



INDIAN SCHOOL SOHAR
FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT 4: 2015-16

Class : VIII**ENGLISH****Time: 40 Mins****Date: 09-02-2016****Marks: 20****General Instructions:**

- i) This paper consists of three sections.
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| Section A – Reading | 5 marks |
| Section B – Writing & Grammar | 8 marks |
| Section C – Literature | 7 marks |
- ii) All questions are compulsory.
iii) All questions of a section must be attempted in the correct order.

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

1. People will respect your honesty, straight forwardness, intelligence and other virtues only if you behave courteously towards everyone. Courtesy is the polish on personality that attracts everyone at first glance. If an educated person is not well mannered then his education is of no use. It has been said that courtesy makes up for the lack of physical beauty in an individual. Only the person who is able to win over hearts with his good manners can be considered beautiful.

2. A lot of people speak rudely to their employees, subordinate staff and domestic workers, this is wrong. If you speak courteously to the people who work for you, they will feel valued and their productivity will also increase correspondingly. It is expected of any civilized person that he thank those who serve him. When expressing gratitude, it should not be a mere formality but should be sincere, coming straight from the heart.

3. In the same way, saying 'I am sorry' for any mistake on your part will not make you inferior. On the contrary, an apology, if expressed with sincerity, will endear you to others and make you more popular.

1.1. Choose the correct option:**(1x2=2)**

- a) If any employer is courteous, his employees will _____.
- i) work for less ii) feel valued iii) answer rudely iv) feel bad
- b) You can win people over with _____.
- i) physical beauty ii) education iii) pretentious behavior iv) good manners

1.2. Answer the following questions briefly:**(1x2=2)**

- a) What do you think, how a civilized person should be?
b) What does the expression 'Courtesy is the polish on personality' mean?

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

- a) peep (Para-1) b) thankfulness (Para-2)

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

2. Write a paragraph in about 80 words on the topic, Benefits of Science and Technology.

(4 Marks)

Do as directed:

3.1. Change the underlined verbs in the following sentences into the Past Perfect

Continuous Tense:

(1x2=2)

- a) She had played chess for two hours.
- b) He had worked there for almost a year.

3.2. Fill in the blanks with suitable Infinitive or Gerund:

(1/2x2=1)

- a) Please allow me _____ (join) your group.
- b) Tom avoids _____ (use) chemicals on the vegetables he grows.

3.3. Change the following sentence into Indirect Speech:

(1x1=1)

- a) 'Where are you going?' She asked me.

SECTION C: LITERATURE (7 Marks)

4. Read the given extract and answer the questions that follow:

*In the King's bed, creep the louse
Lived in her ancestral house.
They had dwelt here as of right
For three decades, and each night
She and her enormous brood
Drank the King's blood for their food.*

- a) Who lived in the King's bed? **(1)**
- b) For how long had they lived there? **(1)**

5. Give the meaning of the following words and frame meaningful sentences of your own: (1x2=2)

- a) stale
- b) pungent

6. Answer the following questions:

(1 1/2 x2=3)

- a) What do you think the employees at the newspaper office may have been discussing so excitedly?
- b) What made Princess September happy and proud?
