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**INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT
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ANNUAL EXAMINATION 2019-20**



**SUBJECT- ENGLISH
(SET-A)**

Code: MZEN05

CLASS: VIII

Time Allotted: 2 ½ Hrs.

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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)

Qns		Marks
1.	<u>Read the passage given below carefully and answer the questions that follow.</u>	7marks

1.In ancient cultures, sky-watching played an important role in navigation, agriculture, religion, and even entertainment. Those who observed the heavens connected stars to form patterns that is related to the heroes, gods and legends of their culture – known today as constellations. Most cultures named constellations and attached cultural meaning to their patterns. Native Americans, for instance, often used constellations to teach moral lessons. Today, the Western world acknowledges the constellations that originated in Mesopotamia more than 5,000 years ago. Babylonian, Egyptian and Greek astronomers also made contributions during the classical ages of their cultures.

2.Out of 88 constellations officially recognized by the International Astronomical Union,48 were identified in ancient times with just the naked eyes. The remaining 40 were added in more recent centuries. Each constellation has its own border ensuring that each star would be restricted to one constellation only.

3.Constellations change over time as the stars in them move through space. The dipper part of the Big Dipper in the constellations Ursa Major (Great Bear) appeared much squarer in the past. With the dipper’s bowl starting to elongate 100,000 years from now, it will look more like a soup bowl with a handle.

A.Based on your reading of the passage given above, answer the following questions.

2marks

a.The astronomers of which other ancient cultures, apart from the Mesopotamians, made important contributions to astronomy?

b. In which sphere did sky-watching help the people of ancient cultures?

3marks

B. Complete the following sentences appropriately.

a. Forty eight constellations officially recognized by the International Astronomical Union were _____

b. Constellations change _____

c. Ancient sky-watchers gave us constellations by connecting stars in patterns related to their _____

1/2x4=2

C. State whether the following statements are true or false.

a. The dipper part of the Small Dipper in the constellations Ursa Major appeared much squarer in the past. _____

b. Total 87 constellations were officially recognized by the International Astronomical Union _____

c. Dipper bowl will look more like a soup bowl with a handle. _____

d. Native Americans often used constellations to teach moral lessons. _____

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

8marks

1. The so-called modern man is the most restless, unsatisfied and partially mad. Everybody is mad in this world, there is only the difference of degrees. Someone is mad at 5 degrees, the other at 80 degrees and the man who could not face the problems of modern life style becomes fully mad at 100 degrees. We are varied mind set people. The nature of mind is like a loafer, it is not at its centre. When mind settles down, we become silent, we become relaxed and we enjoy the present moment of life.

2. We the modern people have completely exhausted our nervous system by using too much of it. So everybody has become irritable, angry and confused. This is the result of over use of our mind, we are not using body but brain. There is blind race how to collect too much money, how to go on the top, how to be successful in this world. This race ends into defeat. Too many expectations lead to frustration.

3. Just from childhood, parents start encouraging their children to be more ambitious, to be more competitive and to get more marks in the exams. We expect our children to be the best doctors, to be the best engineers and to be the best business men. Nobody likes their children to be a good painter, a good mechanic, a good carpenter, a good artist. This hurts our own ego that our children become painters, carpenters and artists whereas other's children are doctors and engineers. This ego of parents is not letting children to do their best.

A. On the basis of your reading the above passage, choose the most appropriate option and complete the sentences.

1/2x4=2

i)The modern man is _____
a) mostly found happy b) is the most restless ,unsatisfied c) the most reliable and trustworthy

ii)Too much exhaustion of our mind makes us _____
a)irritable and dependent on others b) irritable ,angry and confused c)ambitious and socially alienated

iii)What hurts the parents? _____
a)When the children disobey their parents b) When the children follow professions not of the choice of their parents c) When the children spend more time on net.

iv) Most of the parents expect their children to be _____
a)the best human beings in every field b) the best sports person and athletes c) the best doctors, engineers and businessmen

B. State whether the following statements are true or false.

a.When mind settles down, we become silent and relaxed _____ 1/2x2=1

b. Too many expectations lead to success _____

C. Fill in the blanks and complete the paragraph.

a.There is a blind i) _____ how to collect too much ii) _____ ,how to go on the 1/2x4=2

iii) _____ how to be iv) _____ in this world.

D. Answer the following questions in brief

a.How do parents inspire their children? 1x3=3

b.Why do children fail to give their best?

c.How do people get exhausted?

SECTION B – WRITING (18 MARKS)

3 Write a brief **bio-sketch** of **Abhinav Bindra** with the help of the given hints. 4

- Born on 25th September ,1982,Dehradun,India
- Parents: Apjit Bindra,Babli Bindra
- Education : The Doon School ,St.Stephen’s School,Chandigarh, University of Colorado Boulder.
- Profession : Businessman
- became a shooter at the age of 15....the youngest participant in 1998 in Olympics.

- Common wealth Gamescame to limelight by winning a bronze medal in the 2001 Munich World Cup....won India’s first individual Olympic gold medal in 2008received *Rajiv Gandhi Khel Retna Award* in 2001 ...*Padma Bhushan* in

2009.

- 4 You are Anum / Misba , Head boy /Head girl of your school. Write a **NOTICE in about 50 words** for your school notice board calling for entries from desirous students for the **Reading Competition**, Preliminary round to be held at your school. Provide all the necessary details. 4
- 5 Complete the following **report** using the hints given below. Do not add any new information. Give an appropriate heading. 4

Kill ---car bombexplodecrowded Marketset off.....fear.....trapin
.....the building ...occur at 6:45 pmshatterimpacthear

c) _____

At least 15 people a) _____ and many were critically injured when b) _____ today. Police said, dozens of people d) _____ Where the fire broke out following the blast. The explosion e) _____ Parking area, destroying cars, buses and trucks. Windows of several shops f) _____ by the g) _____ and h) _____ at least two kilometers away.

