



INDIAN SCHOOL SOHAR
PERIODIC ASSESSMENT – 3 (2019-20)
ENGLISH

CLASS: X

DATE: /12/2019

MAX. MARKS: 80

DURATION: 3 Hrs.

General Instructions:

1. This paper is divided into three sections: A, B and C. All questions are compulsory.
2. Separate instructions are given with each section and questions, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.
3. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

Section A: Reading (20 Marks)**Q 1 Read the passage carefully:****(8)**

1. The Battle of Chancellorsville, one of the most famous battles of the Civil War, took place in Virginia in the spring of 1863. For months, the two armies had been staked out on opposite banks of a narrow river. The Confederate troops were led by perhaps the most revered military tactician in American history, General Robert E. Lee. The Union soldiers were led by "Fighting" Joe Hooker.
2. In appearance, personality, and lifestyle, these men were nearly perfect opposites. Lee, an older man in poor health with a gray beard, had a somber measured demeanor. Hooker was a blond, strapping young man whose vanity over his appearance was but one aspect of his egotism.
3. Despite the fact that the Confederacy had won the last four major battles and the Union soldiers were famished, exhausted, and demoralized, Hooker proclaimed, "My plans are perfect. And when I start to carry them out, may God have mercy on Bobby Lee, for I shall have none." Why, aside from a propensity for narcissism, was Hooker so confident? Hooker had used spies, analysts, and even hot air balloons to compile a vast amount of intelligence about Lee's army. He had discerned, for example, that Lee had only 61,000 men to Hooker's own 134,000.
4. Buoyed by his superior numbers, Hooker covertly moved 70,000 of his men fifteen miles up and across the river, and then ordered them to sneak back down to position themselves behind Lee's army. In effect, Hooker had cut off the Confederate soldiers in front and behind. They were trapped. Satisfied with his advantage, Hooker became convinced that Lee's only option was to retreat to Richmond, thus assuring a Union victory. Yet Lee, despite his disadvantages of both numbers and position, did not retreat. Instead, he moved his troops into position to attack. Union soldiers who tried to warn Hooker that Lee was on the offensive were dismissed as cowards. Having become convinced that Lee had no choice but to retreat, Hooker began to ignore reality. When Lee's army attacked the Union soldiers at 5:00 p.m., they were eating supper, completely unprepared for battle. They abandoned their rifles and fled as Lee's troops came shrieking out of the brush, bayonets drawn. Against all odds, Lee won the Battle of Chancellorsville, and Hooker's forces withdrew in defeat.

On the basis of your reading of the passage given above, answer the following questions:**(8)**

a. Hooker lost the Battle of Chancellorsville mostly because of his:

i. superiority

ii. ignorance

iii. overconfidence

iv. soldiers

- b. Based on its use in paragraph 3, it can be inferred that the word 'propensity' belongs to which of the following groups?
- i. fondness, partiality ii. flaw, fault iii. distaste, aversion iv. tendency, inclination
- c. How many men did Hooker position behind Lee's army?
- i. 70,000 ii. 134,000 iii. 61,000 iv. 73,000
- d. As used in paragraph 4 'covertly' means:
- i. overtly ii. candidly iii. stealthily iv. openly
- e. According to the passage, Lee's disadvantage going into the Battle included:
- i. Numbers ii. position iii. strategy iv. numbers and position
- f. "I shall have none." In paragraph 3 'none' refers to:
- i. cruelty ii. sympathy iii. army iv. God
- g. The looks and traits of Lee and Hooker were almost the same. **True/ False**
- h. When Lee's men attacked Hooker's army they were completely _____.

Q 2 Read the passage carefully:

(12)

1. I rested for a moment at the door of Anand Bhawan, on Market Road, where coffee drinkers and tiffin eaters sat still at their tables, uttering low moans on seeing me. I wanted to assure them, "Don't mind me, you hugging the cash box you are a coward, afraid even to breathe. Go on, count the cash, if that is your pleasure. I just want to watch, that's all. If my tail trails down to the street, if I am blocking your threshold, it is because, I'm told, I'm eleven feet tip to tail. I can't help it. I'm not out to kill I'm too full. I found a green pasture full of food on my way. I won't attack until I feel hungry again. Tigers attack only when they feel hungry, unlike human beings who slaughter one another without purpose or hunger."

2. To the great delight of children, schools were being hurriedly closed. Children of all ages and sizes were running helter skelter, screaming joyously, "No school, no school. Tiger, Tiger!" They were shouting and laughing and even enjoying being scared. They seemed to welcome me. I felt like joining them. So I bounded away from the restaurant door. I walked along with them, at which they cried, 'The tiger is coming to eat us; let us get back to school!'

3. I followed them through their school gate while they ran up and shut themselves in the school hall securely. I climbed up the steps of the school, saw an open door at the far end of a veranda, and walked in. It happened to be the headmaster's room. I noticed a very dignified man jumping on the table and heaving himself up into an attic. I walked in and flung myself on the cool floor, having a special liking for cool stone floors.

4. As I drowsed, I was aware of cautious steps and hushed voices all around. I was in no mood to bother about anything. All I wanted was a little moment of sleep; the daylight was very bright.

