



INDIAN SCHOOL SOHAR
Periodic Test - 2: 2017-18

Class : VIII**ENGLISH****Time: 40 Mins****Date: 14-01-2018****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)****1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:**

On his first day in office, as President Abraham Lincoln entered to give his inaugural address, one man stood up. He was a rich aristocrat. He said, ‘Mr.Lincoln, you should not forget that your father used to make shoes for my family.’And the whole senate laughed and they thought they had made a fool of Lincoln. But certain people are made of a totally different mettle. Lincoln looked at the man directly in the eye and said, ‘Sir, I know that my father used to make shoes for your family, and there will be many others here, because he made shoes the way nobody else can. He was a creator. His shoes were not just shoes but he poured his whole soul into them. I want to ask you, have you any complaint? Because I know how to make shoes myself. If you have any complaint I can make you another pair of shoes. But as far as I know, nobody has ever complained about my father’s shoes. He was a genius, a great creator and I am proud of my father.’The whole senate was struck dumb. They could not understand what kind of man Abraham Lincoln was. He was proud because his father did his job so well that not even a single complaint had ever been heard.

1.1.Choose the correct option:**(2)**

- a)The senate was impressed by_____.
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| i) shoes that Lincoln’s father made | ii) the reply which Lincoln gave to the aristocrat |
| iii)the genius of Lincoln’s father | iv)the question of the aristocrat |
- b)The rich aristocrat talked of Lincoln’s father to make him_____.
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| i) very proud | ii) very glad |
| iii)much ashamed | iv)frightened |

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

- a) Why was Lincoln so proud of his father?
b) Why did the whole senate laugh?

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

- a) a person having a great and unequal ability
b)quality of determination to do something successfully

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

2. Write a paragraph in about 40 to 50 words on the topic, Importance of Moral Values in life.

(4)

Do as directed:

3.1. Fill in the blanks with Future Perfect tense: (2)

- a) Manal _____ her Ph.D by December this year.(complete)
- b) My father _____ a new house by the time I return.(buy)

3.2. Complete the following sentence by supplying the required Preposition and the Gerund form of the verb given in bracket: (1)

- a) The children insisted _____ (go) out with Kerry.

3.3. Combine the following sentences with Adjective Clause: (1)

- a) He has two sons. They have wasted lots of money in idle pursuits.

SECTION C: LITERATURE (7)

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

Well, son, I'll tell you
Life for me ain't been no crystal stair
It's had tacks in it, and splinters,
And boards torn up.

- a) What kind of a staircase did the mother have to climb? (1)
- b) What does mother compare her life to? (1)

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

- a) sulk b) mystify

6. Answer the following questions in about 30 to 40 words: (3)

- a) What all did the boys throw at Nakoo to get him move? Why was Nakoo startled?
- b) How did the boys get the money for their mother's gift?
