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**INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT
MIDDLE SECTION
ANNUAL EXAMINATION 2019 – 20
ENGLISH SET B**



CLASS: VII

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Time Allotted: 2½ hours

Max. Marks: 80

General Instructions:

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

SECTION A(READING) 15 marks

Q.1 Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

Dr Arun Gandhi, grandson of Mahatma Gandhi and founder of the M.K. Gandhi Institute for Non- violence, shared the following story:

1. I was 16 years old and living with my parents at the Institute my grandfather had founded 18 miles outside Durban, South Africa. We were deep in the country and had no neighbours, so my two sisters and I always looked forward to going to town.
2. One day, my father asked me to drive him to town for an all- day conference, and I jumped at the chance. Since I was going to town, my mother gave me a list of groceries and several pending chores. When I dropped my father off that morning, he said, “I will meet you here at 5 p.m and we will go home together. You get the car serviced and finish the pending chores.”
3. After hurriedly completing my chores, I went straight to the nearest movie theatre. I got so engrossed in a John Wayne double-feature that I forgot the time. By the time I hurried to where my father was waiting for me, it was almost 6 O’ clock. I was so ashamed of telling him that I was watching a movie that I said, “The car wasn’t ready, so I had to wait,” not realizing that he had already called the garage.
4. When he caught me in the lie, he said: “There’s something wrong in the way I

brought you up that didn't give you the confidence to tell me the truth. I will walk home 18 miles to figure out where I went wrong with you." He began to walk home in the dark on mostly unpaved, unlit roads. Watching my father go through this agony for a stupid lie that I uttered, I decided never to lie in my life. That is the power of non-violence.

A. On the basis of your reading the above passage choose the most appropriate option and complete the sentences: 1

(i) The speaker in the above lines is _____

- a) M.K. Gandhi
- b) Dr Arun Gandhi
- c) Mahatma Gandhi

Who do you think is the grandfather mentioned in the passage?

- (ii) a) M.K. Gandhi
b)) Mahatma Gandhi
c) Dr Arun Gandhi

B. State whether the following statements are True or False: 1

- (i) The speaker had many neighbours and no sister. _____
(ii) The speaker was late because he was watching a movie. _____

C. Complete the following sentences:

- (i) The speaker's father decided to walk home in order to _____ 2
(ii) The speaker's mother gave him _____

D. Find words from the passage that mean the following:

- (i) small jobs (para 2)- _____ 1
(ii) extreme pain (para 4) - _____

E. Answer the following questions briefly:

- (i) Why was the speaker late in meeting his father? 3
(ii) Why was the speaker happy to drive his father to town?
(iii) What was the similarity between the speaker's father and grandfather?

Q.2. 1. Western civilization began in Greece. About 2,500 years ago, A way of life was created in Greece. People admired this way of life and copied it. Olympics Games, new scientific ideas, philosophy and democracy were first introduced by the Ancient Greeks.

2. The Ancient Greeks lived in Greece and its islands. They also lived in the country we now know as Turkey. Besides this, they were also inhabitants of Italy, Sicily, North Africa and even France.

3. Life for the common man was hard because farmland, water and wood for building shelter were scarce. Most people lived by farming and fishing, but tried to find alternate methods of livelihood. They sailed to far off countries to establish trade. By doing so, they took their way of life to these countries.

4. However, the Greeks had a rich culture and their lifestyle was copied by the Romans too. The Ancient Greeks had beautiful temples with stone columns and statues. Open air theatres were made for people to sit and watch plays.

- A.**
(i) **State whether the following statements are True or False:** 1
(ii) Democracy was first introduced in Italy.
Greeks lifestyle was copied by the Romans.
- B.**
Find the antonyms of the following words from the passage : 1
(i) modern (para 2) (ii) plenty (para 3)
- C.**
(i) **On the basis of your reading the passage, complete the following sentences:** 2
(ii) Greeks were inhabitants of _____.
A way of life was introduced in Greece, _____.
- D.**
(i) **Answer the following questions in brief:** 3
(ii) Why was life hard in ancient Greece?
(iii) How did the Greek way of life reach other countries?
Name the things first introduced by the Ancient Greeks.

SECTION B(WRITING) 18 marks

- Q.3** You are Sonia/ Sunil, Head Girl/ Boy of the middle section of your school, draft a notice to be put up on the school notice board informing students of classes 6 to 8 about the upcoming Inter House dance competition. Give the necessary details. (date, venue, eligibility, last date for registration etc) 4
- Q.4** Your long-time best friend developed some misunderstandings and is also not allowing you to clear up the matter. His/her behaviour towards you is making you worried and depressed. Write a diary entry in not more than 50-80 words expressing your feelings about the situation. 4
- Q.5** Use the notes given below to write a report on the STAI exhibition held at your school. 4

STAI exhibition.....Indian School Muscat, Muscat, January 24th, 2019.....inaugurated by His Excellency Mr. Munu Mahawar....aim to increase the interest in science among students....many parents and children attended...working models presented...visitors appreciated hard work of students

(a) _____

A STAI exhibition was (b) _____ on (c) _____. It was (d) _____ Mr Munu Mahawar. The aim of the exhibition was (e) _____. It (f) _____ by many parents and children. Many working models (g) _____. The hard work of (h) _____ by the visitors.

