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**INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT
MIDDLE SECTION
FIRST TERM EXAMINATION 2018-19**



SUBJECT- ENGLISH

Code: MEN09

CLASS: VII

Time Allotted: 2 ½ Hrs.

25.09.2018

Max .Marks: 80

General Instructions .

1. The question paper comprises of **four Sections, A, B, C and D**. You have to attempt all the sections.
2. **All** questions are **compulsory**. Read all the questions carefully.
3. **All answers should be written in the answer sheet provided.**

SECTION A - READING (15 MARKS)

Qns.	Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.	Marks
1.	<p>1 It was a large lovely garden, with soft green grass. Here and there over the grass stood beautiful flowers like stars, and there were twelve peach trees that in the spring-time broke out into delicate blossoms of pink and pearl, and in the autumn bore rich fruit. The birds sat on the trees and sang so sweetly that the children used to stop their games in order to listen to them. 'How happy we are here!' they cried to each other.</p> <p>2 One day the giant came back. He had been to visit his friend the Cornish Ogre, and had stayed with him for seven years. After the seven years were over he had said all that he had to say, for his conversation was limited, and he determined to return to his own castle. When he arrived, he saw the children playing in the garden. 'What are you doing?' he cried in a very gruff voice and the children ran away. 'My own garden is my own garden', said the giant; 'anyone can understand that, and I will allow nobody to play in it but myself'. So he built a high wall all round it, and put up a notice board, where it was written – "Trespassers will be prosecuted".</p> <p>3 The poor children had now nowhere to play. They tried to play on the road but the road was very dusty and full of hard stones and they did not like it. They used to wander round the high wall when their lessons were over and talk about the beautiful garden inside. 'How happy we were there,' they said to each other.</p>	8

A. Complete the statements by choosing the correct/most suitable option.

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1. How long was the giant absent from the castle? _____

- a) six years
- b) seven years
- c) fourteen years

2. He stayed outside his castle because _____

- a) his friend Cornish Ogre called him to stay with him.
- b) the giant wished for a change of place.
- c) that they should be as successful as the others are.

3. On his return, the giant saw _____

- a) the birds singing sweetly in his garden.
- b) that his garden was in a complete mess.
- c) the children playing in the garden.

4. Which words of the giant bring out his selfishness? _____

- a) "Trespassers will be prosecuted."
- b) "My own garden is my own garden."
- c) "What are you doing?"

5. Find the word from the passage which means the opposite of "soft" _____

- a) gruff.
- b) bore
- c) delicate.

6. Find the word from the passage which means "someone who intrudes into the property of another without permission" _____

- a) gruff
- b) trespassers
- c) prosecuted

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B. On the basis of your reading of the given passage, complete the following.

1. During the spring time _____

2. Children stopped their games to _____

3. When their lessons were over _____

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C. On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following question.

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1. What did the giant do to prevent the children from entering his garden?

D. On the basis of your reading of the passage, state whether the statements are True or False.

1. The children liked playing on the road- _____
2. The giant was selfish- _____

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

1. Located about 25 km from Dalhousie and 15 km from Kalatop, 6,400 feet above sea level, Khajjar is often referred to as a mini- Switzerland of India. But despite figuring in the world tourist map, the place is apparently in dire need of a beautification drive. While the lush green meadows, surrounded by thick pine and cedar forests, offer a panoramic view, grazing herds of sheep, goats and other milch cattle present a perfect pastoral scenery.
2. There is a small lake in the centre of the saucer-shaped meadow which in turn boasts of a floating island. However, in recent years, much of the lake has degenerated into slush because of heaving silting during rains. Though tourists visiting the lake are smitten by the natural beauty and surroundings, they feel dismayed that the administration is not focusing on cleanliness or beautification of the lake to make it more attractive for visitors.
3. Adding to accumulation of silt at various points is grazing of cattle, as hoofs of livestock loosen the soil, making the lake bank vulnerable to siltation, ultimately leading to dirtying of the lake.

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A. On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions.

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1. Why were the tourists upset?
2. What should the Dalhousie administration do in order to attract more visitors?
3. How do cattle play a role in silting of the lake?
4. Where is the lake located?

B. Find one word from the passage which means each of the following.

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- 1 "a piece of grassland, especially one used for hay"(para 1) _____
- 2 "a feeling of unhappiness" (para 2)_____

C. Fill in the blanks with appropriate words from the passage-

1. The lake has degenerated into_____ because of heavy_____ during rains.
2. The green meadows is surrounded by _____ and _____ forests.

SECTION – B (WRITING) 20 MARKS

3. Complete the given dialogues by filling in the gaps.

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Ashish : So the exam is over and we are as free as air. Should we go for a picnic now?

Benny : Oh it's a great idea. Let us_____

Ashish : What about going to the Botanical Garden next Sunday! _____?

Benny : No, I haven't been to that place. _____ start?

Ashish : Let's start at 7 o'clock next Sunday. We should _____.

Benny : Yes, we should inform our parents about it. Don't forget_____

Ashish : Oh! good you reminded I'll call Arun and Sam straight away and invite them too.

Benny : What about _____?

Ashish : I think the best would be home cooked food.

Benny : Superb idea. I'll bring some stuffed parathas. _____?

Ashish : I'll get fried rice. _____?

