



INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT
FIRST TERM EXAMINATION
ENGLISH

Sub. Code: 301

Time Allotted: 3 Hrs
Max. Marks: 80

CLASS: XI

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General Instructions:

1. *This paper consists of three sections: all sections are compulsory.*
2. *Separate sections are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them faithfully.*
3. *Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions. Marks will be deducted if this limit is crossed.*
4. *Attempt all questions of a section without mixing them with another section.*

SECTION-A (READING) 20 MARKS**1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:**

1. In 3000 years of our history people from all over the world have come and invaded us, captured our lands and conquered our minds. From Alexander onwards, the Greeks, the Turks, the Moguls, the Portuguese, the British, the French, the Dutch, all of them came and looted us, took over what was ours. Yet we have not done this to any other nation. We have not conquered anyone. We have not grabbed their land, their culture, their history and tried to enforce our way of life on them. Why? Because we respect the freedom of others.
2. That is why my first vision is that of FREEDOM. I believe that India got its first vision of this in 1857, when we started the first war of independence. It is this freedom that we must protect and nurture and build on. If we are not free, no one will respect us. My second vision for India is DEVELOPMENT. For fifty years we have been a developing nation. It is time we see ourselves as a developed nation.
3. I have a third vision. India must stand up to the world. Because I believe that unless India stands up to the world, no one will respect us. Only strength respects strength. We must be strong not only as a military power but also as an economic power. Both must go hand in hand.
4. My good fortune was to have worked with three great minds, Dr. Vikram Sarabhai of the Dept. of space, Professor Satish Dhawan, who succeeded him and Dr. Brahm Prakash, father of nuclear material. I was lucky to have worked with all three of them closely and consider this the great opportunity of my life. Here I am reminded of an instance – One day an orthopedic surgeon from Nizam Institute of Medical Sciences visited my laboratory. He

lifted the material and found it so light that he took me to his hospital and showed me his patients. There were these little girls and boys with heavy metallic calipers weighing over three kg each, dragging their feet around. He said to me: "Please remove the pain of my patients". In three weeks, we made these Floor reaction Orthosis 300 gram callipers and took them to the orthopedic centre. The children didn't believe their eyes. From dragging around a three kg load on their legs, they could now move around! Their parents had tears in their eyes. That was bliss to me.

5. I have a question: Why is the media here so negative? Why are we in India so embarrassed to recognize our own strengths, our achievements? We are such a great nation. We have so many amazing success stories but we refuse to acknowledge them. Why? Another question: Page 3 of 15 Why are we, as a nation so obsessed with foreign things? We want foreign TVs, we want foreign shirts. We want foreign technology. Why this obsession with everything imported? Don't we realise that self-respect comes with self-reliance? I was in Hyderabad giving this lecture, when a 14year old girl asked me for my autograph. I asked her what her goal in life is: She replied: 'I want to live in a developed India.' For her, you, I will have to build this developed India. You must proclaim. As an aside from yours truly: India is not an underdeveloped nation, it is a highly developed nation in an advanced state of decay!

-Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam

1.1 Read the questions given below and write the correct option you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet:

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- 1 India has been plundered by :
- 1
- a) The Greeks and the Portuguese
 - b) The French and the Dutch
 - c) The British
 - d) All of the above
- 2 What does the author mean when he says — 'Yet we have not done this to other nations' :
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- a)) India has not conquered and plundered other nations.
 - b) India has not snatched away the history and culture of other nations
 - c) Both (a) and (b)
 - d) None of the above

3 India has not conquered other nations because

- a) India is afraid of other nations
- b) India respects the freedom of other countries
- c) India lacks military strength
- d) All of the above

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4 When did Indians first have the vision of freedom?

- a) In 1857 during the first war of independence
- b) During the first World War Page 4 of 15
- c) During the Quit India Movement
- d) None of the above

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5 Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam envisages India which is :

- a) Free and developed
- b) Militarily and economically strong
- c) Self-reliant
- d) All of the above

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6 f) How long did it take to make Orthosis 300 gm callipers?

- a) One week
- b) Two weeks
- c) Three weeks
- d) Four weeks

- 1.2 Answer the following questions very briefly.** 4
- a) What does Dr. Kalam want us to protect and nurture? 1
 - b) Why must India stand up to the world? 1
 - c) Why do we need to give up our obsession with foreign things? 1
 - d) Explain briefly the statement—That was bliss to me. 1
- 1.3 Find words in the above passage which convey the same meaning as the following:** 2
- a) Give a synonym for 'bliss'. (para4) 1
 - b) Find the word which means the same as 'fanatical'. (para5) 1
- 2 Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:** 8
- 1 How often do we exclaim : "That was a mistake!" That bewildered expression of regret and panic gets relayed through life. Some mistakes we forget, others we don't The mistakes can be mundane as forgetting to turn the geyser off or to pick up your passport from the airport counter.
 - 2 Absent mindedness, preoccupation, distraction carelessness, nervousness there are umpteen excuses to justify mistakes. However major decisions like relocations of home of an unwarranted resignation letter can cause much trouble and upheaval and lead to regrets that leave you sad and depressed. Some mistakes are irreversible, then is there room for hope?
 - 3 In fact, there are no mistakes, only experiences. There are no problems only challenges. Every experience teaches us something in life Every mistake inspires retrospection and introspection. The experience is humbling and it makes us wiser. That is, if every mistake is regarded as an experience and not as a source of self condemnation. Many times people are unable to reconcile with the change grooved in the blame culture and rooted in the past, they have to realise the life time benefits they receive from changes.
 - 4 Nature abounds in examples of flexibility and relocation in case of birds and beasts. Scientific research in the behaviour of birds has confirmed this .Birds, animals and even nomads, travel miles and miles in search of better food, congenial climate and safety. These relocations may cause some amount of stress, no doubt, but they are the source of survival: helping to group bonding and cooperation; and to explore the beauty of new space and better environment.
 - 5 To the weak problems are stumbling blocks, to the brave, they are stepping stones." An untimely resignation and or termination letter is certainly traumatic and disturbing. But think of possibilities it can throw open for you. A young man felt disappointed when he failed an interview for a corporate job. At that point of time, he left dejected. Today, looking back he says, "It was a blessing in disguise. I would have never reached this far." Some mistakes bring in a very important message. "Believe and achieve! And in order to do so, faith is essential. It is the triple faith that men need today, faith in one self, faith in the world around us, and above all faith in God!"
- a) **Make notes on the passage in any suitable format using recognizable abbreviations wherever necessary. Give a title to your notes.** 5
 - b) **Write a summary of the passage in about 80 words based on your notes.** 3