Q.6 You are Ravi/Reena. Write a letter of gratitude to your Vice Principal for the well stocked library which has been possible because of the arrival of good books. Mention the importance of reading the books and how you have benefitted of it as a student.

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OR

You are the parent of Anish / Anisha studying in class 7. Write a leave application to the Vice Principal of your ward seeking one week leave to attend to your ailing (ill) mother in Lucknow. (Mention the dates for leave)

SECTION C (GRAMMAR) 20 marks

Q.7 Change the following from Active to Passive and Passive to Active:

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- a) Galileo invented the telescope. (change to passive voice)
- b) My father gave me this book. (change to passive voice)
- c) The poor must be helped by us. (change to active voice)
- d) A book was written by Nick. (change to active voice)

Q.8 This passage has not been edited. Find the error in each line. Write the error and the correct word:

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	INCORRECT	CORRECT
Language is an system of sounds and signs	a) _____	_____
who people use to express their thoughts	b) _____	_____
but communicate with others. There	c) _____	_____
is thousands of languages in use throughout	d) _____	_____
a world. The letters of an alphabet	e) _____	_____
is signs that represent sounds.	f) _____	_____

Q.9 Fill in the blanks with the appropriate form of infinitives or gerunds of the verb given in the bracket:

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- a) This party was meant _____ you. (surprise)
- b) The play is very _____. (interest)
- c) Our neighbours are planning _____ into another house soon. (shift)
- d) Do you enjoy _____ football matches? (watch)
- e) That is a mask used _____ little children. (entertain)
- f) My father let me _____ the car. (drive)

Q.10 Fill in the blanks with the correct determiners:

- a) _____ glass jar will do. (many, any, much)
- b) There was _____ water in the tumbler. (few, little, more)

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- c) The bicycle under the tree is _____. (his,her,us)
 d) _____ the students have to learn English. (a few, all, little)
 e) I don't want _____ sugar in my tea, thank you. (most, more,few)
 f) I met _____ lady who teaches at the Indian School. (a, an,the)

Q.11 Rewrite the sentences as directed:

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- a) Meena bought _____.(complete the sentence transitively)
 b) Our kites flew _____.(complete the sentence intransitively)
 c) My mother said to me, " Have you bought cupcakes for the class picnic?" (Rewrite in indirect speech)
 d) Jai works hard. His brother is lazy. (combine the two sentences using a conjunction)

Q.12 Rearrange the given words to frame a meaningful sentence:

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- a) is a/ tourist destination/ famous/ Delhi/for its/ historical/ wonderful/ monuments
 b) coming to/ any/ Delhi/ tourist/ visit/ will definitely/ places/ these
 c) these monuments/ make/ tourist/ destination/ much –loved/ Delhi/ a/ of India

SECTION D (LITERATURE) 27 marks

Q.13 Choose the correct meaning of the given words:

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- a) deteriorated- (i)got better (ii) got worse (iii) improved with time
 b) sprightlier- (i) lethargic (ii) angry (iii) more lively
 c) weird- (i) satisfied (ii)unusual (iii) usual
 d) criticized- (i) pointing out of faults (ii)praised (iii) applause

Q.14 Write the antonyms of the given words:

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- a) stranger x
 b) closest x
 c) respect x
 d) eventually x

Q.15 Read the given extract and write the answer choosing the right option:

A. "Government houses seldom came with fences. Mother and I collected twigs and built a small fence around our house. She had also planted some seedlings which began to bloom. Just at that time my father's transfer order came."

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- Who is 'I' referred to in the above extract?
 (a)narrator's brother (b)narrator's mother (c)narrator
- Name the author of the lesson from which the above extract is taken.
 (a) Subroto Bagchi (b) Subhash Chandra Bose (c) Gerald Malcom Durell
- Why did 'I' live in a government house?
 (a) because his father was a political leader
 (b) because his father worked as a District Employment Officer
 (c) because his father was a freedom fighter
- Who asked the mother why she was planting seeds that would benefit the next occupant?
 (a) her neighbours (b) her sons (c) the narrator

B. "This bond does not give you a single drop of blood, so if, in cutting off the

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pound of flesh, one drop of Antonio's blood is spilled, your money, land and estate are all forfeited to the government of Venice."

1. Who says these words and to whom?
2. Who signed the bond and why?
3. What is the penalty if one drop of Antonio's blood is spilled?

Q.16 Answer any FIVE of the following questions in 30 to 40 words:

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1. Give a brief description of the Rose-Beetle Man.
2. Who did Portia disguise herself as? Who was her clerk?
3. What does Shylock mean when he says that ships are only wooden boards and sailors only men?
4. In the lesson 'Go Kiss the World', what difficulties did the narrator face in Koraput during his childhood?
5. What did Mr. Franklin conclude after conducting the experiment?
6. Name the poet of the poem 'In the Bazaars of Hyderabad'. What are the three things in the bazaar that fascinated the poet?

Q.17 Answer any ONE from the questions given below in 60 to 80 words:

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1. Who was asked to show mercy and on whom in the lesson 'The Merchant of Venice'? Describe the quality of mercy in your own words.

OR

2. Why did Franklin set the ant a challenge? How did the ant react when she realized that something had changed?

End of the question paper.