Benny : Of course I like fried rice. Ok then let's put our plan into action.

4. Your grandmother, who is in India, is celebrating her 70th birthday. Write a diary entry expressing your feelings in not more than 50 words on how you wish you could be with her on this special occasion.

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5. Given below is the information on Joanne Rowling. Using the information write a bio sketch in not more than 50 words.

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Name: Joanne Rowling

Pen Names : J.K. Rowling, Robert Galbraith

Born : 31 July 1965, Yate, Gloucestershire

Education : St. Michael's Primary School, The University of Exeter, England

Works: A British Novelist . Best known for Harry Potter(2007), a series of seven

fantasy novels. Currently UK's best-selling living author.

Personal life : Lives in Scotland with her husband and three children

6. **You are Ritu / Rohan studying in Class VII. Write a leave application to your Principal seeking one week leave to attend your ailing grandmother who is hospitalised in India.**

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OR

Write an e-mail to your Aunty/Uncle telling her/him about the interclass English Elocution Competition (class VII) that was held in your school recently in not more than 120 words.

SECTION – C (GRAMMAR) 20 MARKS

7. **In the following passage, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the omitted word in the blanks along with the word that comes before and after the omitted word. Mark 'X' if there is no error.**

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Parmesh and his friends planning a trip (a) _____
during the summer vacations. While all of them keen to get (b) _____
away from the heat, none them were able to suggest which (c) _____
place to visit. Only draw of lots could finally decide the matter (d) _____
They decided on Ooty as it neither too far nor too crowded. (e) _____
The duration of their stay still to be decided. (f) _____

8. **Choose a suitable preposition from those given in the bracket and fill in the blanks.**

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1. There are beautiful charts _____ the board. (in, on, at)
2. Sunil is walking _____ the road. (in, along, into)
3. My uncle has met _____ a serious accident. (in, with, at).
4. The monkey jumped _____ tree to tree. (on, from, to)
5. What is the time _____ your watch? (at, by, on)
6. _____ ice-cream, children love pizza. (along, beside, besides)

9. **Do as directed.**

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1. My mother says, "You must pay attention to your studies."(change from direct to indirect speech)

2. She said to me," You have not done your homework." (change from direct to indirect speech)
3. He told me that he could easily beat me in the long jump. (change from indirect to direct speech)
4. Daniel told his sister that he was speaking to her. (change from indirect to direct speech)

10. Fill in with appropriate modals with the help of clues given within brackets.

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1. 1._____ we borrow your ladder for an hour. (informal permission)
2. We_____ obey the laws of the country. (moral duty)
3. It _____ rain tonight. (weak possibility)
4. Cars_____ be parked in front of the gate. (strong prohibition)
5. You _____ not make a noise in the class. (strong obligation)
6. I _____ dismiss you if you come late again. (strong possibility)

11. Rearrange the words/phrases to form meaningful sentences.

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1. picnics/ love/ children/ outings/ and/ their/parents/ with
2. though/ are/ they/ equally/with/ happy/ them/in/ house/ the
3. A/ may/ parent /his /make/child/ feel /special/ spending/by/time/ him/with.

12. Do as directed.

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1. I am studying in this school for three years.(Change to Present perfect continuous tense and rewrite the sentence)
2. Father met him in Dubai way back in 2007.(Change to Past perfect tense and rewrite the sentence)
3. She is dreaming of travelling in space. (Change to Present perfect tense and rewrite the sentence)
4. They play in the garden with their friends. (Change to Present continuous tense)

SECTION D – (LITERATURE) 25 MARKS

13. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow.

“He wasn’t used to running, but he caught up with her, held out the umbrella, saying, “You forgot it - the umbrella! In that moment it belonged to both of them.”

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1. Here “he” is referred to _____.
(a) Rajaram (b) Ram Bharosa (c) the author- Ruskin Bond
2. “He” ran behind her _____.
(a) to give the toffee, she paid for
(b) to return the umbrella which belonged to her
(c) to return the umbrella which he had stolen
3. Who kept the blue umbrella finally? _____.
(a) Binya (b) Rajaram (c) Ram Bharosa

14. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow.

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**My little horse must think it queer
To stop without a farmhouse near
Between the woods and frozen lake
The darkest evening of the year.**

1. Who is ‘my’ referred to here?
2. Where did the poet actually stop?
3. Why would the horse think it a mistake to stop there?
4. Why does the persona stop in the woods?

15. Answer any **SIX** of the following questions in 30 to 40 words.

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1. How did Binya treat the umbrella?
2. Describe Suvira’s appearance when the narrator saw her for the first time?
3. Why does the horse think it a mistake to stop there? How does it express its confusion?
4. What was the foolish thing that Miss Rumphius did? Why did she call it foolish?

5. How did Binya and Bijju behave when they passed Ram Bharosa's shop?
6. What were the problems faced by "Paro Anand" due to her changed circumstances?
7. What does the poet compare the palm tree to? How suitable is this comparison?

16. **Answer any ONE of the following questions in 80 – 100 words.**

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1. During spring, what did Miss Rumphius see on the other side of the hill? What did Miss Rumphius, do the following summer?

OR

2. Describe how the narrator (Paro Anand) is able to win the acceptance of her schoolmates.

End of the Question Paper.