

**INDIAN SCHOOL SOHAR** **Set I**  
**FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT-3**

**Class: VII** **ENGLISH** **Time: 40min.**  
**Date: 12/11/2014** **Marks: 20**

**SECTION A: READING (5 MARKS)**

**1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow**

A.P.J. Abdul Kalam served as the President of India from 2002 to 2007. He is also a scientist and writer. One of his books 'Wings of Fire' is his autobiography. In this book he says: 'I was born into a middle-class Tamil family in the island town of Rameshwaram in Madras state. My father, Jainulabdeen, possessed neither much formal education nor much wealth; despite these disadvantages, he possessed great innate wisdom and a true generosity of spirit. He had an ideal helpmate in my mother, Ashiamma. I do not recall the exact number of people she fed every day, but I am quite certain that far more outsiders ate with us than all the members of our own family. We lived in our ancestral house, which was built in the middle of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. It was a fairly large pucca house, made of limestone and brick, on the mosque street of Rameswaram. My austere father used to avoid all inessential comforts and luxuries. However all that was needed was provided for, in terms of food, medicine or clothes. In fact, I would say mine was a very secure childhood, both materially and emotionally'.

**I. a Fill in the blanks:**

(4 × ½ = 2)

- i) \_\_\_\_\_ is APJ Abdul Kalam's autobiography.
- ii) The people who ate in Kalam's house were \_\_\_\_\_.
- iii) Their house was built in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- iv) Their family lived in their \_\_\_\_\_ house.

**I. b Write whether these statements are true or false:**

(4 × ¼ = 1)

- i) Jainulabdeen was very well educated.
- ii) Madras state is an island.
- iii) Abdul Kalam had a very happy childhood.
- iv) A.P.J Abdul Kalam served as the President of India from 2000 to 2007.

**I. c Answer the questions: (2 × 1 = 2)**

- i) Did Kalam's family live in a small house? Pick sentences to support your answer.
- ii) Pick the words from the passage which have the same meaning as
  - a) inborn
  - b) model or perfect

**SECTION B: WRITING & GRAMMAR (8 MARKS)**

- II.** You live in a small town which does not have a public park. Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper highlighting the need of a park. (1 × 4 = 4)

*Take these points in consideration to make your letter interesting.*

- Children and adults need place to relax.
- Children need place to play.
- Meeting your friends.
- For doing exercise, to get fresh air and to relax the mind and body.

**III. Do as directed:**

**A. Fill in the blanks with correct form of Simple past or Past continuous tense of the verbs given in the brackets. (2x½=1)**

1. When Ravi \_\_\_\_\_ (reach) home, his brother \_\_\_\_\_ (sleep)
2. He \_\_\_\_\_ (enter) there, when they \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) a movie.

**B. Rewrite the statements using so.....that. (2x½=1)**

1. She was very clever. She passed the exam in first attempt.
2. It rained very heavily. The city was flooded.

**C. Complete the following sentences using suitable Relative Clause. (2x½=1)**

1. She is the girl \_\_\_\_\_ my house yesterday. (come)
2. This is the pen \_\_\_\_\_ last week. (lost)

**D. Re-write the following sentences in the Passive voice. (2x½=1)**

1. Children like the game of Cricket.
2. The Police caught the thief.

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

**IV. Read the given extract and answer the question: (2×1=2)**

A girl up in a wheelchair of wings, flying with a disability.  
Well I told them all, 'nothing would keep me down.'  
If they saw me now, how many I would astound.'  
Then my heart took me to other places that day.

- a) Name the poem and the poet.
- b) Who are they? Why will they be astound?

**V. Answer the following questions: (2×1½=3)**

- a) Why did the children feel that the cherry trees did not belong to them anymore?
- b) How did they know they had landed in a deserted city? Which two words suggest that the city was in ruins?

**VI. Give the meanings of the following words and frame sentences of your own. (2x1=2)**

- a) Revolted
- b) cursed

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