

**INTERNATIONAL INDIAN SCHOOL, DAMMAM**  
**SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT – II 2013-14**

Sub: English  
Class: VIII

Time: 3 hrs.  
Max. Marks: 70

This paper consists of four sections:

Section A: Literature	25 Marks
Section B: Grammar	15 Marks
Section C: Writing	15 Marks
Section D: Reading	15 Marks

***General Instruction:***

***Attempt all questions. Read each question carefully and follow the instructions. You may attempt any section at a time. Attempt all questions in each section before going on to the next section.***

***All the answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper and written in the provided answer script***

**SET – B**

**SECTION A – LITERATURE (25 marks)**

**I. Choose the best option.** (½ x 4 = 2 marks)

**1. It is dangerous to view the crescent shaped sun during the solar eclipse because**

- (a) Superstitions hinder people from viewing      (b) The weird night fall causes confusion  
(c) The sun is a spectacle worth viewing      (d) The eyes may be damaged by the infrared rays

**2. Eliza quickened the speed of her son during the flight from the Kentucky Farm by**

- (a) Feeding him cakes and apples      (b) Adjusting her dress and bonnet  
(c) Rolling the apples      (d) Encouraging him to run

**3. The whole object of the Battle of Bunkerloo was to**

- (a) Win the battle      (b) Gain possession of the valley  
(c) Demoralize the Bombasteronians      (d) None of the above.

**4. The elder brother became gentler towards the younger brother when**

- (a) He began to understand his brother's ability  
(b) The younger brother's feeling of independence grew  
(c) The younger brother was in the first division  
(d) There was a difference of only a grade left between the two brothers

5. Complete the poem. Mention the poet

(3 marks)

Quietly, discreetly, they  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

-Lives of undisturbed delight. (5 lines)

6. Read the following extract and answer the following questions.

(6 marks)

(a) 'I never heard of it till last night and I've walked quite a bit today in the hope of getting into the ferry.'

(i) This extract is taken from the Novel

(½ marks)

- a. A Mother's Struggle      b. Arthur Shelby's Plantations      c. Uncle Tom's Cabin  
 d. Anti-Slavery

(ii) Who said to whom? What has the person not heard of?

(1 mark)

(iii) What were the circumstances which hindered the person's hope of getting into the ferry?

(1½ marks)

(b) 'A fly got in my eye. I wasn't ready. Flies everywhere!'

(i) Who is the speaker? What is the speaker engaged in?

(1 mark)

- a. Anil's father; having lunch      b. The Bank Manager; opening the batting      c. Nathu's father; keeping wicket      d. Renji's father; lowering himself into the cot.

(ii) Describe the incident that occurred soon after the speaker was out of the game. (2 marks)

7. Answer any four of the following questions briefly.

(2 x 4 = 8 marks)

(a) 'I was lost but literacy found me'. What drastic changes occurred in Kong Cecilia's life after she entered into the ranks of the Neo-literates?

(b) Why was Renji's team not able to fare well in the cricket matches held against the village team? Were the adults a help or a hindrance?

(c) How did the birds and hippos react to the weird kind of night fall?

(d) The woman in the poem, 'Woman Work' feels that her husband and her children are not her own. Why? Does your mother too feel the same?

(e) The serenity pervading the louse clan was shattered by the arrival of the intruder. Who was it? What happened later?

8. Answer any one

(3 x 2 = 6 marks)

a) 'A Daniel come to judgement'. How does Portia prove herself worthy of the praise in imparting fair judgment and interpreting the clauses in the bond?

- b) The triumph of the Battle of Bunkerloo is wholly vested on Tangerine the Wasp. Justify your statement on how Tangerine was responsible for the victory?
- c) 'I had truly come to know of my insignificance and a new respect for my brother was born in my heart'. Describe the circumstance that lead to the change of the attitude of the younger brother towards the elder.

### SECTION B – GRAMMAR (15 marks)

#### 1. Join using the kind of Adverb Clause given in brackets.

[3 marks]

- The bell rings in the morning. The students enter the exam hall. [Adverb clause of time]
- They stare at the question paper. They have seen something peculiar. [Adverb clause of manner]
- They are slow to start writing. They finish on time. [Adverb clause of concession]

#### 2. The following passage has not been edited. Correct the following sentences [2 ½ marks]

	Incorrect	Correct
1. Wilson Dam are a lovely sight for picnicking.	(a) _____	_____
It were built on the Pravara River.	(b) _____	_____
It attract crowds from all over the country.	(c) _____	_____
The cool placid water of the river run for miles.	(d) _____	_____
Unfortunately the picturesque Umbrella Falls, have only been enjoyed during the rainy season .	(e) _____	_____

#### 3. Read the conversation given below and complete the blanks in reported speech. [2½ marks]

Abdul : 'Have you completed your project, Asma?'

