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INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT MIDDLE SECTION **ANNUAL EXAMINATION (2018 - 2019)** SUBJECT - ENGLISH



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TIME: 21/2 hrs

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- a) Read all the questions carefully.
- b) Write all your answers on the answer sheets provided.
- c) Do not copy any questions and statements.
- d) Number the answers correctly.
- e) Do not exceed the word limit.

SECTION 'A' - READING (15 MARKS)

I. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (8 marks)

- 1. The coconut palm tree grows in hot areas. It likes frost free areas and grows in Africa, Asia, Latin American, and the Pacific region. The tree grows near seas in these areas so the roots can find moisture. It has shallow roots. In the United States, it is found only in Hawaii, the southern tip of Florida, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.
- 2. Coconut trees and its fruits have many uses. The root supplies a dye and the trunks are used to stabilize buildings .The coconut kernel is eaten and coconut milk is extracted from it. The dried coconut kernel is called Copra. Oil is pressed out from copra and this edible oil is used for various purposes. The leftover is crushed and dried kernel is used as cattle feed. It is rich in protein, sugar and vitamins.
- 3. Coconut oil is used to make soap and margarine. The dried, powdered coconut fruit is used to make candles, cakes, cookies and pies. Mats, baskets and hats are made with coconut leaves, midrib and coir. Coir is the fibre from the husk. All these products are exported to other countries.

a) On the basis of your reading the above passage choose the most appropriate option and complete the sentences:

i. The root of the coconut tree su	pplies	·	
a. dye	b . margarine	c. oil	d . sugar
ii. The coconut oil is also used to	make		
a. soap and margarine	b. candles and sugar	c. baskets and pie	d. husk and dye

b) State whether the statements are True or False:

- i) The dried coconut kernel is called Copra.
- ii) The shallow roots of the coconut tree produce oil which is used for various purposes.

iii) The oil is pressed out from Copra. iv) The leftover is crushed and used as soap.
c) Complete the following sentences: i. Coconut leaves are used to make ii. Coconut trees grow near the sea because
d) Answer the following questions:i) What kind of climate is favourable for growth of coconut trees?ii) Why is dried kernel used as cattle feed?
e) Find the word from the passage which means the following: i) taken out (para 2) ii) fit for consumption (para 2)
II. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (7 marks)
 John Wise was accompanied by two airmen in his flight, in an air balloon. One of whom was called Hyde. All around him, John saw the sky take on definite characteristics of a storm's approach .To add to his uneasiness, he saw the balloon was almost out of ballast .It was sinking directly into the storm. At any moment the three men in the basket would crash into the trees. The eyes of men strained forward, hoping to see something besides the black clouds but they could see nothing. At 1.30 pm land was visible in the distant east .Hyde cried out, 'I see land, but it seems million miles off'. However, when the airship first struck the earth, it bounced up again over the treetops. The metal broke and the airship pulled away .It dashed through the tops of the trees and was driven wildly by the winds and kept crashing. For more than a mile the balloon whirled over the forest while John and the others clung on to it desperately .Sometime later it was pitched into the side of a tree. Its fabric split open and the bag collapsed. John and the rest were safe. On the basis of your reading the passage answer the following questions: What did John fear? What prompted his fear? Who saw land first? Why didn't the sight of land make him happy? What happened when the metal broke?
b) State whether the sentences are True/False:
 When the airship first struck the earth, it crashed completely. One of their concerns was that the balloon was almost out of ballast. The balloon whirled over the forest for more than a mile.
c) Choose the antonym of the word 'distant' (para3) from the options given: i) near ii) far iii) long iv) farther
d) Choose the synonym of the word 'collapse' from the options given: i) crumble ii) commotion iii) collect iv) corrupt

SECTION 'B' - WRITING (20)

III. Your school has decided to organize a Summer Camp, during the	forthcoming summer
vacations. As the Head boy/ Head girl of your school, draft a notice of	giving relevant details, in not
more than 50 words.	(4 marks)

IV	Using the notes	aiven helow	write a brief bio	-sketch of Henr	v Ford:	(4 marks)
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- 1863 : Born in Michigan (USA), a farmer family.
- 1886 : Produces his first car that consumed petrol as fuel.
- 1887 : Gets married, plans to manufacture gas engines and heavy duty farm machines
- 1891 : Joins 'Detroit Edison Electric Company'.
- 1896 : Produces his first petrol automobile with four horse power engine and a speed of 25 km/hr
- 1903 : Initiates famous Ford Motor Company at Dearbom (Michingan); completely

dominates the car industry.

1947 : Dies at the age of 84years.