- 6 a)You are Rahim / Marwa, a student of class VIII. Write a **letter to your Vice Principal seeking permission for a Study Tour to Planetarium** and requesting his guidance for the same. 6

(OR)

b) Write an **E-mail to the Principal** of your ward's school requesting leave of absence for your ward as you have to travel to London to attend his ailing brother.

SECTION C – GRAMMAR (20 MARKS)

7. **Join the pair of sentences using the conjunctions given in the brackets.** 1/2X6=3
- 1.I didn't know that he can't speak. I didn't know that he can't see. (neithernor)
- 2.Sara is invited to the party. Sona is invited to the party. (Bothand)
- 3She wanted to do odd jobs. She might save some money. (so that)
- 4.I entered the house. My dog jumped on me.(no sooner...than)

5.Students of class V may go for the camp. Students of class VI may go for the camp too. (as well as)

6.The doctors gave him the best treatment .The doctors could not save him.(yet)

8 **Do as directed within the brackets.** 3

1.Ashok has written this letter .(Change to Passive Voice)

2. They are picking some flowers. .(Change to Passive Voice)

3.Vegetables were eaten by him for a healthier life. .(Change to Active Voice)

9 **Do as directed within the brackets.** 3

1.It is snowing .The ceremony will begin on time.(Rewrite the sentences from simple to compound sentence)

2. He did not work hard. He failed in the examination.(Rewrite the sentences from simple to compound sentence)

3.She is a talented artist . Everybody knows this.(Rewrite the sentences from simple to complex sentence)

10 **Do as directed within the brackets.** 2

1 We visited the place _____(Complete the sentence with Adjective Clause)

2.He could not come _____(Complete the sentence with Adverb Clause)

11 **Rearrange the words and phrases to make meaningful sentences.** 3

1.a/ fashion /has become / with /eating out /people / today

2.by / relished / home cooked food / no longer / the youngsters/ healthy /is

3.popularity /junk food / of / has led / the opening / to /of / eating joints / many

12. **The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correct word in the blanks provided.** 1/2x6=3

1.The museum also displayed replicas of the Mutoscope, a)_____

2. the camera using by the Lumiere Brothers,and b) _____

3.the Praxinoscope – a animation device invented c) _____

4.in France into the 1870's .The museum d) _____

5.celebrates not any Bollywood but also the movies e) _____

6.makes in the various languages across India. f) _____

13 **Read the conversations given below and complete the passage that follow.** 1/2x6=3

Sona: Dad, Can you buy a laptop for me?

Dad : Why do you need a laptop when you can use the desk top?

Sona : All my friends have laptop, I want one for myself .

Dad : I will buy one when I feel you need it.

Sona: But dad, it is difficult to manage on desk top as Raj also uses it often.

Dad : I know ,you have to adjust with your younger brother.

Sona : Ok dad, thank you.

Sona requested her dad a)_____ . Her dad asked her

b)_____. Sona replied that c) _____ . Her dad was not

convinced and said d) _____ . Sona told her dad

e)_____. Her dad advised her f) _____

SECTION D – LITERATURE (27 MARKS)

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

“ I wish I could see how the ocean is lashing
The foam of its billows to whirlwinds of spray,
I wish I could see how its proud waves are dashing,
And hear the wild roar of their thunder today!”

a.What does the speaker want to see and hear?

b.Name the poetic device used in the above extract?

c.Name the poem and the poet of the given lines?

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

“My heart sank .I had seen them in the shops and I knew that they were horribly expensive .My mouth had often watered at the sight of them. Madame wants to know if you have any of those giant asparagus, I asked the waiter.”

A.Choose the correct option.

a. Who is 'I' referred to in the above lines?

- i) narrator ii) guest iii) waiter

b. What was the first food item the lady asked for?

- i) cavier ii) salmon fish iii) champagne

c. What did the narrator order for himself?

- i) mutton chops ii) fresh king fish iii) mutton biryani

d. Where were they dining?

- i) Foyot's restaurant ii) Luxembourg hotel iii) Foyoti's hotel

16 Choose the correct synonyms. 1/2x4=2

- i) effusive: _____
 - a) extremely enthusiastic b) extremely expensive c) extremely full

- ii) amicable : _____
 - a) friendly b) friendly smile c) warm and generous

- iii) morbid : _____
 - a) dizzy b) sad, unhappy c) sad, unhealthy

- iv) bounty: _____
 - a) big gift b) parcel c) without burden

17 Choose the correct Antonyms. 1/2x4=2

- i) hospitable x _____
 - a) inhospitable b) hospitality c) strength

- ii) failure x _____
 - a) success b) succeed c) approval

- iii) awesome x _____
 - a) forever b) awful c) ample

- iv) startled x _____
 - a) calm b) aggressive c) stunned

18 Answer any FIVE of the following questions in about 30-40 words. 10

- 1. Why do you think Johnsy believed that she must go when the last leaf on the Ivy vine falls?

- 2. How much should a modest lunch have cost according to the narrator? Why does the narrator refuse to have any of the splendid food item?

3.What does the expression '*How time does fly mean?*' How long ago had they met first in the lesson '*Luncheon*'

4.Who was Behrman? How did Behrman earn his living?

5.What has bludgeoned the poet's head? How has it affected his courage?

6.What do Lear's two older daughters say about their love for their father?

19 **Answer ONE of the following questions in about 120 words.**

6

a. Do you think that the narrator enjoyed the luncheon? Support your answer with the help of instances from the lesson.

(OR)

b. What is Cordelia's answer to King Lear? What was he expecting from his lovely daughter? How did he react to it?

End of the question paper.