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



SUBJECT- ENGLISH (SET-B)

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?

B. Complete the following sentences appropriately.

3marks

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 _____

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

1/2x4=2

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 have to become painter, carpenter and artist and other's children are doctors and engineers is not letting our children to do their best.

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

i)The modern man is _____
 a) mostly found unhappy 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 doctors, engineers and businessmen c) the best sports person and athletes.

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
 the
 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.....feartrapinthe 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 to your ailing brother.

SECTION C – GRAMMAR (20 MARKS)

- 7 Join the pair of sentences using the **conjunctions** given in the brackets. 1/2X6=3
1. They are noisy. They are lazy.(not only....but also)
 2. The girls practiced hard. The girls did not win the match.(though)
 3. God made small things. God made great things (as well as).
 4. It was a difficult examination. I passed the examination.(but)

5. She cannot go to school .She fully recovers from her illness.(before)

6. You may get the best grade in the oral test. You will still need to pass the written test.(even if)

8 **Do as directed within the brackets.** 1x3=3

1. Don't make noise.(Change to Passive Voice)

2. Ramu Kaka waters the plants daily.(Change to Passive Voice)

3. Are you disturbed by the noise?(Change to Active Voice)

9 **Do as directed within the brackets.** 1x3=3

1. This is the school. I was taught here. (Join the pair of sentences into simple sentence)

2 He went to Delhi. He wished to see the monuments.(Join the pair of simple sentences into compound sentence)

3. I was surprised. I heard his dismissal.(Join the pair of simple sentences to complex sentence)

10 **Do as directed within the brackets.** 1x2=2

1. This is the same old book _____(Complete the sentence with Adjective Clause)

2. I asked him _____(Complete the sentence with Noun Clause)

11 **Rearrange the words and phrases to make meaningful sentences.** 1x3=3

1. of / care / is important / Post-operative / quick recovery / for / a patient

2. the / first / doctor / a diagnosis / makes / an illness / of

3. he or she / what / then / kind / decides / of treatment / needed / is

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

1. Darius was a emperor of Persia. He was a) _____

2. Known for her courage and strength .He came there b) _____

3. marching at the head of his army c) _____

4. Any of the bravest soldiers were in his army. d) _____

5. But it was more smaller than the army of Alexander e) _____

6. On an eve of the battle the whole valley was lit by the f) _____
Torches of the Persian soldiers

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

Interviewer: Where do you live?

Metilda : I live near Town Square area.

Interviewer: That's fine. But why do you want to change the job?

Metilda: I feel that I am stagnating there and more over there is no scope for promotion.

Interviewer: Can you work on Fridays?

Metilda: I have no problem working on Fridays.

Interviewer : Congratulations Metilda, The job is yours and you have to report to the

work at the earliest. The interviewer asked a) _____ Metilda replied

b) _____. The interviewer expressed his satisfaction and asked her

c) _____ Metilda was frank enough to say d) _____.

The interviewer wished to know e) _____ Metilda said f) _____

The interviewer congratulated Metilda and told her that she has to report at the earliest.

SECTION D – LITERATURE (27 MARKS)

14. **Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow.** 1x3=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 wish 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.**

1x4=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 that 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) clamour : _____

a) shout or declare in a loud voice

b) speak softly

c) friendly talk

ii) succulent : _____

a) juicy

b) spicy

c) tasty

iii) vindictive : _____

a) full of happiness
for revenge

b) desire to help

c) full of desire

iv) magnificent : _____

a) impressive

b) un impressive

c) cheerful

17. **Choose the correct Antonyms.**

1/2x4=2

i) hospitable x _____

a) in hospitable

b) un hospitable

c) strength

ii) flattered x _____

a) abused

b) abstain

c) approval

iii) congenial x _____

a) friendly

b) disagreeable

c) jovial

iv) fierce x _____

a)gentle

b) timid

c)strong

18. **Answer any FIVE of the following questions in about 30-40 words.** 2x5=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 items?

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. Why does the poet –speaker in the poem "Invictus" thank the gods for his unconquerable soul?

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.** 1x6=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.