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**INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT
MIDDLE SECTION
FINAL EXAMINATION 2017-18**



ENGLISH

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CLASS: VII

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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**.
3. All answers should be written in the answer sheet provided.

SECTION A – READING (15 MARKS)

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1. Read the following passage carefully.

1.“What a very peculiar name!” Sir William Jones pondered the name of the ship that had carried him for five months from England to India. He and his wife Anna Maria were now travelling up Hugli, on their way to Calcutta.

2. India was so new to them-her skies, seas, birds and animals were so alien, “Oh! Look, there’s a tiger, come down to drink water from the river!” Anna Maria had pointed out with awe and delight. She was excited as her husband decided to move to this new country. For Sir William Jones, this journey satisfied a deep-seated longing, for he had an obsession with this land. India- her literature, beauty and history had attracted him for years.

3. Indeed the whole of Asia, and many were the hours he had spent, reading every book he could lay his hands on. Yet, to his starved mind, there seemed to be so little material. He began to prepare a document, setting out everything he wished to study.

4. “The history of the ancient world, traditions, modern politics and geography of

Hindustan,” he added, “Indians, agriculture, medicine, wild life, natural products of India.....” the list went on.

I. On the basis of your reading, answer the questions that follow:

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a) What did Sir William Jones find peculiar?

(i) the people in the ship (ii) name of the ship (iii) the language (iv) food

b) He had an obsession with this land. Which land is referred to here?

(i) India (ii) America (iii) Britain (iv) Russia

c) How long were the husband and wife travelling by ship?

(i) five years (ii) two months (iii) five months (iv) two years

d) How did Anna Maria feel during their travel?

(i) depressed (ii) delighted (iii) bored (iv) none of the above

II. Complete the statements suitably:

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a) Sir William Jones and his wife were travelling_____

b) Sir William decided to move to India as he had_____

c) India's _____ attracted him very much.

d) The journey to India was a _____ to William Jones.

III. Choose **ONE** word from the passage which means the same as the following.

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a) creature from outside world (para 2)

b) a yearning desire (para 2)

2. **Read the passage given below carefully.**

1. The sports tournament, jousting, was being held in a large field outside the town of Ashby. The opponents waited for the signal to begin. “Let go!” called out the judge. The Knights and the Challengers rushed towards each other and met in the middle with a thunderous sound. But the fight was soon over. The Challengers had an easy win. They struck their opponents to the ground almost at once. A second party of knights fought with the Challengers but they were also easily defeated. There followed a long pause. The viewers grew impatient waiting for other knights to come

forward. The whispers of disappointment grew. “We’ve come so far to see so little,” complained the people. “Young men are not so brave as they used to be,” grumbled the old knights.

2. Suddenly, a trumpet sounded and a young knight came forward mounted on a black horse. Everyone wondered who he was. On his shield was the picture of a tree pulled up by the roots. The unknown knight rode straight to the tent of Bois-Guilbert and struck his shield with the point of his spear. The people fell silent. The trumpets sounded and the judge gave the knights the signal to begin.
3. The two knights galloped towards each other and started the fight with a clash of spears. Both their spears broke and rocked the riders in their saddles but they managed to remain seated.

I. Based on your reading of the passage, answer the following questions briefly.

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- a) What sporting event was being held and where?
- b) Of the Challengers and the Knights who was stronger? How do you know?
- c) Why did the crowd grow impatient and start complaining after the second round of the fight?
- d) How can you tell that Bois-Guilbert and the unknown knight were both strong fighters?

II. Complete the following sentences.

- a) The old knights grumbled that _____.
- b) The shield of the unknown knight had _____.
- c) The unknown knight challenged Bois–Guilbert to a fight by riding _____.

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SECTION B – WRITING (20 MARKS)

3. Recently, you attended a music concert of your favourite singer and got a chance to meet him/her after the concert. Draft a diary entry, **of about 50 words**, mentioning how you interacted with him/her and expressing your feelings about the concert and your meeting with him/her.

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4. You are Clare / Mohsin the Student Coordinator of the Music Club of your school. 4
Draft a notice, **of about 50 words**, informing students of the Middle Section about the group folk song competition being conducted by the club. Provide all the relevant details.

5. You are the reporter of a popular newspaper. You had to report on a unique contest 4
that took place in Hyderabad, India. The following points have been jotted down:

‘The Biriyani Challenge - How much you can eat?’

City Restaurant- pride of Hyderabad-organizes- a contest-‘The Biriyani Challenge - How much you can eat?’- Mr. Raja Ram – the Coordinator of the contest- popularize- 400 years old delicious dish of the state- More than 500 - Submit catchy slogans--- contest for ten minutes- winner Ayub Khan- eats - a little more than 1.5 kilos .

On the basis of your notes, fill in the blanks to complete the report :

‘The Biriyani Challenge - How much you can eat?’

Hyderabad, 10 February 2018: The City Restaurant in Hyderabad, organized a unique contest (a) _____ at its premises yesterday. Mr. Raja Ram, the sponsor of the event said that it was organized to (b) _____. More than 500 people submitted (c) _____. Mr. Ayub Khan was declared as the winner as he (d) _____.

6. Write a letter of gratitude to the Principal of your school for implementing remedial 8
classes in all the subjects for the needy students, mentioning how it improved the confidence in the students and the quality of their writing.

