scientific research in the behaviour of birds has confirmed that birds, animals and even nomads, travel miles and miles in search of better food, congenial climate and safety. These relocations may cause some amount of stress, no doubt, but they are the source of survival: helping to group bonding and cooperation; and to explore the beauty of new space and better environment.

5. To the weak, problems are stumbling blocks, to the brave, they are stepping stones. "An untimely resignation or termination letter is certainly traumatic and disturbing. But think of possibilities it can throw open for you. A young man felt disappointed when he failed an interview for a corporate job. At that point of time, he left dejected. Today, looking back he says, "It was a blessing in disguise. I would have never reached this far. "Some mistakes bring in a very important message. "Believe and achieve! And in order to do so, faith is essential. It is the triple faith that men need today: faith in one self, faith in the world around us, and above all faith in God!"

I. Answer the following questions selecting the most appropriate option from those given below them: (3)

- a. Nature abounds in this.
 - i. mistakes and experiences
 - ii. retrospection and introspection
 - iii. opportunities and changes
 - iv. examples of flexibility and relocation
- b. Many people are unable to
 - i. reconcile with changes
 - ii. realise the lifetime benefits of changes
 - iii. realize that mistakes are experiences
 - iv. none of the above
- c. makes a relay through life.
 - i. mistakes
 - ii. experiences
 - iii. expression of regret and panic
 - iv. all the above

II. Answer the following questions: (5)

- a. How can one change a mistake into a benefit?
- b. What does every mistake inspire?
- c. What are the diverse effects of relocation?
- d. What is that man need today? Explain.
- e. How do we justify mistakes?

III. Find words from the passage which can be a substitute for the following: (2)

- a. an antonym of extraordinary (para1)
- b. relatively large but unspecified number (para2)

SECTION B: WRITING & GRAMMAR (15marks)

2. You are Abhinav/ Aardhana of Rohini. You are appalled to read the survey reports of UNICEF which depicts the miserable condition of millions of children in India. You feel that educated and rich children can play a vital role in changing their attitude towards education and health. Write an article on the topic *Role of Children in the Development of Society* in about 150-200 words. (7)

3. The following passage has a missing word in each line. Locate it and write your answer along with the words which come before and after it. (4)

The Delhi government is all to roll out	(a).....	.....	.....
its action plan rid the city	(b) .....	.....	.....
of its slums 2015. Keeping in	(c).....	.....	.....
sync with plan 1300 families	(d) .....	.....	.....
across 14 slums have been eligible	(e) .....	.....	.....
for allotment flats in the first	(f) .....	.....	.....
Phase the Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board.	(g).....	.....	.....
The Board plans to the relocation	(h) .....	.....	.....
process later this month.			

4. Rearrange the following jumbled words to make meaningful sentences: (4)
- indoor/and/ there/ are/outdoor/kinds of/ various/ games.
 - from/the/also/ removes/fasting/body/toxins
 - to/and/itself/hillside,/the/with/story/grumbling/ down/begins/rat/tumbling/the/ muttering/the
 - Valley/are/the/their/humans/invading/peaceful/beautiful/and

SECTION C: LITERATURE & LONG READING TEXT (25 marks)

5. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow: (3)
- Some twenty-thirty - years later
She'd laugh at the snapshot. "See Betty
And Dolly", she'd say, "and look how they
Dressed us for the beach". The sea holiday
Was her past, mine is her laughter. Both wry
With the laboured ease of loss.
- What was the mother's reaction on seeing the photograph?
 - When did the beach holiday take place?
 - Explain: "Both wry with laboured ease of loss"?
6. Answer the following in 30 to 40 words each: (10)
- Describe the image of the grandmother that emerges from **The Portrait of a Lady**.
 - What made the narrator and his cousin return the horse?
 - What was the turning point of friendship between Kushwant Singh and his grandmother?
 - How does **The Photograph** bring forth the striking contrast between man and nature?
 - What did the narrator think of on landing at Ile Amsterdam? Why?
7. Answer the following in 100 to 125 words: (8)
- The story "**We are Not Afraid to Die..... If We can All be Together**" illustrates how optimism enables man to overcome the greatest of difficulties. Explain.
 - Explain how the narrator makes the story "**The Summer of a beautiful White Horse**" humorous?
8. Answer the following question in 150 words: (4)
- The Otis family was different from the conservative English families in many ways. Substantiate.

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