



INDIAN SCHOOL SOHAR
FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT III:2015-2016
ENGLISH

STD.: VIII

Date: 16.11.2015

SET-2

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 oftenthe 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 for 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)

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| <p>a) A good book is a very patient and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Cheerful companion ii) Criticising mate | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> iii) Bad friend iv) None of the above |
| <p>b) The author regards a good book as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) worst companion ii) the best of friend | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> iii) the best of enemies iv) worst of all |

1.2 Answer the following questions briefly: (2 mark)

- a) What do the books possess?
- b) Why has the author called book as the best urn?

1.3. Find a word from the passage which means the same as the following: (1 marks)

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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 C. Jaison 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 hours _____ (try) to find the solution for the problem.
- b) She is interested _____ (learn) music.

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

- a) They _____ (sell) their house by the end of this year.
- b) In ten years' time, I _____ (complete) my studies..

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

- a) I know the man. He is a scientist.
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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) Pick any two metaphors from the given lines of the poem.
- b) What kind of life has the mother had?

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

- a) sulking
- b) discarded

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

- a) What was their mother's first reaction on seeing her Mother's Day gift? What do you think she would have preferred?
- b) The writer has presented grownups as being more childish than children. Do you agree? Support your answer with examples from the story
