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**INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT
MIDDLE SECTION
FIRST PERIODIC TEST 2019- 20**



ENGLISH – SET A

Code: MZEN01

CLASS: VIII

Time Allotted: 40 mins.

22.05.2019

Max .Marks: 20

MARKS OBTAINED:

General Instructions :

1. **All questions are compulsory.**
2. **All answers should be written in the question paper itself.**

Qns	Marks
I. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow.	5

1. I met Mr. Franks at Susie's birthday party. Susie had told me, "He's my grandpa's closest friend – lives in the Home for the Aged. He must be eighty at least!" I took a great liking to Mr. Franks the moment I started talking to him. He had a great enthusiasm for life, despite his poor health – and the most interesting stories to tell. His anecdotes kept us laughing and amused throughout the evening. As I rose to get back to my school hostel, he said, "Why don't you come and see me at the Home sometime? Though you might think it boring to sit and chat with an old man like me!" I assured him that I would surely come with Susie to the Home to meet him. From then on, I met Mr. Franks every Wednesday. He would be sitting in his tiny garden and soaking in the warm winter sunshine. He had been an expert gardener in his younger days and had many certificates to prove it.

2. Mr. Franks had served in the army, and somehow most of his anecdotes were an amusing mixture of plant and military life. "You know, misunderstandings can be quite embarrassing sometimes! Once when I was away on leave, our unit mess got the electricity connection they had been wanting for quite some time. I did not know that. When I returned, the colonel asked me to get new bulbs put in the whole mess. I informed him that I had already put in the bulbs, and could not put in new ones. He was extremely angry at me for disobeying orders and we continued arguing. It was only much later that we realized that he was talking of the electric bulbs and I of the bulbs of the lily plant!"

On the basis of your reading of the passage, choose the correct option to complete each of the statements below.

1) Mr. Franks was _____.

- a) the narrator's grandfather
- b) a friend of the narrator's grandfather
- c) Susie's grandfather
- d) the closest friend of Susie's grandfather

2) Mr. Franks lived in _____.

- a) his own little house with a tiny garden
- b) a home for the aged
- c) the school hostel
- d) the same house as Susie's grandfather

3) Mr. Franks had been a good gardener in his younger days and he had

_____ to prove it.

- a) many certificates
- b) many gardening magazines
- c) many flowers
- d) a tiny garden

4) Mr. Franks had confused _____ with

electric bulbs and refused to put new bulbs in the mess when ordered by the colonel.

- a) bulbs of the onion plant
- b) bulbs of the daffodil plant
- c) bulbs of the lily plant
- d) bulbs of the tulip plant

5) The word 'anecdotes' means _____

- a) a kind of antibiotics
- b) short, interesting stories about real people or events
- c) photograph albums
- d) fairy tales

II. Unscramble the following words and phrases to make meaningful sentences and rewrite them on the lines given.

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1) spring-blooming / tulips / plants / are

2) are / and / flowers / usually large / the / coloured / brightly

3) have been/ from the / in / tulips / century / cultivated/ Asia / tenth

III. Choose the word with the correct spelling.

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- 1 a) coloumn b) colum c) column d) colomn
- 2 a) embroidered b) embroydered c) imbrodered d) embroudered
- 3 a) palaquin b) pallacuin c) pallanquin d) palanquin
- 4 a) seemstress b) seamstress c) seamtress d) seamtrace

IV. Write the meanings of the words given below. Provide the contextual meaning where mentioned.

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1. Grate (contextual) - _____

2. Gilded - _____

3. Sensible - _____

4. Curious (contextual) - _____

V. Frame a meaningful sentence of your own with the word given below.

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1. Fanning – _____

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

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“Alas! I have no ruby now. My eyes are all that I have left. They are made of rare sapphires, which were brought from India a thousand years ago. Pluck out one of them and take it to him.”

1. Who said this to whom?

2. Why did the speaker not have the ruby with him any longer?

3. To whom does 'him' refer? What did the speaker want to give 'him'?

VII. Answer the following questions briefly.

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1. What frightened the poet's mother into making the remark, "I know not where we have come to." while travelling through Joradighi?

2. What was the 'remarkable phenomenon' that the Professor of Ornithology noticed while passing over the bridge and what did he do about it? How did everyone react to it?

End of the question paper.