SECTION-B (WRITING & GRAMMAR) 30 MARKS

- 3 You are Asmit / Asmita, Head Boy/Head Girl of 'St. Mary's School, Ajmer'. Write a Notice for your school notice Board asking the students to participate in the Science exhibition to be held in your school. Invent necessary details. Draft the notice, in not more than 50 words. 4

OR

- 4 You are Principal, Patel Public School, Ashok Vihar, Delhi. Draft an advertisement for the vacant post of an English teacher in your school to be published in the classified columns of a daily newspaper in not more than 50 words. 6
- 4 You are Ankit/Anika, 20 East Park Road, Jabalpur. Write a letter to the Editor of a national daily showing your concern over energy consumption and making a plea to the common people to switch over to solar energy to conserve energy, limit electricity bills and save the planet. 6

OR

- 5 You are Anita/Akash Arora, the lab in charge of D.P.S. Public School. You want to purchase some laboratory items for the school lab. Write a letter to place the order with M S Lab Service, GT Road, Faridabad. 10
- 5 You are Satish/Shweta, working in an NGO which is working for the uplift of socio-economic conditions of child labourers by counselling their parents and helping children to go to school. You find it appalling that many people in educated society want the practice of child labour to continue. Write an article on the 'Role of Educated Society in Curbing Child Labour'. (150- 200 words.) 10

OR

Write a story beginning with the following line:

- 6 'The last seconds of the clock were ticking and
- The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each of the line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct number. Remember to underline the word that you have supplied.** 4

Have you ever ate a food that might kill you?	a) _____
This is which thousands of Koreans do every year,	b) _____
when they sit down to a delicious meal in Fugu fish.	c) _____
In English, fugu is known like puffer fish.	d) _____
There are over 120 species of puffers on the world's oceans.	e) _____
They are relative small, and have spikes	f) _____
who pop up when they sense danger.	g) _____
Through this spikes the puffers can inject a deadly venom	h) _____
It is this venom which makes the Fugu, a dangerous fish.	

- 7 In the following passage one word is missing in each line. Write the missing word against the question number with the word that precedes and follows it. Underline the word that forms your answer. 4

No sooner I boarded the INS Sukanya than a crash a) _____
radio message was handed to me. It was from b) _____
the President. As I read my vision grew misty and c) _____
I was overcome by emotion. This was crowning hour d) _____
of exacting venture, which was as risky as it was e) _____
difficult; a moment will perhaps never come again f) _____
in lifetime. I had undertaken this perilous swim, g) _____
not to gain fame trophies but to prove once again h) _____
that Indians are no longer afraid.

- 8 Rearrange the words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. 2
- in bygone eras/stand testimony/many Indian temples/that existed/high level of art/to the.
 - the architecture/engineering marvel/is both/an artistic masterpiece/and an/in some/temples

SECTION-C (TEXTUAL QUESTIONS) 30 MARKS

- 9 Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow: 3

Upward to heaven, whence, vaguely form'd,

altogether changed, and yet the same,

I descend to lave the droughts, atomies, dust-layers of the globe,

And all that in them without me were seeds only latent, unborn;

- Name the poem and the poet. 1
- What is latent and unborn and why? 1
- What does the phrase 'lave the droughts' mean? 1

- 10 Answer any three of the following questions in 30-40 words: 9
- a) Uncle Khosrove's impatience sometimes worked to his own disadvantage. Elucidate. 3
- b) When people are pious and good even Nature mourns their death. Justify with reference to 'The Portrait of a Lady'. 3
- c) What do the funerary treasures tell us about the beliefs of ancient Egyptians? 3
- d) 'The Address' is a story of human predicament that follows war. Comment. 3
- 11 Answer any one of the following question in about 150 words. 6
- Ranga's views on marriage were modern, yet he followed the age old custom of 'arranged marriage'. Comment.

OR

- How does the story, 'We're not afraid to die if we can all be together', suggest that optimism helps to endure 'the direst stress'?
- 12 Oscar Wilde's 'The Canterville Ghost' is written in such a way that the story, in spite of being about a ghost, does not scare the readers, instead evokes humour.' Comment. 6
- 13 Describe the Otis family. (150 words) 6

End of the Question Paper