



INDIAN SCHOOL SOHAR
UNIT TEST: 2017-18
ENGLISH (Core)

Class: XI

Marks: 50

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Time: 2 hrs.

Instructions:

- *This paper consists of three sections: Section A, B, and C. All the sections are compulsory.*
- *Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary.*
- *Read these instructions carefully and follow them faithfully.*
- *Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.*

SECTION A: READING**(10 Marks)****1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (10)**

1. The therapeutic value and healing powers of plants were demonstrated to me when I was a boy of about ten. I had developed an acute persistent abdominal pain that did not respond readily to hospital medication. In total desperation she took me to Egya Mensa, a well-known herbalist in my hometown in the Western province of Ghana.
2. After a brief interview, he went out to the field. He returned with several leaves and the bark of a tree and one of his attendants immediately prepared a decoction. I was given a glass of this preparation, it tasted extremely bitter, but within an hour or so I began to feel relieved. Within about three days, the frequent abdominal pain stopped and I recall gaining a good appetite. I have appreciated the healing powers of medicinal plants ever since.
3. In fact, demographic studies by various national governments and inter-governmental organizations such as the World Health Organisation (WHO) indicate that for 75 to 90 per cent of the rural populations of the world, the herbalist is the only person who handles their medical problems.
4. In African culture, traditional medical practitioners are always considered to be influential, spiritual leaders as well, using magic and religion along with medicines. Illness is handled with the individual's hidden spiritual powers and with application of plants that have been found especially to contain healing powers.
5. Over the years I have come to distinguish three types of medicinal practitioners in African societies and to classify the extent to which each uses medicinal plants. The first is the herbalist, who generally enjoys the prestige and reputation of being the real traditional medical professional. The second group represents the divine healers. They are fetish priests whose practice depends upon their purported supernatural powers of diagnosis. Thirdly, the witch doctor, the practitioner who is credited with ability to intercept the evil deeds of a witch.
6. From the drug stores in New Delhi, I picked up some well-packaged bark and roots of Rauwolfia Serpentina, a plant that was very well known in ancient Asiatic medicine. The storekeeper said that it cures hypertension.
7. For health, social and economic reasons, it seems clear that developing countries should begin an extensive programme aimed at an examination and research into the properties of the most important medicinal plants. In most countries, the information on such plants is dispersed and unorganized. Much of it is in the heads of aging herbalists, who represent a dying breed.

I. On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions by choosing the best of the given choices: (4)

- (a) What did Egya Mensa do to the author when his mother took him there?
- (i) did not attend to them
 - (ii) gave him a concoction of leaves and bark
 - (iii) tested his appetite
 - (iv) advised the child not to take Western medicine
- (b) The WHO demographic studies indicate that
- (i) most of the rural populations depend on herbalists for health care
 - (ii) 75 to 90 percent of rural populations were in poor health
 - (iii) Urban population should also use herbal medicine
 - (iv) None of the above
- (c) The author appreciates the healing powers of medicinal plants because
- (i) he is an African
 - (ii) he did not believe in European medicines
 - (iii) he had been cured by herbal medicines
 - (iv) his friends had recommended herbal medicines to him
- (d) Traditional medical practitioners have influence on their communities because
- (i) they successfully cure the sick
 - (ii) they control epidemics
 - (iii) they are inexpensive
 - (iv) they handle the patient's sickness with their hidden spiritual powers

II. Answer the following questions briefly: (4)

- (a) What is the status of traditional medical practitioners in African culture?
- (b) What is the use of Rauwolfia Serpentine according to the storekeeper of the drugstore?
- (c) What does the writer suggest to preserve this system of healing with plants?
- (d) How does the author classify medical practitioners in Africa? Name their various categories.

III. Find words from the passage which can be the substitutes for the following: (2)

- (a) unceasing (para 1)
- (b) claimed to be (para 5)

SECTION B: WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR

(16 Marks)

2. The Hindu, Young World is organizing an Inter School Painting Contest for the students from Std. VI – XII on the occasion of the World Environmental Day. You are, Rohit Arora/ Aarti Sinha, Cultural Secretary of Hilltop International School, Mumbai. Draft a notice for your School Notice Board requesting students to participate in the contest. Include details like venue, date, timings, materials required, entry fee, prizes and so on. Do not exceed 50 words. (4)

3. The Science stream of study is no longer the only avenue for decent jobs. Information Technology, hospitality, fashion and entertainment industries have opened the door to enterprising young men and

women. Write an article for a newspaper on the topic 'Careers Galore'. Write the article in about 150 words as Rahim/ Rehana (6)

4. Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences: (2)

- (a) at developing/there have been/a modern/many attempts/snowboard
- (b) and a rope/at the/two skiis/were bound/was placed /front end/together
- (c) declared/snowboarding/in 1994/was/event/an olympic
- (d) across the globe/is a/this recognition/huge victory/snowboarders/to the

5. The following passage is not edited. There is an error in each of the lines against which a blank is given. Write the incorrect and correct words in your answer sheet. (4)

	Incorrect	Correct
Father Gilligan was overworking and extremely tired when he kept attending to the sick but dying among his parishioners. One evening he feeling extremely tired. He layed on a chair and begin to doze at evening twilight. He got the call to visit a poor man. Though the spirit is willing, her body was weak. He prayed to God to forgive him. Then he knelt or fell asleep.	e.g. overworking	overworked
	a) _____	_____
	b) _____	_____
	c) _____	_____
	d) _____	_____
	e) _____	_____
	f) _____	_____
	g) _____	_____
	h) _____	_____

SECTION C: LITERATURE AND LONG READING TEXT (24 Marks)

6. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow: (3)

*The cardboard shows how it was
 When the two girl cousins went paddling
 Each one holding one of my mother hands,
 And she the big girl – some twelve years or so
 All three stood still to smile through their hair
 At the uncle with camera*

- (a) What does the word 'cardboard' denote?
- (b) How many persons can be seen on the cardboard?
- (c) Who does the 'big girl' refer to?

7. Answer the following in 30-40 words each: (9)

- (a) The narrator's grandmother looked like the 'winter landscape in the mountains.' Comment.
- (b) How and why did Aram persuade himself that it was not really 'stealing at all'?
- (c) How has the poetess expressed her sense of loss in the poem 'A Photograph'?

8. Answer the following question in about 120-150 words: (6)

- (a) Khushwant Singh's grandmother was emotionally attached to him. Support the statement with the help of instances from the story 'The Portrait of a Lady'

9. Answer the following in about 120-150 words: (6)

- (a) How does Lord Canterville warn Mr.Otis about the presence of the ghost in Canterville Chase and what light does this throw on the character of Lord Canterville.
