



**INDIAN SCHOOL SOHAR**  
**FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT III:2015-2016**  
**ENGLISH**

STD.: VIII

Date: 16.11.2015

SET-1

Marks: 20

Time: 40 Min

**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

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

**SECTION A: READING(5 Marks)****1. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:**

A good book may be the best of friends. It is the same today that it always was and it will never change. It is the most patient and cheerful of companion. It does not turn its back upon us in times of adversity or distress. It always receives us with the same kindness, amusing and instructing us in youth and comforting and consoling us in age. A good book is often the best urn of a life enshrining the best thoughts of which that life was capable for. Thus, the best books are treasuries of good words and golden thoughts which are remembered and cherished, and become our abiding companions and comforters.

Books possess an essence of immortality. They are by far the most lasting products of human effort. Temples crumble into ruin, pictures and statues decay but books survive. They bring us into the presence of the greatest minds that have ever lived. We see them as if they were really alive, we sympathize with them, enjoy with them, grieve with them, their experience become ours and we feel as if we were, in a measure, actors with them in the scenes in which they describe.

**1.1. Answer the following questions by selecting the most appropriate option. ( 2 marks)****1. The author regards a good book as**

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| i) the best of enemies  | iii) worst companions |
| ii) the best of friends | iv) wastage of time   |

**2. A good book is a very patient and**

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| i) Bad friend        | iii) Cheerful companion |
| ii) Criticising mate | iv) None of the above   |

**1.2 Answer the following questions briefly: (2x1=2 mark)**

- a) Why has the author call book as the best urn?
- b) Why does the author say that the books are immortal ?

**1.3.Find a word from the passage which means the same as the following: (1/2x2=1marks)**

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| a) hard time (first para) | b) feel sad( (second para) |
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**SECTION B: WRITING AND GRAMMAR (8 Marks)**

2. You are Harish, the Secretary of the "Creative Club" at your school. You are organizing an Interschool Drawing Competition the following month. Participants can choose any topic on public awareness. The best paintings would receive a cash prize of Rs.10,000. Write a notice in 50 words, inviting the budding artist to participate in the event. **(4 marks)**

**Do as directed:**

3. Complete the following sentences by supplying the suitable Preposition and the Gerund form of the verb given in bracket: **(1x2=2 marks)**

- a) Jai spent months \_\_\_\_\_ (learn) Spanish.
- b) I thought \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) my best friend.

4. Fill in the blanks with the Future Perfect Tense of the words given in bracket: **(1/2x2=1marks)**

- a) They \_\_\_\_\_ (build) their house by the end of this year.
- b) In ten years' time, we \_\_\_\_\_ (repay) the entire loan on our house .

5. Join the following sentences into an adjectival clause using suitable pronoun: **(1x1=1mark)**

- a) My brother lives in Canada. He came to see me.
- \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION C: LITERATURE (7 marks)**

6. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. **(1x2=2marks)**

*Life for me ain't been no crystal stair  
It's had tacks in it,  
And splinters,  
And board torn up,  
And places with no carpet on the floor---  
Bare*

- a) What kind of life has the mother had?
- b) Pick any two metaphors from the given lines of the poem?

7. Give the meaning of the following words and frame meaningful sentences using them: **(1x2=2marks)**

- a) Wriggle
- b) discarded

8. Answer the following questions briefly: **(1 1/2x2=3 marks)**

- a) The writer has presented grown ups as being more childish than children. Do you agree? Support your answer with examples from the story.
- b) Why did Nick decide on a certain moment to give his gift? Explain the gift and its significance.

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