



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 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 |
- b)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 |

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

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

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

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

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) My brother _____ his military services by the time I graduate. (complete)
- b) Mr. Rao _____ grading our papers by Monday. (finish)

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

- a) Anne dreams _____ (live) in the countryside.

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

- a) You should see a doctor. He can help you with your back problem.

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

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

- a) trudge b) wriggle

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

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