



INDIAN SCHOOL SOHAR
PERIODIC TEST III 2018-2019

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Std.: IX
Date: 10/01/2019

SET I
ENGLISH

Max. Marks: 20
Time: 45 Min.

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Section A – <i>Reading</i>	(5Marks)
Section B – <i>Writing & Grammar</i>	(8Marks)
Section C – <i>Literature Text</i>	(7Marks)

All sections are compulsory.

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SECTION A: READING

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1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

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1. I was a below average student. Both in schools and colleges, rarely my teachers knew me by name. I don't think I was a dunce; just that I didn't have an academic bent of mind. Since failures were more a habit than an exception, a below par performance never disturbed me. Neither were my teachers proud of me nor did I make my parents feel proud of me.
2. Of course, my parents being noble-hearted never gave up on me. They never put me down in the presence of others. In fact, to shield me, they always projected a positive image of me to the world.
3. In 1984, while pursuing my graduation in Mathematics, I had failed in one of the subjects in my fourth semester. I already had three arrears. For the first time, hearing about my failure, I saw tears in my father's eyes. This was my first experience of seeing my father cry. I couldn't handle his crying. To withdraw myself I escaped to the terrace of my apartment. I suffered a fear like I have never known before. I was trembling. I never wanted my parents to ever cry again because of my failures. But, I was scared. "Was it too late to begin in life?" I doubted. I was already over 18, just about 50% marks in my four semesters, 4 arrears to clear and 3 regular papers to face in my fifth semester, no talent, no special abilities, never won a prize in my life, not a single certificate. I truly wanted to make it very big in life, if not for my sake, just to make up for all that I had put my parents through.

1. Complete the following statements :

- (a) The narrator confesses of his being_____.
- (b) He did not bother about_____.

2. Answer the following questions briefly :

- (a) What was the attitude of the narrator's parents?
- (b) How did the narrator react on seeing tears in his father's eyes?

3. Give a word from the passage which means the same as 'a stupid or slow learner'. (Para 1)

SECTION B: WRITING & GRAMMAR

(8 Marks)

2. Walking home today, you saw a man selling parrots in cages. You decided to buy one and feed it green chillies and teach it to speak. But a story you read about birds flying in the open sky changed your mind. You decided to set the parrot free. Write a diary entry about the incident in about 80 words. **(4)**

3. Rearrange the given words/phrases to form meaningful sentences: **(2)**

- a. the South Asian/ is a / found in/ India/ river dolphin/ freshwater dolphin
- b. of India/ it is/ in the Ganges/ primarily found/ Brahmaputra rivers/ and

4. Read the conversation given below and complete the paragraph that follows : **(2)**

Customer : Why is the meal sour?

Waiter : Nobody has complained for five days sir, about the meal.

Customer : What! Where is the Manager?

Waiter : He has gone to some other hotel to have his dinner, sir.

One day a customer was having dinner in a hotel. He asked the waiter (a)_____. The waiter told him that nobody had complained for five days about the meal. At this the customer was shocked and (b)_____. The waiter replied that he had gone to some other hotel to have his dinner.

SECTION C: LITERATURE

(7 Marks)

5. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: **(3)**

*Remember they have eyes like ours that wake
Or sleep, and strength that can be won
By love. In every land is common life
That all can recognise and understand.*

- a. How can we win others?
- b. Who are 'they' in the stanza?
- c. What can be recognised and understood?

6. Answer the following questions in about 30- 40 words each: **(4)**

- a. What are the Guru's words of wisdom? When does the disciple remember them? (In The Kingdom Of Fools)
- b. What was the doctor's obsession to the mirror on the table? What happened when he was looking into the mirror? (The Snake And The Mirror)



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- (b) He confesses of his being_____.

2. Answer the following questions briefly :

- (a) Why does the narrator say that none had reasons to feel proud of him?
- (b) How did the narrator react on seeing tears in his father's eyes?

3. Give a word from the passage which means the same as 'protect'. (Para 2)

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