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



ENGLISH – SET B

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.

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

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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) The narrator met Mr. Franks at _____.

- a) his birthday party b) Susie's grandfather's birthday party
- c) her own birthday party d) Susie's birthday party

2) The narrator took a great liking to Mr. Franks because of his _____

- a) enthusiasm for gardening b) enthusiasm for life and interesting stories
- c) enthusiasm for the army life d) his poor health

3) While Mr. Franks was on leave, his unit mess got the _____

_____ that they had been wanting for quite some time.

- a) electricity connection b) internet connection
- c) mobile connection d) telephone connection

4) The meaning of the word 'enthusiasm' is _____

- a) great dislike for something b) having a relaxed attitude
- c) a great and eager interest or enjoyment for something
- d) a lack of desire for something

5) Mr. Frank's stories were an interesting mixture of plant and military life as he _____

- a) had many books on gardening and war stories
- b) was a great gardener and had served in the army
- c) had worked as a gardener in the army camps
- d) had worked in the plant nursery of his unit mess

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

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1) small to / birds / starlings / medium-sized / are

_____.

2) of / starling family / the mynah / a / also / bird / is / the

_____.

3) and car alarms / imitate / like / speech / sounds / starlings / can / human

III. Choose the word with the correct spelling.

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- 1 a) fernace b) furnace c) ferness d)farnace
- 2 a)desolet b)dezolet c) desolate d) dazolate
- 3 a) proclamation b) proclamation c) proclaimastion d)proclamashun
- 4 a) attatchment b) atachment c) attachmeant d) attachment

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

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1. Withered - _____

2. Garret - _____

3. Tossing (contextual) - _____

4. Sculptured - _____

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

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1. Sorrow - _____

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 is being asked to take the sapphire and give to whom?

2. Why did the speaker want the sapphire to be given to ‘him’?

3. Why do you think were the sapphires precious?

VII. Answer the following questions briefly.

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1. How does the little boy describe his fight with the dacoits in the poem ‘The Hero’?

2. How do you know that the lives of the poor people of the city improved after the Happy Prince started giving away the gold leaves covering him to them?

End of the question paper.