

## FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT-3

### English Practice paper (Max Marks :20)

Class : IX

Duration: 45min

#### SECTION-A

#### Reading Comprehension (5 x1 = 5 marks)

##### A) Read the following passage

It was a hot summer night; about ten o'clock. I had my meal at the restaurant and returned to my room. I heard a noise from above as I opened the door. The sound was a familiar one. One could say that the rats and I shared the room. I took out my box of matches and lighted the kerosene lamp on the table. The house was not electrified; it was a small rented room. I had just set up medical practice and my earnings were meagre. I had about sixty rupees in my suitcase. Along with some shirts and dhotis, I also possessed one solitary black coat which I was then wearing.

(The Snake and the Mirror)

##### Now answer the following questions:

1. What was the familiar sound heard?
2. What was the season mentioned in the above passage?
3. What does 'The house was not electrified' mean? [ ]
  - a. There was a power failure in the house.
  - b. The house has no provision for the supply of electricity.
  - c. The house was not suitable for the supply of electricity.

##### B) Read the following stanza and answer the following question

Once, when the good Saint Peter  
Lived in the world below,  
And walked about it, preaching,  
Just as he did, you know

(A Legend of the Northland)

4. What did the good Saint Peter do generally?

##### c) Read the following passage and answer the following questions

Every child is born, with some inherited characteristics, into a specific socio-economic and emotional environment, and trained in certain ways by figures of authority.

(My Childhood)

5. Who does the phrase 'by figures of authority' refer to?

#### SECTION-B

#### Grammar & Vocabulary (10 marks)

Choose the right phrase from the box that suits the underlined words.

[4x1/2=2]

|                                  |             |              |         |
|----------------------------------|-------------|--------------|---------|
| The hair that grows on upper lip | Very strict | Good looking | Ordered |
|----------------------------------|-------------|--------------|---------|

6. The homoeopath was handsome.
7. He wanted to grow a long moustache.
8. Pakshi Lakshmanasastry summoned the young teacher not to poison the young minds.
9. Rameswaram was very rigid in terms of the segregation of different social groups

Change the following into passive voice.

[2x1=2]

10. Kalam sold tamarind seeds.
11. The thief has left my vest.

Change the following into reported speech.

[2x1=2]

12. Pran asked me, "Have you finished reading the newspaper?"
13. Sheila asked the children, "Are you ready to do the work?"

Write the opposites to the given words using prefixes im, ir, un, in

[4x1/2=2]

14. Active            X            .....
15. Permanent    X            .....
16. Regular        X            .....
17. True            X            .....

Choose the appropriate word to fill the blanks. in

[2x1/2=1]

18. I tried in my ..... (imagine, imagine, imagination) to write in bright letters outside my little ..... (heart, heartily, heartfelt) the words, 'O God'.

Identify the wrongly felt words and rewrite them correctly.

[2x1/2=1]

19. Surge            Bachelor            intolerance            perturbed
20. pilgrims        unwound            reformed            luxuries

### SECTION-C

#### Creative Writing (5 marks)

21. Write the Biographical sketch of Dr. Abdul Kalam using the following information.

1. Name : A.P.J.Kalam
2. Date of Birth : 15 October, 1931
3. Place of Birth : Rameswaram in Madras state
4. Father : Jainulabudeen
5. Mother : Ashiamma
6. Married : no
7. Religion : Islam
8. Profession : scientist
9. Title : Missile Man of India
10. Achievements : a) Chief Scientific Adviser to the Prime Minister of India  
b) 11<sup>th</sup> President of India (2002)
11. Book : Wings of Fire (to motivate the Indian youth)
12. Awards : Bharata Ratna (1997)  
Padma Vibushan (1990)  
Padma Bushan (1981)
13. Death : 27 July 2015, at Shillong, Meghalaya due to a massive heart stroke.

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