

INDIAN SCHOOL SOHAR
FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT III: 2014 – 2015
SET I

Std.: IX

Marks: 20

Date: 05/02/2015

ENGLISH

Time: 40 Min.

General Instructions:

- This paper consists of three sections:

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| 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**(5 Marks)****I. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below it:**

I was the last child of a small time government servant, in a family of five brothers. My earliest memory of my Father is as that of a District Employment Officer in Koraput, Orissa. There was no electricity, no primary school nearby and water did not flow out of a tap. I did not go to school until the age of eight; I was home-schooled.

My father used to get transferred every year. Raised by a widow who had come as a refugee from the then East Bengal, my mother was a matriculate when she married my Father. My parents set the foundation of my life and the value system which makes me what I am today and largely defines what success means to me today. My Father was given a jeep by the government.

There was no garage in the office, so the jeep was parked in our house. My Father refused to use it to commute to the office. He told us that the jeep is an expensive resource given by the government- he reiterated to us that it was not his jeep, but the government's jeep. Insisting that he would use it only to tour the interiors, he would walk to his office on normal days. He also made sure that we never sat in the government jeep- we could sit in it only when it was stationary. That was our early childhood lesson in governance - a lesson that corporate managers learn the hard way, some never do.

The driver of the jeep was treated with respect due to any other member of my Father's office. As small children, we were taught not to call him by his name. We had to use the suffix – 'dada' whenever we were to refer to him in public or private. When I grew up to own a car and a driver by the name of Raju was appointed, I repeated the lesson to my two small daughters. They have, as a result, grown up calling him – 'Raju Uncle'-very different from many of their friends who refer to their family drivers as – 'my driver'. When I hear that term from a school or college going person, I cringe. To me, the lesson was significant-you treat small people with more respect than you treat big people. It is more important to respect your subordinates than your superiors.

a. Fill in the summary using one word in each blank : **(2 Marks)**

The writer's (i) _____ was an extremely morally upright man. The government jeep was parked in their house as a (ii) _____ was not there in the office.

b. Find words from the passage which mean the same as _ **(2 Marks)**

(i) educated at home, not in a school (Para 1) (ii) a displaced person (Para 2)

c. Answer the following question: **(1 Mark)**

(i) How according to the writer subordinates should be treated?

SECTION B: WRITING & GRAMMAR

(4 Marks)

II. Discipline in adolescents is becoming a cause of serious concern for parents as well as teachers all over. As an adolescent, write an **article** in about **120 words** for a magazine suggesting measures that should be adopted by everyone to help discipline today’s youth. Also mention causes that have led to this problem.

III. Complete the headlines choosing the correct option:

(2 Marks)

1. DEATHS CAUSED DUE TO FLOODS

Many _____ due to floods

(i) lives had been lost

(ii) lives have been lost

(iii) life has been lost

(iv) lives has been lost

2. TIGER KILLED

Assam: The carcass of: _____

(i) One more tiger was found yesterday

(ii) One more tiger has found yesterday

(iii) One more tiger has been found yesterday

(iv) One more tiger been found yesterday

IV. In the passage given below, some words are missing. Choose the correct word from the given options to complete the passage meaningfully:

(2 Marks)

Perhaps no animal on earth has enjoyed the kind of publicity received by the giant panda. Unknown (a) _____ (to, of, with, about) the western world till as late as 1869, the panda (b) _____ (is been, will be, has been, have been) familiar to the Chinese for over 4,000 years. At one time the animal inhabited vast areas of South China (c) _____ (even, but, also, and) today it finds (d) _____ (oneself, themselves, self, itself) restricted to small areas of some parts of China.

SECTION C: LITERATURE

V. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow.

(2 Marks)

“I need to only draw your attention to the sheer waste of vitamin values.”

(i) Who does ‘I’ refer to?

(ii) ‘Draw your attention’. Whose attention is drawn here?

(iii) What does the speaker mean by ‘waste of vitamin values’?

(iv) Who passes by when the above line is spoken?

VI. Answer the following in about 20- 30 words each.

(3 Marks)

Q. 1. Describe Corporal Turnbull?

Q. 2. What are the similarities between the last and the first stages of life?

VII. Answer the following in about 30-40 words: (Long Reading)

(2 Marks)

Q. 1. Why does Gulliver visit the Academy? Explain one experiment that is carried on there.
