



FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT – I
ENGLISH
SET – A

Class: VII
Date: 17.7.2015

Maximum Marks: 20
Time allowed: 1 hour

General Instructions:

- **This question paper contains 5 questions and 2 printed pages.**
- **All the questions are compulsory.**
- **Marks for each question are indicated against it.**

SECTION - A (READING)

1. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

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Reading is one of the most important skills that a person can learn. Reading stimulates our mind. It is like a work out for our brain. When people get old, their muscles begin to deteriorate. They get weaker and their strength leaves them. Exercise can prevent this loss. The same thing happens to people's brains when they get older. Brain power and speed decline with age. Reading strengthens our brain and prevents this decline.

One can benefit from reading in the near-term too. Reading provides knowledge. Knowledge is power. Therefore, reading can make us a more powerful person. We can learn to do new things by reading. Do you want to make some gadget? Do you want to design clothing? Reading can teach you all this and more. But you have to get good at reading, and the only way to get good at something is to practise. Reading expands our vocabulary. Even a 'boring' text can teach us new words. Having a larger vocabulary will help us better express ourselves. We shall be able to speak, write, and think more intelligently.

Each time you read, you are exposed to new ideas and perspectives. Reading can change the way that one understands the world. It can give us a broader perspective on things. It can make us worldlier. We can learn how people live in far away places. We can learn about cultures different from our own. Reading is good for our state of mind. It has a calming effect. It can lower our stress levels and help us relax. It can help us escape from our troubles for a moment and it's a positive escape. So we should try to squeeze a reading material for every drop of knowledge that it contains.

I. On the basis of your reading of the passage answer the following questions.

- a. Why does the author think that you should read books that are boring?
- b. How can reading stimulate our mind?



© www.ncerthelp.com Choose the correct answer from the given options.

a. The author describes reading as a 'positive escape' because

- i. it takes us away from our problems for some time.
- ii. it strengthens the muscles.
- iii. it changes the understanding of the world.
- iv. it gives us a different perspective of the world.

b. A larger vocabulary is helpful in _____.

- i. increasing the knowledge
- ii. better expression of thoughts
- iii. learning and retention
- iv. mental training

III. Find a word from the passage, which means the same as, 'to increase in extent or size'.
(Para 2)

SECTION - B (WRITING)

2. You are Anita / Anup, the Sports Secretary of St. Paul Public School, Baroda. Your school has decided to host the Regional Level Basket Ball Tournament. Draft a notice for your school notice board in not more than 50 words, inviting all the school children to attend the tournament and cheer the participants. 5

SECTION - C (GRAMMAR)

3. Change the following sentences into passive voice. 4

- a. He was switching off the lights.
- b. Who discovered America?
- c. She has torn my book.
- d. The boy killed the spider.

SECTION - D (LITERATURE)

4. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each. 4

- a. How do the flowers show their keenness to reach heaven?
- b. What arguments did Anne give in her favour for being called a chatterbox?

5. Use the following words to frame meaningful sentences. 2

- a. roared
- b. emigrated