Asma : 'No , I have almost finished it.'

Abdul : 'Hurry Up! Won't your teacher punish you for late submission?'

Asma : 'Our mathematics teacher is a very understanding person'

Abdul asked Asma (a) \_\_\_\_\_.

Asma replied (b) \_\_\_\_\_.

Abdul urged (c) \_\_\_\_\_ and added(d) \_\_\_\_\_.

Asma said (e) \_\_\_\_\_.

#### 4. Complete the following passage by choosing the correct options from those given in brackets. [2½ marks]

March (a) \_\_\_\_\_ [is/will/are] the most crucial month of the year. The Annual Exams (b) \_\_\_\_\_ on now [is having/are doing/are going]. The students (c) \_\_\_\_\_ for the past two month (had been preparing/are preparing/will be preparing). The exams (d) \_\_\_\_\_ on March 11 [ends/will end/has end] The Results(e) \_\_\_\_\_ by the end of March 24 [will publish/publish/will have been published]

#### 5 . Choose the apt word/phrases from the options given below to complete the extract

[3

marks]

The release of the school magazine is a Herculean task. Let's look at the procedure

- (a) \_\_\_\_\_ ? It will mean (b) \_\_\_\_\_ extra care. A (c) \_\_\_\_\_ of students and teachers are selected to decide the contents of the magazine. Its (d) \_\_\_\_\_ is that it is purely students' efforts and achievements. Competitions are held for the cover page. The one that (e) \_\_\_\_\_ is selected. When asked to submit the articles, the students usually (f) \_\_\_\_\_. At last they call it (g) \_\_\_\_\_.

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|-------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| (a) [1] Won't we?       | [2] did we?         | [3] shan't we?       | [4] shall we?     |
| (b) [1] take            | [2] to take         | [3] taking           | [4] takes         |
| (c) [1] reserve         | [2] board           | [3] stump            | [4] plane         |
| (d) [1] signify         | [2] signifyance     | [3] significance     | [4] signifies     |
| (e) [1] catch the eye   | [2] catch it        | [3] catch the breath | [4] catch napping |
| (f) [1] drag your heels | [2] under the heels | [3] on the heels     | [4] at the heels  |
| (g) [1] School Magazine | [2] Focus           | [3] Torch            | [4] Cascade       |

**6. Change the sentence into the comparative structure.**

[1 mark]

You work hard . You'll perform well.

**7. Change the underlined words into plural**

[½ mark]

The emphasis on the syllabus is very important.

**SECTION C – WRITING (15 marks)**

**I. You are Jamal/Jameela, a senior BMS/GMS student .Though the Internet opens up a world of knowledge, you are worried about its effects on the juniors. As a mark of caution, you decide to guide them on Internet Surfing And Online Safety. Using the hints given below, write the speech in not more than 120 words.**

**(6 marks]**

*[World at your fingertips---golden window to knowledge, education other culture---a smart surfer navigates safely---smart, safe surfing saves from rude exploitative, annoying fellow netizens. TIPS FOR HASSLE FREE SURFING—Don't disclose personal information -----Don't agree to meet on line your pal in person---Don't send pictures or share your password ----Parent's supervision is mandatory.]*

**OR**

**Write a speech on the topic “Homework Should Not Be Abolished”. Prepare your Speech on the hints given below**

*[Homework --essential---enables students to learn ,concentrate---retain memory—school learning ,playful activity---real learning through homework---less time for computer, TV---student interaction with peers---parents get to know the level of their wards]*

**II. You are Anoop /Anu, 49 Street, Green Colony Delhi. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper on ‘SPEED THRILLS BUT KILLS’ drawing attention to the gravity of the problems of reckless driving which leads to serious accidents and leaves many, crippled for whole life. Also suggest some effective ways to ensure smooth traffic on road.**

**[6 marks]**

**III. Your favourite channel launches the latest movie just before the SA-2 Exams commences. Complete the dialogue between you and your mother, where in you convince her why she should allow you to watch the movie.**

**[3 marks]**

- Haadi/Hania : Mom, (a) \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- Mom : You know your exams are fast approaching.
- Haadi/Hania : Please Mom, (b) \_\_\_\_\_ .
- Mom : No, I can't permit you to waste your precious time.
- Haadi/Hania : (c) \_\_\_\_\_ .
- Mom : OK. Then as soon as the movie is over, finish your work.
- Haadi/Hania : (d) \_\_\_\_\_ .

## SECTION D – READING (15 Marks)

**I. Read the passages carefully and answer the following questions by selecting the most appropriate options from the ones given below. (5 marks)**

It is often customary to say that a patient is in sound sleep if he snores. But snoring sometimes reaches unacceptable noise levels. It irritates the neighbours and compels them to shut window panes and family members to frown on you.

