



INDIAN SCHOOL SOHAR
FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT II: 2015 – 2016
ENGLISH

SET 2

Std.: IX

Date: 10.8.2015

Marks: 20

Time: 40 Min

General Instructions:

- This paper consists of three sections:

Section A – Reading	(5 Marks)
Section B – Writing & Grammar	(8Marks)
Section C – Literature & Long Reading Text	(7Marks)
- All sections are compulsory.
- Separate instructions are given for each section and questions wherever necessary. Read the instructions carefully and follow them.

SECTION A: READING**1. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below (5 Marks)**

Many animals are able to communicate with each other very well-but none of them can talk as we do. That is, no animals use words. Birds cry out and make sounds that other birds understand. Smells, movements, and sounds are used for communication by animals, through which they express joy or anger or fear.

Human speech is a very complicated process, which no animal can perform. One reason is that in a very special way we use a whole series of organs to produce the sounds we want to make when we utter words. The way our vocal cords are made to vibrate, is something animals can't do. They cannot produce a whole series of words to make a sentence.

And there is another, perhaps more important reason why animals can't talk. Words are only labels for objects, actions, feelings, expressions and ideas. For example, the word 'bird' is a label for a living, flying object.

For human beings, therefore, the use of words means the use of labels or symbols, and then organizing them in a certain way to communicate something. This requires a degree of intelligence and logical thinking that no animals have. So, they can't talk the way people do.

Complete the following sentences: (5Marks)

- a. The complicated process of human speech requires a very special way of using _____.
- b. Using words for communication requires intelligence and _____.
- c. Though birds and animals cannot communicate like human beings, they are capable of _____.
- d. While human beings use words to communicate, birds and animals are different since they use _____ for communication.
- e. Pick out the word that means the same as 'complex.' (para2)

SECTION B: WRITING & GRAMMAR

(8 Marks)

2. The Management of time is an art and needs discipline. Without time management no one can succeed in life. On the basis of the hints given below, write an article in about 80 words on ‘The Importance of Time Management.’

- Wasting time
- Postponing activities
- Impact upon day-to-day life
- Leads to failure
- Create schedules

3. Complete the news choosing the correct option: (2 Marks)

a. Anand receives Chess Oscar for the sixth time

Indian Grand Master Vishwanathan Anand _____ his sixth Chess Oscar and third in a row before the start of the President Cup in Baku, Azerbaijan.

- (i) will receive
- (ii) has received
- (iii) received
- (iv) would have received

b. Maharashtra government to procure 2,000 bulletproof jackets

Maharashtra government _____ around 2,000 bullet proof jackets as part of its efforts to modernize police force in the backdrop of 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks.

- (i) would procure
- (ii) procured
- (iii) will procure
- (iv) must procure

4. In the passage given below, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after against the correct blank number. Underline the word that forms your answer. (2 Marks)

	Before	Word	After
One the oldest and most effective	(a) _____	_____	_____
forms alternative medicine is yoga.	(b) _____	_____	_____
An art that was discovered India	(c) _____	_____	_____
Yoga has successfully spread the globe	(d) _____	_____	_____

SECTION C: LITERATURE & LONG READING TEXT

(7 Marks)

5. Read the extract given below and answer the questions.

(2 Marks)

“And both that morning equally lay
 In leaves no step had trodden black
 Oh, I kept the first for another day!
 Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
 I doubted if I should ever come back.”

- (a) What does the word both refer to? **(1/2 Mark)**
- (b) Who does ‘I’ refer to? **(1/2 Mark)**
- (c) What doubt crops up in the speaker’s mind? **(1 Mark)**

6. “Answer the following in about 20- 25 words each

(3 Marks)

- (a) Which road does the poet take in the poem “The Road Not Taken” and why?
- (b) What made Hooper a favoured man in 1953?

7. Answer the following in about 30 words: (Long Reading Text)

(2 Marks)

1. A Change of treason is brought against Gulliver. What are its main articles? Write any two.
