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



**SUBJECT : ENGLISH – SET A**

Code: MZEN05

CLASS: VIII

Time Allotted: 40 mins.

13.01.2020

Max .Marks: 20

MARKS OBTAINED:

**General Instructions.**

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

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**I. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow.**

1 The Kohinoor meaning 'Mountain of Light' in Persian, is a 105 carat diamond. It was once the largest known diamond in the world. The Kohinoor was traditionally known as 'Syamantaka-mani' and later 'Madnyak' or the King of Jewels'. It was named Kohinoor in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, by Afghan Ahmed Shah Abdali .

2. The Kohinoor originated in Andhra Pradesh along with another diamond called the 'Darya-ye Noor'-the 'Sea of Light.' It was found in the Kollur region of Guntur district, one of the world's earliest diamond-producing regions. This region was the only known source of diamonds until 1730. Later, diamonds were discovered in Brazil.

Since the Kohinoor was found, it has belonged to various kings and nations. Hindus, Persians, Mughals, Rajput, Turks, Afghan, Sikh and British rulers have fought bitterly over it for many years. The Kohinoor was seized by the East India Company and it became part of the British Crown Jewels when Queen Victoria was proclaimed Empress of India in 1877. The diamond is currently set into the crown of Queen Elizabeth and is on display at the Tower of London.

3. It is believed that the Kohinoor carries a curse which affects the men who wears it, but not women. All the men who owned it have either lost their throne or suffered other misfortunes.

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

**1) The Kohinoor originated in \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) Andhra Pradesh
- c) Rajasthan

- b) Banglore
- d) London

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2) The Kohinoor was in the custody of \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Moghals
- b) Rajputs
- c) East India Company
- d) Britain

3) The Kohinoor was traditionally known as \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) 'Syamantaka-mani'
- b) Darya-ye Noor'
- c) Gunturi stone
- d) British Crown Jewels

4) Who named the diamond as 'Kohinoor'?

- a) British
- b) Persians
- c) Afghan Ahmed Shah Abdali
- d) Queen Victoria

5) Complete the following sentence 1

a) The diamond is presently set into the crown \_\_\_\_\_

6) Answer the questions given below:

a) What curse is the Kohinoor believed to carry? 2

Ans: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

b) Which region was the earliest source of diamonds?

Ans: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

II. Unscramble the following words and phrases to make meaningful sentences and rewrite them on the lines given. 2

1) he /young, /when /was / Issac/on the/farm/mother /his/with/ lived

\_\_\_\_\_

2) and / up / hurry /doors /shut /all the / windows;/and /a terrible /storm/there's / coming!

\_\_\_\_\_

III. Choose the word with the correct spelling. 2

1 a) professional    b) profisional    c) profetional    d) proffessional

2 a) prowling    b)proling    c) prowlling    d)pruling

3 a) chivalrac      b) chivalric      c) chevalric      d) chivelirec

4 a) nemonia      b) pnemonia      c) pneumonia      d) pnemonia

**IV. Write the meanings of the words given below. Provide the contextual meaning where mentioned. 2**

1. solicitously (**contextual**) - \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. swaggered- \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. dreary - \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4. eaves (**contextual**) - \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**V. Frame a meaningful sentence of your own with the word given below. 1**

1. congenial – \_\_\_\_\_

2. fancy \_\_\_\_\_

**VI. Read the extract given below carefully and answer the questions that follow. 4**

**i) 'It matters not how strait the gate,  
How charged with punishments the scroll  
I am the master of my fate:  
I am the captain of my soul'**

1. Identify the phrases that the poet-speaker uses to describe challenges.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Pick two words indicate the poet-speaker's control over his destiny and himself?

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\_\_\_\_\_

3. Find the antonym of the word 'rewards' from the above extract.

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4. Name the Poem and the poet of the above extract?

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**VII. Answer the following questions briefly.**

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1. Why do you think Behrman's painting of the leaf is called a 'masterpiece'?

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2. How did Sue take care of Johnsy when she was sick?

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End of the question paper.