



**INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT
MIDDLE SECTION
SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT 1 (2016 - 2017)
ENGLISH**

**CLASS: VII
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**MARKS: 60
DURATION: 2HRS**

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- a) Read all the questions carefully
- b) Write all your answers on the answer sheets provided
- c) Do not copy any questions and statements
- d) Number the answers correctly
- e) Do not exceed the word limit.

SECTION 'A' - READING (10 MARKS)

- I. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. **5 marks**

Let There Be Peace

A wise old gentleman retired and purchased a modest home near a junior high school. He spent the first weeks of his retirement in peace and contentment. Then a new school year began. The very next afternoon three young boys, full of youthful, enthusiasm, came down the street, beating merrily every trash can they encountered. The crashing percussion continued day after day, until finally the wise old man decided it was time to take some action.

The next afternoon, he walked out to meet the young percussionists as they banged their way down the street. Stopping them, he said "You kids are a lot of fun. I like to see it. I'll give you each a dollar if you'll promise to come around every day" The kids were elated and continued to do a **bang-up** job on the trash can.

After a few days, the old timer greeted them, he had a sad smile on his face. 'This recession is really putting a big dent in my income,' he told them. "From now on I'll only be able to pay you 25 cents to beat on the cans. "A lousy quarter?' the drum leader exclaimed, 'If you think we're going to waste our time beating these cans around for a quarter, you're mistaken! No way, mister. We quit!' And the old man enjoyed peace and serenity for the rest of his days.

A Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

3 marks

1) The boys gave up beating the trash cans because _____
a) they did not like the noise b) they felt cheated c) they had to go to school d) they had holidays

2) The old gentleman spend the first few weeks of his retirement in _____

a) peace and contentment b) sorrow and sadness c) pain and suffering d) happiness

3) His peace was spoiled by _____

a) five thieves b) two young boys c) three young boys d) three senior boys

B Find the words from the passage that are closest in meaning to the following: 2marks

a) drummers _____ (Paragraph 1& 2)

b) Economic set-down _____ (Paragraph 2)

II. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. 5 marks

THE GREENHOUSE EFFECT

If you get into a car that has been parked in the sunshine, the temperature inside is often much higher than the outside. This is just one example of the greenhouse effect, something that is essential for life on earth. The greenhouse effect keeps our planet warm- without it, most of the surface would be frozen solid.

In recent years, air pollution has increased this greenhouse effect, making the earth's temperature rise. If it continues this worldwide change could be the biggest one ever caused by the human beings.

When sunlight reaches the earth, some of it is reflected back into space, but most of it travels through the atmosphere until it hits the planet's surface. Here, it warms up the land and the oceans, making the earth give off energy in return. This outgoing energy is quite different from sunlight. It has a long wavelength, which makes it invisible, and it is given off from the whole of the earth's surface 24 hours a day.

Unlike sunlight, this energy can be absorbed by some of the gases that are found in the air. This difference is crucial because it means that outgoing energy finds it harder to escape into space. As a result, the earth clings on to its heat, staying warmer than it would otherwise be.

A) Complete the following sentences:

3 marks

- a) The greenhouse effect is essential because _____ .
b) Air pollution has changed the situation on the earth by _____ .
c) Without the greenhouse effect _____ .

B) Answer the following questions:

2 marks

- a) How is outgoing energy different from the sunlight?
b) What is the main function of sunlight?

SECTION 'B' – WRITING (15 MARKS)

III. Write down the brief bio-sketch of Saina Nehwal in not more than 50 words. 4 marks

Name: Saina Nehwal
Born on: 17 March, 1990, in Hyderabad city of India
Parents: Harvir Singh and Usha Rani
Profession: started her badminton training under the Dronacharya awardee S.M. Arif - took part in Junior Czech Open held in 2003, led the Indian Women's Team to finals of eh Uber Cup in 2010
Awards won: Won the Indian open Grandprix Gold 2010 defeating Mew Choo Wong from Malayasia. Received Padma Shri in 2010 and Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna award in 2010

IV. Aarti had the following conversation with her friend Veena's dance teacher, Mrs Meenakshi. Since she was going to the market soon afterwards, she leaves a message for Veena. Read the conversation and write out the message in not more than 50 words. (4marks)

Mrs. Meenakshi: Hello, this is Mrs. Meenakshi speaking. Could I please speak to Veena?

