**INDIAN SCHOOL AL WADI AL KABIR**

**ENGLISH – COMMUNICATIVE**

**Class X – Holiday Assignment ( June 2015 )**

**Question 1:**

**Reading Comprehension - ( from SA1 paper, 2013)**

**My next pet was a pigeon, the most revolting bird to look at, with his feathers pushing through the wrinkled scarlet skin, mixed with the horrible yellow down that covers baby pigeons and makes them look as though they have been peroxiding their hair. Because of his repulsive and obese appearance, we called him Quasimodo.**

**Since he had an orthodox upbringing, without parents to teach him, Quasimodo became convinced that he was not a bird at all, and refused to fly. He walked everywhere. He was always eager to join us in anything we did. He would even try to come for walks with us. So you had to either carry him on your shoulder, which was risking an accident to your clothes, or else you let him walk behind. If you let him walk, then you had to slow down your own pace to suit his, for should you get too far ahead you would hear the most frantic and imploring coos and turn around to find Quasimodo running desperately behind you.**

* **Gerald Durell: Adapted from ‘My Family and Other Animals’.**
  1. **On the basis of your reading of the above passage complete the statements that follow by choosing the correct options:**

1. **The pigeon looked repulsive because of ………………………….**
2. **Its features**
3. **Its complexion**
4. **Its skin and yellow colour**
5. **Its skin**
6. **The pigeon is called ‘Quasimodo’ because of its ………………………….**
7. **Colour**
8. **Appearance**
9. **Repulsive, obese appearance**
10. **Unpleasant skin**

**(c ) Quasimodo refused to fly because ………………………………**

1. **It never considered itself a bird**
2. **It considered itself a bird**
3. **It had been peroxiding its hair**
4. **It was in a dejected mood**
5. **You could not walk unless ………………………………..**
6. **You increased your pace**
7. **You slowed down your pace**
8. **You walked along with it**
9. **You outpaced him**
10. **If you got too far ahead of it, you would hear its ……………………**
11. **Loud cries**
12. **Whispers**
13. **Murmurings**
14. **Calls**
15. **Carrying Quasimodo meant risking an accident to your clothes as he would ………….**
16. **Tear them**
17. **Dirty them**
18. **Peroxide them**
19. **Cover them with feathers**
20. **The opposite of the word ‘desperately’ means …………………………………**
21. **Humility**
22. **Leisurely**
23. **Quickly**
24. **Repulsively**

**Question 2: This question will be considered as an ACTIVITY FOR FA2. Students are instructed to write the answers of the following questions and submit the same in a cover file. This activity carries 10 marks. The answers should be written in 120-150 words only. The cover page of the file should have the following details – NAME, CLASS, SECTION, ROLL NO., FA2 ACTIVITY – 1, NAME OF THE NOVEL & AUTHOR’S NAME.**

1. **How did Anne get her diary? How did it make her life a bit comfortable and easy?**
2. **Give a brief description of the members of the Frank family.**
3. **Trace the first years of Anne’s schooling.**
4. **Why was the ‘Secret Annexe’ the ideal hideout?**

**Question 3: Write an *original short story* ending with the following line: “……. No job is big or small, our thoughts make it so.” Word Limit : 150-200 words.**

* **Date of Submission: 9th August, 2015**

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