V. A news reporter made the following notes for a news item in the newspaper. Complete the news item using the given hints: (4 marks)

City strange virus number of children found.	attack c _ parents worried_	ausing high fever, h doctors_	neadache large remedy not yet
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VIRUS CAUSES ANXIETY

A virus a)	since last week. It b)	A large c)
Their parents d)	because the doctors have	not yet found the remedy.

VI. You are Akshay's parent. Write an e-mail to the Vice Principal requesting for a week's leave. Provide necessary details. **(8 marks)**

OR

You are Manish / Diya. You had to stand in a traffic jam caused due to two cars standing in the middle of the road with their owners fighting between themselves. It took an hour for the traffic to get cleared. Stressed with the situation, you decide to write a **letter to the Editor** of a national daily about the growing road rage among people today. Write this letter in not more than 150 words taking hints from the clues given below:

- 1. Road rage- aggressive behavior
- 2. Can lead to assaults, collisions
- 3. Causes inconvenience to general public

SECTION C GRAMMAR-20 MARKS

The state of the s	at she was going very fast and that
a)	
said that b)	
The Traffic Polic	:e asked ner d)
VIII. In the passage given below a few words are rethe word that comes before and the word that the correct blank number. Underline the missi	comes after in the answer sheet against
Nasir Ahmed Soomro is the tallest man the	a)
World. He is Taiwan to spend four months living	
Guiness World Record Museum. He is the firs	
employed as a crowd puller the museum whic	ch has a number c)
of life-size models Guiness book	d)
personalities. Twenty year old Soomro is to be	ecome e)
quite literally a museum exhibit and a sporting	
trying to promote exercise school children.	f)
IX. The following passage has not been edited. The	ere is an error in each of lines against whic
a blank is given. Write the incorrect word and th	e correct word in the space:
	(½ x 6=3 marks)
Good morning friends	
Today I'm going to speak about an swift	a)
and silent killer called smoking. Much	b)
people die each year due to smoking.	c)
cigarettes harm the smoker and also these	d)
•	e)
who sit with the smoker. Those are	
•	f)

XI. Rearrange the jumbled words to form meaningful sentences: (3x1=3 marks)

- 1. Children /information/depend/on/books/for /school
- 2. Smart boards/books/will/replace/soon
- 3. But/the/books/will/of/forever/remain/importance

XII. Do as directed: (1x 3=3 marks)

- 1. The playground is watered. We cannot play today.(Combine using a suitable conjunction)
- 2. I was tired. I watched the show. (Combine using a suitable conjunction)
- 3. She writes letters. (Change into Passive voice)

SECTION 'D'—LITERATURE (25 MARKS)

XIII. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: (4 marks)

'I knew exactly how much I had .I made up my mind that if the bill came to more I would jump up with a dramatic cry..........'

- (i) The 'my 'in the above lines refers to:
- a) narrator b) waiter c) the guest
- (ii) 'I' would jump up with a dramatic cry if money was less because
- a) 'I' wouldn't be able to borrow from the guest
- b) 'I' had planned to force the lady to pay the amount
- c) 'I' did not want to pay even if the money was enough
- (iii) The delicacy that prompted 'I' to think of such a plan was ______
- a) asparagus b) caviar c) champagne
- (iv) The only way 'I' could pay the bill if it exceeded the amount was
- a) to leave his watch and pay later
- b) to sell his watch and pay the bill amount
- c) to sell both his and the guests' watch

XIV. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: (3 marks)

Out of the night that covers me, Black as the Pit from pole to pole, I thank whatever Gods may be For my unconquerable soul

- a) What is the poetic device used in the first line?
- b) Why does the poet-speaker thank the Gods?
- c) Why does he describe his soul as 'unconquerable'?

XV. Answer any <u>SIX</u> of the following questions in about 30 - 40words: (2x6=12 marks)

- i) Why was the narrator reluctant to take his lady guest to Foyot's? Why was he unable to say 'no'?
- ii) How did Behrman help Johnsy recover? What did Johnsy realize?
- iii) How did Cordelia express her love for Lear? What was Lear's reaction?
- iv) What effect did the wind have on the elements of nature?
- v) Why was Kent banished from the Kingdom?
- vi) Who is the poet-speaker thanking despite his difficult situation in the poem 'Invictus'? Why is he still grateful?
- vii) Why was Johnsy so preoccupied with the ivy plant?

XVI. Answer <u>ONE</u> of the following questions in about 120 words. (6 marks)

i) How did Sue and Behrman help Johnsy recover from her illness?

ii) Why did Lear want his daughters to undergo a test of love? What portions of the kingdom were given to his two elder daughters?

End of the question paper.