

# FIRST MID TERM EVALUATION JULY : 2016 -'17

Std. IX

ENGLISH

Time : 1¼ hrs  
Total Score : 40

*Instructions:*

- *All questions are compulsory.*
- *Read the instructions carefully.*
- *Score assigned for each question is shown against the question.*

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*Questions 1 – 5: Read the following passage from the story, 'The Race' and answer the questions that follow:*

Tarun was a mediocre student. His grades could barely satisfy his parents. And, he was not a good singer, dancer, painter or even an actor. He always thought of himself as the black sheep of the family. His elder brother, who was pursuing a degree in engineering from a reputed college, always made the family proud. But Tarun was never good at anything like that.

However, he was blessed with the strength of a great athlete; he was an excellent runner. He would run for hours, be it day or night. Whenever he felt sad and lonely, he exhausted himself by running, thus releasing all his pent-up emotions. At times, he would miss his school bus and would then run to school, which was five miles away from his home! He just had one dream—to become the fastest runner in the world. Tarun did not know how to achieve his dream. On the one hand, his parents hated his running and wanted him to concentrate more on his

studies, which he never did. On the other hand, he belonged to a middle class family, and Tarun knew that to achieve his dream, he needed an intensive training, the amount for which was well beyond his family's reach.

1. Why did Tarun feel that he was the black sheep of the family? 1
2. What made the family feel proud of Tarun's brother? 1
3. How did Tarun release his pent-up emotions? 1
4. What was Tarun's dream? 1
5. What made Tarun think that he couldn't achieve his dream? 1

Questions 6 – 9: Read the following lines from the poem 'Twice a week the winter thorough' and answer the questions that follow:

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Now in Maytime to the wicket  
Out I march with bat and pad:  
See the son of grief at cricket  
Trying to be glad.

6. What was the game he played during May? 1
7. Which season is mentioned here? 1
8. How did the poet try to be glad? 1
9. Pick out a pair of rhyming words. 1
10. On your school sports day you are asked to deliver a speech on the topic 'Sound mind in a Sound body'. Based on the first unit prepare a speech for the same. 6
11. After the race Tarun went to school the next day. Seeing his happiness, one of his friends asked what the reason

was. Tarun told him what had happened. What might be the likely conversation between them? 5

12. Prepare a profile of **Sachin Ramesh Tendulkar** using the hints given below. 6

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Born : 24<sup>th</sup> April, 1974

Birth place : Mumbai (Maharashtra)

Profession : Cricketer (All rounder)

Nick name : God of cricket, Little master, Master blaster

Achievement : Highest number of runs both in ODI and Test cricket

Awards : Arjuna award in 1994, Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award in 1997, Padma Shri and Padma Vibhushan awards in 1999 and 2008 respectively.

Retired : Played his last ODI vs Pakistan on 18 March 2012.

13. Complete the following conversation suitably. 4

Tarun : .....

Ram Narayan : Yes, I'm that Ram Narayan.

Tarun : I can't believe my eyes.

Ram Narayan : You are a good runner,.....?

Tarun : I don't think so.

Ram Narayan : If you practise well, .....

Tarun : How can I get a good coach?

Ram Narayan : You had better.....

Tarun : I will try to win the race sir.

- 14 Given below is a conversation between Tarun and Ram Narayan. Read and answer the questions that follows. 2
- Ram Narayan : Have you joined any training school?  
Tarun : A training school is very expensive.
- a) RamNarayan asked .....
- b) Tarun replied .....

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The next day brought a new ray of hope. Tarun get up early, had milk and before his mother can finish her query on what he was up to, he run out and went to the Nehru Stadium to check the details of the race. He is very happy indeed.

- 16 Fill in the blanks using the words given below. 4

I was then studying /(a) the New English School, Mumbai. But my mother Ajit knew /(b) compared to other school in Mumbai, Shardashram Vidhyamandir where Ramkant Achrekar Sir was /(c) cricket coach, gave due importance /(d) the game of cricket.

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