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**INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT
MIDDLE SECTION
HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION 2019-20**



SUBJECT – ENGLISH

Code:MXEN12

CLASS: VI

Time Allotted: 2 ½ Hrs.

29.09.2019

Max .Marks: 80

MARKS OBTAINED:

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

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Marks

1. **Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.**

1. Prafulla Chandra Ray was born on 2 August 1861 in the district of Jessore, now in Bangladesh, close to the birth place of Madhusudan Dutt, widely regarded as the Milton of Bengal. It was the best of times and the worst. The British had by now perfected their role as masters and British values permeated the Indian upper classes to the very last detail like table manners. That, of course, was not the worst of the British influence. What was far more demeaning to the educated Indian-and there were several – was the fact that senior government positions were closed to them. Being forfeited of one's right in one's land of birth would become the rallying point for the Indian intelligentsia in the years to come.

2. Ray's father Harish Chandra Ray, a man of learning and taste, was closely associated with the cultural and intellectual leaders of the time and exerted great influence on his son. Ray had his early schooling in the village school founded by his father but soon, his father shifted to Calcutta and at the age of nine, little Prafulla set eyes for the first time, on the bustling city that would be his home for many years to come. He was filled with wonder at the ever-changing sights and sounds- the city seemed to change moods ever so often! His formal schooling was interrupted due to illness but that did not affect his education.

A. On the basis of your reading choose the correct option.

- (i) Prafulla Chandra Ray was born on

- a) 2 August, 1861
- b) 2 September, 1861
- c) 3 August, 1861

(ii) Ray had his early schooling in the village school founded by

- a) his father.
- b) his uncle
- c) his great grand father

(iii) Madhusudan Dutt was widely regarded as

- a) The Milton of Bengal
- b) The Militia of Bengal
- c) The Milton of Calcutta

(iv) Prafulla Chandra Ray at the age of nine shifted to the city of

- a) Calcutta
- b) Bangladesh
- c) Jessore

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B. Do as instructed :

Find the word from the passage which means same as

- i) 'full of activity' (paragraph 2)
- ii) 'a feeling of amazement and admiration' (paragraph 2)
- iii) 'disease' (paragraph 2)

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Find the word which means the opposite

- iv) best (paragraph 1)
- v) informal (paragraph 2)
- vi) junior (paragraph 1)

C. Answer the questions in one sentence.

- i) Who were the close associates of Harish Chandra Ray?
- ii) Who had a great influence on Prafulla Chandra ray?
- iii) Why was Prafulla's formal schooling interrupted?

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2. Read the following passage and answer the following question that follow.

Hello, my name is Curiosity. I am a robot. I was sent to Planet Mars in 2012. My job is to find out if there was life on Mars. Mars does not have the oxygen or water needed for humans to stay alive. But scientists believe that one day; it might be possible for human to live on Mars. (paragraph 1)

Mars is a much smaller, drier and colder planet than the Earth. It has mountains, valleys, sand and rocks, just like the Earth. Mars, however, has red soil. It also has two moons! (paragraph 2)

I am a rover, which means that I can move around the planet and send information back to the Earth. I am as big as a car, with big, powerful wheels which help me roll over rocks and sand without getting stuck. I have seventeen cameras---- more than any other robot sent here before me! I take a lot of photographs. The cameras also act as my eyes, so that I can stay away from danger, such as, dust storms.

(paragraph 3)

I have helped scientist collect a lot of important information, including the level of radiation on Mars. Radiation is a type of energy that comes from the sun, but it is harmful to living beings. On the Earth, the atmosphere blocks most of radiation. But here on Mars, I discovered high levels of radiation. Now, scientist will use this information to make sure that when humans arrive on this planet, they have powerful space suits that keep them safe.

(paragraph 4)

May be you and I will meet some day on Mars.

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A. Find words in the text that mean the same as -

- i) harmful rays of the sun.(paragraph 4)
- ii) a person who has expert knowledge of sciences.(paragraph 1.)
- iii) to find during a search (paragraph 4)
- iv) to come (paragraph 4)

B. Write true or false.

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- i) Curiosity is a rover which can move around the planet and send information.
- ii) It has seventeen cameras and it is as big as a truck.
- iii) Mars has high level of radiation which makes it suitable for human beings.
- iv) Scientist believe that one day, it might be possible for human beings to live on Mars.

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C. Answer the following in one or two sentences.

- i) What is radiation?
- ii) What will scientists do with the information which Curiosity sends?
- iii) What is Curiosity and when was it sent to Mars?

SECTION B (WRITING) 18 MARKS

3. **Write a factual description of a garden that you visited recently in not more than 50 words.**

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4. **Given below are few jumbled sentences. Read them carefully, rearrange the given sentences and write a meaningful story. Write it as a paragraph.**

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The Clever Fox

1. He discovered that he was alone on a tiny island.
2. Once, a fox was walking through a forest when it was picked up by an eagle.
3. He wriggled and managed to free himself from the eagle's grasp and fell on a tiny

Island.

4. Many sea animals came to hear his song.
5. He struck upon an idea to escape from the island and began to sing.
6. He told the sea animals that he was wondering whether the land or the sea has more animals.
7. He made them line up so he could count them.
8. The fox jumped over the sea creatures and reached home.

