| IX | INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT <br> FIRST PERIODIC TEST | 20 Mks |
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| Q.NO | VALUE POINTS | MARKS |
| 1. | a) The County Inspector addresses Margie's mother in the above context. <br> b) The mechanical teacher had been giving her test after test in geography, and Margie had been doing badly, so her mother had sent for the county inspector. <br> c) The geography sector had been geared a little too quick, so he'd slowed it up to an average ten-year level. | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ |
| 2. | a) The futuristic school, 2157, was held at home. Margie's school was right next to her bedroom. The regular teacher was large, black and ugly and had a big screen on which lessons were shown and the questions asked. There was a slot were the homework and test papers were put. They were written in a punch code. The mechanical teacher calculated the results in no time. It was on at the same time every day, except Saturday and Sunday. | 2 |
|  | b) 'The Road Not Taken' is a metaphor of life. The two roads indicate the two choices the poet had. He wanted to travel both but being a lone traveller, he couldn't. So, he chose the second road which had a better claim for him and left the first for another day. He doubts if he'd ever come back, as one road leads to another. His choice had made all the difference in his life. | 2 |
|  | c) Margie was thinking about how the kids must have loved it in the old days. She was thinking about the fun they had. School was fun for the children then, as the kids from the neighbourhood came, laughing and shouting in the schoolyard, sitting together in the schoolroom, going home together at the end of the day. They learned the same things, so they could help one another with the homework and talk about it. And the teachers were people. | 2 |
| 3 | Format - 2 Content-3 Expression-3 | 8 |
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