

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

Std.: IX

Marks: 20

Date: / /2015

ENGLISH

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**(5 Marks)****I. Read the following passage and fill in the blanks given below it:**

One heavily clouded morning, the postmaster's little pupil had been long waiting outside the door for her call, but not hearing it as usual, she took up her dog – eared book, and slowly entered the room. She found her master stretched out on his pallet, and, thinking he was resting, she was about to retire, on tip-toe, when she suddenly heard her name – “Ratna!” she turned at once and asked, “Were you sleeping, Dada?” The postmaster in a plaintive voice said, “I am not well. Feel my head, it is very hot?” In the loneliness of his exile, and in the gloom of the rains, his ailing body needed a little tender nursing. Ratna ceased to be little girl. She at once stepped into the post of mother, called in the village doctor, gave the patient his pills at regular intervals. It was some time before the postmaster, with weakened body, was able to leave his sickbed. “No more of this,” said he with decision. “I must get a transfer”. He at once wrote off to Calcutta an application for a transfer, on the grounds of the unhealthiness of the place.

- (a) The little pupil waited outside the door on a _____ morning.
- (b) Ratna took the role of _____.
- (c) She found the post master _____.
- (i) sitting (ii) lying down as he was sick (iii) reading (iv) cooking
- (d) The postmaster decided to take a _____
- (i) book (ii) newspaper (iii) form (iv) transfer
- (e) The meaning of the word, “ceased” is _____
- (i) correct (ii) final (iii) stopped (iv) started

SECTION B: WRITING & GRAMMAR**(4 Marks)**

II. Everybody knows that manners are the life and soul of society. One such type of lecture was delivered by John Fernandes in the morning assembly of the school. Sneha noted all the important points in her diary. She then reproduced them along with her own ideas in the shape of an article. Write her **article** on “**Good Manners**” in about **150 words**.

III. Complete the headlines choosing the correct option: (2 Marks)

1. CHINA HIJACKED INTERNET

A report to the US Congress compiled by cyber-crime experts _____ a large proportion of internet traffic this year.

- (a) confirms that China manages to hijack
- (b) confirm that China managed to hijack
- (c) confirmed that China managed to hijack
- (d) confirmed that China manages to hijack

2. SANIA GETS KHEL RATNA AWARD

Ace Indian shuttler Saina Nehwal _____ from the President at a ceremony in the Rashtrapati Bhavan.

- (a) receiving the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award
- (b) will receive the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award
- (c) receive the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award
- (d) received the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award

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)

It was (i) _____ (so, much, too, little) warm, so bright! The birds (ii) _____ (are, were, is, will) chirping at the end of the woods. It was (iii) _____ (all, less, each, every) the more tempting than going back to school. (iv) _____ (How, Where, When, What) could I resist the temptation!

SECTION C: LITERATURE

V. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. (2 Marks)

At first we had a certain respect for him, but soon we lived in terror of his approach.

- (i) Who is being talked about here?
- (ii) Why did the speaker have a certain respect for “him” in the beginning?
- (iii) Why did the respect develop into terror?
- (iv) Who is the speaker of this line?

VI. Answer the following in about 20- 30 words each. (3 Marks)

- Q. 1. In what sense are men and women merely players on the stage of life?
- Q. 2. Do you think Private Quelch learnt a lesson when he was chosen for cook house duties? Give reasons for your answer.

VII. Answer the following in 30-40 words: (Long Reading) (2 Marks)

- Q. 1. How would you rate His Majesty the King of Luggnag?