OR

Write a letter to the Vice Principal of the Middle Section of your school requesting him to grant you leave for 15 days as you are down with chicken pox and the doctor has advised you complete bed rest.

SECTION C – GRAMMAR (20 MARKS)

7. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correct word in your answer sheet. Underline the correct word. 3

	error	correction
The road to success is no a bed of roses	(a) _____	_____
Only those who wade on hazards and hurdles	(b) _____	_____
can achieve successful. Set yourself clear goals	(c) _____	_____
and define precisely what you wants to do.	(d) _____	_____
Goals provides direction according to your behaviour	(e) _____	_____
and guide your actions or thoughts.	(f) _____	_____

8. In the following passage one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the words before and after it. Underline the word you provide. 3

England has always famous for her dramatists,	a) _____	_____	_____
the greatest whom was William Shakespeare.	b) _____	_____	_____
It is hard to find educated man in the	c) _____	_____	_____
English speaking world has not heard his	d) _____	_____	_____
name. This actor playwright, born more than	e) _____	_____	_____
400 years ago became famous all over world.	f) _____	_____	_____

9. Fill in the blanks with the correct tense forms from those given in the brackets. 3

- a) Migratory birds _____ to warmer places every winter. (are flying/ fly)
- b) "We _____ often _____ biryani from that restaurant and it has always been good," said our neighbours. (have... been ordering/ have..... ordered)
- c) By the time we reach the cinema hall, the ticket counter _____. (will have closed/ should close)
- d) Mariam and Anita _____ on their project the whole night so they woke up late the next day. (have worked/ had been working)
- e) The dancers were warming up while the orchestra _____ its instruments. (had been tuning/ was tuning)

- f) The bridge that they _____ across the river got washed away in the floods.
(built/ will be building)

10. Do as directed.

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- a) My friend said to me, "Have you bought cupcakes for the class picnic?"
(Rewrite in indirect speech.)
- b) Hanifa's mother told her that her flower arrangement was looking beautiful.
(Rewrite in direct speech.)
- c) Tarini bought _____. (Complete the sentence transitively.)
- d) Our kites flew _____. (Complete the sentence intransitively.)

11. Do as directed.

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- a) The Head Girl proposed the Vote of Thanks at the end of the Annual Day programme. (Rewrite in Passive Voice)
- b) A model of a Viking ship is being built by me using Lego bricks.
(Rewrite in Active Voice)
- c) She went to the garden. She wanted to pluck some flowers.
(Combine the sentences using an infinitive form of verb.)
- d) The children shout all the time. Do not let them do it.
(Combine the sentences using an infinitive form of verb.)

12. Rearrange the words and phrases to form meaningful sentences:

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- a) a/ who/ Buddhist/ Lama Geshe/ monk/ was/lived in/ Khumbu Valley/ Nepal's
- b) wanted/ year/ bless/ to climb/ he/ hundreds/ would/ mountaineers/ each/ of / who/
Mt. Everest
- c) a lot/ the/ him/ guides, /who work/ respected/ Sherpas/ as

SECTION D – LITERATURE (25 MARKS)

13. Read the following extract and choose the correct alternative given:

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'We did not understand much of what we read. But the ritual was meant for us to know that the world was larger than Koraput.'

- i) Who is 'we' referred to in the above context?

- a) father and mother (b) the writer and his parents
- (c) the writer and his brothers (d) the parents and his brothers
- ii) What was the ritual practised by them?
- a) cleaning the house (b) singing songs
- (c) reading the newspaper (d) writing letters
- iii) What was the advantage of the ritual?
- (a) He got connected to the world. (b) He could read Oriya fluently.
- (c) He got good marks. (d) He learnt to respect all.
- iv) Koraput was a remote village in _____
- (a) Bihar (b) Orissa (c) Rajasthan (d) West Bengal

14. Read the extract given below carefully and answer the questions that follow. 3

'What do you weave, o ye flower-girls?
 With tassels of azure and red?
 Crowns for the brow of a bridegroom,
 Chaplets to garland his bed.
 Sheets of white blossoms new-garnered
 To perfume the sleep of the dead.'

- a) Who is the poetess addressing in these lines? For whom are they weaving a floral crown?
- b) How is the crown made more beautiful?
- c) Which two contrasting events of life are referred to in these lines?

15. Answer **ANY SIX** of the questions given below briefly. 12

- a) Why does Rudyard Kipling refer to the minute as 'unforgiving'? How does he wish to fill the 'unforgiving' minute?
- b) How does a scout ant inform her sister ants that she has found food? How do they reach the food she has found?

- c) What happened when the Rose-Beetle Man opened one of his sacks? Why did the narrator buy only one particular tortoise?
- d) What routine did the mother of Subroto Bagchi follow until the age of eighty? What lesson did he learn from this?
- e) How did Achilles react when he saw wild strawberries? How did he eat them?
- f) What does the poet mean when he advises his son to 'keep your head'? What does he advise his son to do when others doubt him?
- g) Why was the author of 'Go Kiss The World' feeling angry and frustrated at the hospital? What did his father do that stunned him?

16. Answer **ANY ONE** question in about 120 words

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Where did the author of 'Achilles' first meet the Rose-Beetle Man? Describe the Rose-Beetle Man and the way he communicated.

OR

What difficulties did Subroto Bagchi face as a child in Koraput? Explain with examples how, despite these difficulties, his parents taught him from then to be considerate and sensitive to everyone, and not take material possessions as a measure of success.

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