2.1 On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions in 30-40 words each:

(8)

- (a) Who did the tiger see at Anand Bhawan and how did they react?
- (b) When do tigers attack? In this context, how are human beings different from tigers?
- (c) Why were children happy and even enjoying being scared?
- (d) What did the headmaster do on seeing the tiger? What did the tiger want to do in his room?

2.2 On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following:

(4)

- (a) The synonym of 'walked' as given in paragraph 2 is:
- i. skelter ii. bounded iii. hurriedly iv. joining
- (b) The antonym of 'shameful' as given in paragraph 3 is:
- i. dignified ii. heaving iii. noticed iv. securely

(c) The synonym of 'threw' in paragraph 3 is _____.

(d) The antonym of 'reckless' in paragraph 4 is _____.

Section B: Writing and Grammar (30 Marks)

Q 3 You are Rachana/Raghav, 15, M.G. Road Agra. You happened to see the following news item in a newspaper. Write a **letter to the editor** of The Times of India, New Delhi expressing your views on the matter. **(100 - 150 words)** **(8)**

New Delhi: The Supreme court has passed an order that it is the responsibility of every citizen to look after their aged parents. If they fail, they will have no right of inheritance.

OR

Video games, Internet, Cell Phones and other high-tech gear are just part of growing up in a digital world. But parents are concerned about the amount of time their children spend with these and worry that it might be distracting and cramping academic and social development. Write an **article** in **100- 150 words**, describing both the **benefits** and **harms** of using these high-tech devices.

Q 4 Complete the story in about 150 - 200 words beginning with the following line and give it a suitable title: **(10)**

It was the night before the Inter-School Dance Competition. Everyone was fast asleep. I was practicing the dance. Suddenly.....

OR

Write a story in about 150 - 200 words titled 'The Baby Dragon'.

Q 5 Complete the paragraph given below by filling in the blanks choosing the correct options from those that follow: **(4)**

The computer is naturally one of the most exciting and brilliant (a) _____ of science to mankind. Computers (b) _____ radically changed the ways (c) _____ modern living and life. There is hardly any walk of life that is not (d) _____ by computers.

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|----|------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
| a. | i. gift | ii. prize | iii. gifts | iv. need |
| b. | i. have | ii. has | iii. had | iv. is |
| c. | i. and | ii. of | iii. in | iv. off |
| d. | i. affects | ii. affect | iii. effect | iv. affected |

Q 6 The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct number. **(4)**

	<u>ERROR</u>	<u>CORRECTION</u>
When Gagrin has been in space for	a. _____	_____
an hour, he had nearly complete	b. _____	_____
a journey right round the earth. It is	c. _____	_____
time to prepare for an landing.	d. _____	_____

Q 7 Rearrange the following sets of words and phrases to form meaningful sentences: **(4)**

- is it/ that/ attracts/ so many/ to it/ about prayers/ what/? /people
- offer/ peace/ of hope/ and/ of mind/ a lot/ prayers
- anything / the faith/ they give/ to believe/ can/ that/ happen/ you
- an/ ought/ with/ honest/ heart/ offered/ prayers/ to be

Section C: Literature (30 Marks)

Q 8 Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: (4)

"Don't bite your nails, Amanda!

Don't hunch your shoulders, Amanda!

Stop that slouching and sit up straight, Amanda!"

- a. Who do you think is speaking to Amanda?
i. her friend ii. her mother iii. her inner voice iv. her neighbour
- b. What is Amanda's posture?
i. bent forward ii. biting nails iii. sleeping iv. sitting straight
- c. Identify and name the poetic device in the third line.
- d. Amanda was instructed not to: _____ and _____.

OR

"Kisa Gotami became weary and hopeless, and sat down at the wayside watching the lights of the city, as they flickered up and were extinguished again. At last the darkness of the night reigned everywhere."

- a. The synonym for 'put out' as given in the extract is:
i. hopeless ii. flickered iii. reigned iv. extinguished
- b. Kisa Gotami became weary as she went looking for:
i. peace ii. mustard seeds iii. lamp iv. death
- c. Why do you think Kisa Gotami became weary and hopeless?
- d. What message did Kisa Gotami get from the flickering and exhausting lights of the city?

Q 9 Answer any five of the following questions in 30 to 40 words each: (10)

- a. How did Belinda and her pets show their admiration for Custard after the death of the pirate?
- b. How careful plans did Valli have to make for her journey by bus and how did she save money for it?
- c. Where was Ausable staying? Why and how did Max enter Ausable's room?
- d. How did Mr. Loisel meet the two demands of his wife for attending the ball?
- e. "I'll take the risk." What is the risk? Why does the pilot of old Dakota take the risk?
- f. What is the message that Robert Frost wants to convey to the readers in the poem 'Dust of Snow'?

Q 10 Answer any one of the following in about 100 - 150 words. (8)

Why did Wanda's father write a letter to Miss. Mason? What effect did it leave on the teacher, Peggy and Maddie?

OR

With reference to the play 'The Proposal', how do you think good relationships can be maintained? Why in today's time do we see so many people going away from each other?

Q 11 Answer any one of the following in about 100 - 150 words. (8)

Draw a character sketch of Bholi highlighting her transformation from a harmless dumb cowgirl to a fearless and independent girl.

OR

Dr. James Harriot was a competent veterinary surgeon. His practical approach and common sense helped in the rapid recovery of Tricky. Comment.

*****The End*****