Aarti : I'm afraid Mrs. Meenakshi, Veena has just left for the library.

Mrs. Meenakshi: When is she likely to come back?

Aarti: In about 2 hours. Could I give her a message?

Mrs. Meenakshi: Yes Please. Could you tell her that there won't be a dance class today. but there will be a class tomorrow at 5:30 pm. She should bring extra snacks with her, as the class will be for two hours. Will you kindly convey the message to her?

Aarti: Yes, I will.

- V. You are Amit / Amita studying in Class VII. Write an application to your Vice Principal seeking permission to be absent from school for one week giving a valid reason.

OR

You have just returned after your summer holiday from Shimla and enjoyed the snowfall. Write an e-mail giving to your friend describing your experience of the snowfall and the fun you had. 7 marks

SECTION 'C' - GRAMMAR (15 MARKS)

- VI. Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions given in the brackets. 3 marks
- a) Meena is qualified _____ this post. (at / to /for)
 - b) I was annoyed _____ him. (on/ with /for)
 - c) The money was divided _____ four men. (among /between / to)
- VII. Change the following from direct to indirect speech. 3 marks
- a) The teacher said, "Light travels in a straight line."
 - b) The film producer said, "I am going to make a new film."
 - c) "Has the train left?" asked the passenger.
- VIII. Change the tense as directed and rewrite the sentences 3 marks
- a) The girl sings beautiful. (Simple past form)
 - b) He wanted some money. (Simple present form)
 - c) Mahima forgot her umbrella. (present perfect form)
- IX. Fill in the blanks with appropriate modal. 3 marks
- a) If you remain hungry you _____ die of hunger. (will, must, need)
 - b) You are not well. You _____ see a doctor at once. (can, must, will)
 - c) We _____ obey our elders. (should, can, will)
- X. In the following passage one word is missing in each line. Write the missing word along with the words before and after it. Underline the word you provide. The first one has been done as an example.
- a) Sherlock Holmes lived the first floor lived on the
 - b) of Mrs. Hudson's house, London. _____ _____ _____
 - c) Mrs. Hudson was used people visiting Holmes _____ _____ _____

- d) at all times the night, but she never _____
- e) complained. She knew Holmes a special man _____
- f) with a very important job do. _____
- g) When I saw Holmes, I horrified. _____

SECTION 'D' - LITERATURE (20 MARKS)

XI. Read the given extract and answer the following questions 3 marks

**'Whose woods those are I think I know,
His house is in the village though;
He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods fill up with snow.'**

- a) Who will not see the persona stopping here?
b) Why does the persona stop in the woods?
c) Why is this person unable to see the persona?

XII. Read the extract given below and answer the following questions 3 marks

'Go! ' The starter's gun went off and I was out of my blocks almost immediately, racing away. There was no one on my left and, more importantly, there was no one on my right! I was ahead and sprinting away. The roar of the crowd was deafening.'

Choose the correct answer and fill in the blanks

- a) Whose gun was shot in the air? _____
i) Thief 's gun ii) policeman's gun iii) starter's gun iv) narrator's gun
- b) Whose name was the crowd shouting? _____
i) Suvira ii) narrator iii) Anju iv) Seema
- c) How many meters had they to run? _____
i) 400 m ii) 200m iii) 800m iv) 600m

XIII. Answer any FOUR of the following questions in about 30-40 words: 8 marks

- a) Do you think both Suvira and the narrator were happy with the outcomes? What makes you think so?
- b) How did Binya treat her umbrella?
- c) Why did Miss Rumphius want to plant more Lupine seeds in summer?
- d) How did the umbrella belong to both of them?
- e) What message does the poet offer you in the poem 'The Palm Tree'?

XIV. Answer any one of the following questions in about 100 words: 6 marks

- a) Which faraway places did Miss Rumphius go to? What were her experiences there?

OR

- b) The narrator's second day at her new school was marked with excitement. Justify your answer.