5. **Read the following conversation between Himanshu and his friend's sister, Juhi, and complete the message in not more than 50 words in the space provided. Juhi also has to go for her coaching class. So she writes the message for her brother.**

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Himanshu : Is it 2552123

Juhi: Yes, who are you calling?

Himanshu: It is Himanshu here. Can I talk to Rohan?

Juhi: I am sorry. Rohan is not at home. He has gone to the market to fetch some books.

Himanshu: O.K. Would you please convey him my message that I cannot go on picnic tomorrow, as my uncle is coming tomorrow?

Juhi: I'll certainly do so. Anything else?

Himanshu: Thanks. Bye.

1. _____	3. _____
2. _____	4. _____
5. _____, your friend ,rang up to tell you that 6. _____	
_____tomorrow with you as 7. _____	
_____. I will be back by 6pm.	
8. _____	

6. **You are Nita /Nitin. Write a letter to your friend advising him to study hard for his exams and not to spend too much time on the internet. (word limit 120 words)**

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OR

Using the given hints below, write a meaningful story with a moral and a title in about 100 to 120 words.

Many trees in forest ---- big banyan tree very proud ----- does not allow birds to build nests --- does not let wild animals rest in shade ----- all animals go away ---- wood cutters come ---- measure tree---- decide to cut next day -----tree afraid ---- call animals and birds for help --- apologizes for being rude --- tigers, lions and bears surround tree---

men come ---- frightened by animals --- go away --- tree happy-realizes importance of interdependence.

SECTION C(GRAMMAR) 20 MARKS

- 7. Fill in the blanks using appropriate pronouns. 3**
1. My favourite author is publishing a new book. _____ am eager to buy it.
 2. _____ is a famous singer.
 3. My dog hurt _____ when a car ran over its tail.
 4. You have to help _____.(reflexive pronoun)
 5. _____ are the flowers I want to buy for my mother.
 - 6 Mr. and Mrs. Sen bought a plant for their house. It is _____.
- 8. Fill in the blanks with correct form of verbs.(Subject verb agreement) 3**
- 1 The sky _____ blue in the morning.(look)
 - 2 You and I _____ going for a picnic.(be form)
 - 3 The school _____ students for outdoor trips.(send)
 - 4 He _____ English and French fluently.(speak)
 - 5 My grandmother _____ me stories every night. (tell)
 - 6 She _____ her students with enthusiasm. (teach)
- 9. Fill in the correct forms of the given nouns in the bracket. 3**
- 1 I watched three _____ (film) last weekend.
 - 2 Nita wanted to buy some _____. (pen)
 - 3 There are many _____ which we have to study in Science. (theory)
 - 4 _____ cause Malaria. (mosquito)
 - 5 I clicked many _____ of the guests sitting in the hall.(photo)
 - 6 These _____ are old but useful. (brush)
- 10. Do as directed and rewrite the sentences. 3**
- 1 The match _____ at 5 pm. (begin) (Simple present tense)
 - 2 The masons _____ this building. (build)(past continuous)
 - 3 The examiners _____ the answer books. (mark) (present continuous)
- 11. Read the following sentences. Rewrite after punctuating them. 2**
- 1 meera says I will go to the market
 - 2 rohit told me that he was going to mumbai and pune
- 12. Fill in the blanks with suitable articles. 3**
- 1 Please bring me _____ umbrella.
 - 2 Priya's sister is studying in _____ university.
 - 3 _____ United Arab Emirates is a country in Western Asia.
- 13. Rearrange the given words to frame a meaningful sentence. 3**
1. film / Neeta / and / watching / Shobhit / a / are
 2. robbers / the / divided / his money/ themselves / among
 3. Orpheus / a/ was/ poet/ a/ musician/ and / who lived/ Greece / in

SECTION D(LITERATURE) 27 MARKS

- 14. Read the given extract and write the answer the following questions**

A. 'Enough is enough. It's better to go and live in the forest than to suffer fools. What can happen? I may get eaten by a tiger.' 3

- 1) Who is the speaker?
- 2) Where did he go to live?
- 3) What might happen to him in the forest?

B. 'What sort of way is that to render justice? said the Caliph to himself.' 3

- 1) Who was rendering justice?
a) Cadi b) Caliph c) the tailor
- 2) What does the word render mean?
a) give b) punish c) force
- 3) What was strange about the way the justice was done?
a) There were no judges
b) There were no witnesses
c) The judge did not listen to any of the complainants.

**C. 'A habit is a sticky thing;
Much good or evil it can bring;
It binds a victim, holds him fast,
And keeps him in a vise like grasp.'** 3

- 1) Name the poem from which the above lines are taken.
- 2) What does the phrase 'hold him fast' mean?
- 3) What is called 'a sticky thing' according to the poet?

15. Write the synonyms (word meaning) of the following words. 3

1. blissful
2. chink
3. stern
4. Cadi

Write the antonyms (opposite) of the following words.

5. justice
6. damp

16. Answer any THREE of the following questions in 30 to 40 words. 9

1. What did Charlie buy? Why did he grab it?
2. Who is called the gardener of the world and why?
3. Why did Kanu chase Goopy away?
4. What was the name of the Caliph? How did the Caliph reward the Cadi?

17. Answer any ONE from the questions given below in 60 to 80 words.

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Describe the shopkeeper. What advice did he give to Charlie after he got offers for his Golden Ticket?

OR

What cases were presented before the Cadi? How did the Cadi solve the case between the oil merchant and the porter? What punishment did the porter get?

End of the question paper.