“Snorers are not good sleepers” medical researchers have recently said. The global medical fraternity was not fully acquainted with sleep-disordered breathing and it still remains an alien terminology. Snoring during sleep may be a sign, or the first alarm, of a dangerous phantom that is lying in the airway and trying to spread its fiery tentacles to the brain and the heart. The phantom is named Obstructive Sleep Apnea [OSA]

What is OSA? It is a condition where your upper airway gets constricted during sleep and the air flow to the lungs is compromised. As a result, the patient puts an increased effort at broadening, gets agitated and wakes up frequently during sleep. The next day, he feels drowsy and confused, and is unable to concentrate. As the disease progresses, the urge to sleep during the day time while at work becomes irresistible. Gradually, these persons develop high blood pressure, resulting in damage to the brain and the heart.

An appeal to men behind machines, men behind wheels and those in the midst of scientifically critical junctures, try and find ways to fill your nights with peaceful sleep and help society for safe and secure days ahead.

1. What warning does the passage convey to snorers?
2. What does OSA results in?
3. In order to decrease health problems, one should \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) Snore while sleeping
  - b) Sleep during daytime
  - c) sleep peacefully
  - d) wake up frequently
4. An appeal to men behind machines is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) Try and find ways to fill your nights with peaceful sleep
  - b) Consults your doctor
  - c) Put an increased effort at breathing
  - d) Sleep during daytime at work
5. Find a word from passage which means ‘Traditional/Conventional’.
  - a) Snoring
  - b) Frowning
  - c) concentrate
  - d) customary
6. Which statement is true about snorers?
  - a) Snorers enjoy deep and sound sleep
  - b) Snorers keep good health
  - c) Snorers irritate neighbours and family members
  - d) Snorers may develop lung diseases

## SIBLING RIVALRY

Answer the question given below, on the basis of your reading of the passage (5 marks)

Every family with two or more children often experiences sibling rivalry at one time or the other. Children in general, fight with each other for their parents' attention. They fight among themselves mostly on trivial issues. If it does not get excessive, this kind of rivalry can, in fact be a healthy competition that trains children to share, respect one another. They will learn to deal with frustration and displeasures in the maturing process.

The first borns generally feels that they don't have to share their parents' love and attention. But when the next baby or sibling come along, they feel neglected and that changes everything. The first child starts to feel that he or she is no longer the centre of attraction and that he or she is being sidelined because of the new one. Some children might develop negative feelings and emotional imbalance, which may lead to regressive behaviour.

Such problems could be averted if right moves are taken. One way is to explain the first borns about the arrival of a new child. They need to establish a connection with the new baby before it is born. Older children should be trained to show a positive attitude towards their siblings. They should be involved, along with their parents, in teaching their siblings social and manual skills, which in turn, helps them to accept them. Sometimes personality difference and parental conflicts to have an impact on the children. Parents have to show patience, understand their issues and should openly communicate with their children to resolve them.

1. Sibling Rivalry means fight between -----
2. Why do first borns feel neglected by the arrival of a new child in the family?
3. How can older children develop a positive attitude towards their siblings?
4. What does the word 'regressive' in para 2 mean?
  - a) Emotional imbalance
  - b) Withdraw or shy away
  - c) Negative feeling
  - d) Harsh or rude
5. What should parents do to control sibling rivalry?
  - a) Allow children to fight among themselves
  - b) Do not allow any communication between children
  - c) Punish the children
  - d) Openly communicate with children to resolve issues

II. Read the following poem carefully and choose the best option [5 marks]

### Growing Old

What is it to grow old?  
Is it to lose the glory of the form,  
The lustre of the eye?  
Is it for beauty to forgo her wreath?  
Yes, not for this alone.

Is it to feel our strength –  
 Not our bloom only, but our strength – decay?  
 Is it to feel each limb  
 Grow stiffer, every function less exact,  
 Each nerve more weakly strung?  
 Yes, this, and more! But not,  
 Ah, 'tis not what in youth we dreamed 'twould be!  
 'tis not to have our life  
 Mellowed and softened as with sunset-glow,  
 A golden day's decline!

**(1) How do our limbs feel as we grow old?**

- (a) Relaxed                      (c) Energetic  
 (b) Stiffer                      (d) Alert

**(2) What did we dream in our youth?**

- (a) Old age would never come                      (c) We would never give up  
 (b) We would be same forever                      (d) We would not so easily decline

**(3) The poetic technique used in the line: 'Mellowed and softened as with sunset-glow' is**

- (a) Personification                                      (c) Alliteration  
 (b) Epithet    (d) Tautology

**(4) Old age is like a \_\_\_\_\_.**

**(5) The antonym of the word 'Strengthen' is \_\_\_\_\_.**

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