



INDIAN SCHOOL SOHAR  
UNIT TEST II (2023-24)  
ENGLISH CORE (Code No. 301)

CLASS: XI  
Date: 10.01.2024

MAX. MARKS: 20  
TIME: 40 MINUTES

**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.
- Write the correct question number in your answer sheet to indicate the option/s being attempted.

**SECTION A - GRAMMAR (4 Marks)**

**I. Do as directed: (Answer any FOUR)**

**(4)**

- Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence.  
He is going to look after the cat \_\_\_\_\_ I am away on holidays.  
a. while      b. as      c. before      d. when
- Choose the correct sentence.  
a. When I woke up, he has already eaten breakfast.  
b. When I woke up, he had already eaten breakfast.  
c. When I had woken up, he had already ate breakfast.  
d. When I had woken up, he has already ate breakfast.
- Write the correct form of the verb to fill in the blank.  
If he had invited me, I \_\_\_\_\_ the party. (attend)
- Choose the correct option to complete the sentence  
Deepak with his friends \_\_\_\_\_ signed the petition.  
a. has      b. have      c. are      d. is
- \_\_\_\_\_ we went outside to survey the damage. [storm, pass] (fill in with adverbial clause)

**SECTION B - CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS (3 Marks)**

**II. Answer EITHER ONE of the following:**

**(3)**

- Sarla Enterprises has shut down its business recently. The owner wishes to advertise the sale of 20 air conditioners, 15 refrigerators and 10 washing machines. Draft an advertisement in about 50 words, to be published in a local newspaper giving necessary details of the articles in about 50 words.

**OR**

- You need a house on rent in South Delhi on Company lease. Draft a suitable advertisement for the column 'Accommodation Wanted' of a local newspaper. (Word limit: 50 words)

**SECTION C - LITERATURE (13 Marks)**

**III. Read the extract and answer the questions given below:**

**(4)**

Mrs. Fitzgerald: [collecting up the cards] And that's all I can tell you, Mrs. Pearson. Could be a good fortune. Could be a bad one. All depends on yourself now. Make up your mind and there it is.  
Mrs. Pearson: Yes, thank you, Mrs. Fitzgerald. I'm much obliged, I'm sure. It's wonderful having a real fortune-teller living next door. Did you learn that out East, too?

- Identify the literary device used in the phrase "Could be a good fortune. Could be a bad one."  
a) Metaphor      b) Simile      c) Oxymoron      d) Paradox

- ii. How does Mrs. Pearson respond to Mrs. Fitzgerald's fortune-telling?
  - a) She dismisses it as superstition.
  - b) She is skeptical but polite.
  - c) She is enthusiastic and believes in it wholeheartedly.
  - d) She is indifferent and doesn't express any opinion.
- iii. How does Mrs. Pearson feel about having a fortune-teller as a neighbour?
- iv. Based on the extract, explain the phrase "Make up your mind and there it is".

**IV. Answer EITHER ONE of the following in about 40-50 words. (3)**

- i. The poet has discussed two stages of life – childhood and adulthood. How do we differentiate one from another?

**OR**

- ii. Bring out the distinctive traits of Mrs. Pearson and Mrs. Fitzgerald in "Mother's Day".

**V. Answer EITHER ONE of the following in about 120 - 150 words. (6)**

- i. Write a detailed account of the different history that Professor Gaitonde read in the fifth volume of the book in the library.

**OR**

- ii. The narrator on his way to Mount Kailash came across a lot of topographic variation. Comment.

\*\*\*\*\*

