



INDIAN SCHOOL SOHAR
SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT-II 2015-16
ENGLISH

STD.: VIII

Marks: 60

Date: 10/03/2016

Time: 2hrs

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- *This paper consists of three sections:*
 - Section A – Reading* (15 Marks)
 - Section B – Writing & Grammar* (20 Marks)
 - Section C -Literature* (25 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 (15 Marks)

1. Reading the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. (8 Marks)

The words that we speak or we pen have a great impact on the listener or the reader. It can turn situations to our side or create destructive wars! The political world requires tact and diplomacy to solve complicated issues. Here is a classic example of word play.

The sixteenth President of the United States, Abraham Lincoln, was leading his nation through a very challenging internal crises – the 1861 Civil war. This was a serious battle between the American states in which 11 Southern states of America fought against the Country.

During these tough times, while speaking at an official gathering, Lincoln addressed the Southerners as his fellow human beings who were just unknowingly committing mistakes. He never referred to them as enemies who needed to be punished for creating such disharmony among the citizens.

An old lady in the crowd, a fuming patriot, reprimanded him. She was really frustrated that Lincoln was kind to the antagonists. She thought he should destroy them rather than display acts of humanity.

Lincoln smiled at the lady and asked her to calm down. He replied, “Madam, by making my opponents my friends, I am destroying my enemies too!”

1.1 Complete the statements by choosing the most appropriate option: (3 Marks)

- i) Solving complicated political issues requires _____
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| a) intelligence | c) hard work |
| b) rudeness | d) tact and diplomacy |
- ii) Abraham Lincoln was the _____
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| a) fifteenth President of USA. | c) fifth President of USA |
| b) sixth President of USA | d) sixteenth President of USA |
- iii) Lincoln referred to the southerners as _____
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| a) friends of USA | c) fellow human beings |
| b) enemies of USA | d) traitors |

1.2 Answer the following questions briefly: (3 Marks)

- a) When and between whom was the American Civil war fought?
- b) Why was Lincoln ready to forgive the Southerners?
- c) How did Lincoln make his opponents his friends?

1.3 Find words in the passage which conveys the same meaning as given below (2 Marks)

- a) Tact and subtle skill in dealing with people (Para 1)
- b) opponent or enemy(Para 4)

2. Read the poem and answer the questions that follow: (7 Marks)

Daffodils

I wandered lonely as a cloud,
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine,
And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretched in never-ending line,
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced; but they
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:
A poet could not but be gay,
In such a jocund company:
I gazed ---and gazed---but little thought,
What wealth the show to me had brought:

2.1 Fill in the blanks on the basis of your reading of the poem: (2 Marks)

- a) The poet saw a crowd of _____.
- b) The golden daffodils stretched like _____.

2.2 Answer the following questions: (3 Marks)

- a) Identify the poetic device used in the first verse.
- b) What do we learn about the poet from the first two verses?
- c) In the third verse why is the poet so happy ?

2.3 Find the words from the poem which mean the same as the following words (2 Marks)

- (a) glittering light (Stanza 3)
- (b) Jovial (Stanza 3)

SECTION B WRITING & GRAMMAR (20 Marks)

3. You are Kiran/Kaushal. While visiting a park, you see people throwing plastic bags in the lush green lawns. You are disturbed about such careless attitude of the public and you decide to write a letter to your local newspaper. Develop your letter using the following clues. (Word limit 100-120 words) **(5 Marks).**

- To create public awareness
- Provisions that can be made in the park to stop people to litter
- Steps need to be taken to punish people who fail to follow the rule.

4. You are the secretary of the “Creative Club” at school. You are organizing an Interschool Drawing Competition in the club the following month. Selected paintings would be featured in the school yearbook. Write a notice in about 50 words, inviting the budding artists to participate in the event and make it a grand success. Include the date, day, venue and other necessary detail. **(5 Marks)**

5. Do as directed:

5.1 Fill in the blanks supplying the required Preposition and the Gerund form of the Verb given in the bracket: **(1)**

- a) Children are fond _____(eat) sweets.
b) We had the opportunity _____(meet) many cricketers.

5.2 Add correct question tags to the sentences: **(1)**

- a) They can attend the function, _____
b) He did not come to school, _____

5.3 Use too/enough to complete the sentences. **(1)**

- a) I can't wait for them, I haven't got _____time.
b) I didn't like the weather here, it is _____hot.

5.4 Change the sentences into Reported Speech. **(2)**

- a) He said to me, “Do you know the way?”
b) Mohan said to me, “When will you return?”

5.5 Change the following sentences into Comparative structure. **(2)**

- a) As he earned more money, he spent more.
b) If you do not carry so much luggage, you will have a happy journey.

5.6 Supply suitable Adjectival Clause: **(1)**

- a) I like to meet my friend_____.

5.7 Complete the sentence with the Future Perfect Tense of the words given in the bracket. **(1)**

- a) In two years time, we_____ (repay) the entire loan on our house.

5.8 Rewrite the sentences using Punctuation Marks and Capital letter where required: **(1)**

- a) The sun has set the moon has risen the stars have come out and night has arrived declared the Hermit

SECTION C: LITERATURE (25 MARKS)

6.1 Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow:

(4 Marks)

Well, son, I'll tell you:
Life for me aren't been no crystal stair.
It's had tacks in it'
And boards torn up'
And places with no carpet on the floor---
Bare.
But all the time
I'se been a-climbin' on,
And reachin' landin's

- a) What kind of life has the mother had? Give two words to support your answer. **(2)**
- b) Explain the word "Bare" in the context of the poem. **(1)**
- c) What do the words *landing and stairs* stand for? **(1)**

7. Write the meaning for the given words and frame sentences of your own:

(4x1 ½ =6)

- a) attribute
- b) suspend
- c) anticipate
- d) sulk

8. Answer the following questions in 25-30 words:

(6x2=12)

- a) Why did Nick decide on certain moment to give his gift?
- b) What are the qualities of mercy that Portia talks about?
- c) Was Nakoo a dangerous man-eating crocodile? What kind of relationship did he share with the children?
- d) Why did the mosquito wish to drink the king's blood? Do you think he was being honest?
- e) How did the paper plague impact the basic business of living?
- f) What happened to the bird when he was put into a cage?

9. Answer the following question in 30-40 words:

(3)

What logic does Portia use to trap Shylock? Why does she not accept Shylock's plea that he is willing to take Bassanio's money instead of a pound of Antonio's flesh?
