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	INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT MIDDLE SECTION SECOND PERIODIC TEST 2022 - 23	
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	<u>SUBJECT — ENGLISH</u>	Code: MZEN07
CLASS: VIII	SET - A	Time Allotted: 40 minutes.
23.11.2022		Max. Marks: 20 Marks obtained: <input style="width: 50px; height: 30px; border: 1px solid black;" type="text"/>

General Instructions:

1. All questions are **compulsory**.
2. All answers should be written in the space provided in the question paper.

SECTION - A

Q.NO.	<p><u>Read the following passage and answer the following questions based on your understanding of the passage:</u></p> <p>1. Did you sleep well last night? Or did you wake up feeling fatigued and sluggish – perhaps even wondering if you really slept at all? Understanding your sleep behaviour and preparing for a sound slumber can help make sure every night is a good night for sleeping. “Sleep is a behaviour and, like all behaviours, it varies greatly among people,” explains Dr Carol Landis, sleep researcher and associate professor in bio behavioural nursing and health systems at the University of Washington School of Nursing.</p> <p>2. Nobody knows why we sleep, but we all need to. There are no rules about how much sleep is necessary but an average adult sleeps for 7 hours 20 minutes. Babies need between 14 and 18 hours, whereas the elderly need less than they did when young but often take a nap during the day. If you miss a couple of hours of sleep, no harm is done. You may feel tired and irritable the next day but the body soon makes up for the loss. If you try to stay awake night after night however, you soon begin to behave strangely. You lose the ability to concentrate and your judgement is impaired.</p> <p>3. There are a number of causes for sleeplessness. Worry and depression are the most common. All kinds of things in the environment can affect sleep — noise, light, heat, cold, new surroundings, etc. Pain in illness can also keep people awake. Many people become addicted to their sleeping pills but sleeping pills do not deal with the causes of insomnia and it is better to avoid them if you can. It is much better to identify the problem and remove it.</p>	
	<u>Choose the correct option:</u>	Marks
1	If you try to stay awake night after night _____ (i) you begin to behave aggressively (ii) you begin to behave strangely (iii) you begin to behave fearlessly	1

	(iv) you will feel relaxed	
2	The environmental factors that can affect sleep are: (i) noise (ii) heat and cold (iii) new surroundings (iv) all of the above	1
	<u>Fill in the blanks.</u>	(2x1/2 =1)
3	We can ensure a good night's rest by understanding our sleep _____	
4	Write the word similar in meaning to 'inability to sleep' from the passage. (para 3) _____	
	<u>State whether the following statements are true or false</u>	(2x1/2 =1)
5	Worry and depression are not the most common causes of sleeplessness. -	
6	Sleep patterns vary from individual to individual. –	
	<u>Answer the following</u>	
7	How long does an average adult sleep? _____ _____	1
8	<u>SECTION B -GRAMMAR</u> Read the conversation given below and complete the passage that follows. Amy: Mother, I have something to tell you. Mother: What is it? Amy: I have broken your favourite vase. Mother: How did it happen? Amy: I was dusting the shelf and knocked it down. Mother: That's the second vase you have broken. I'm going to deduct some money from your allowance each week. Amy: Oh! That is not fair. It was just an accident. Mother: It'll teach you to be more careful. Amy told her mother that she wanted to tell her something. Mother asked her (1)_____. Amy replied that she (2)_____her favourite vase. Mother further	(4)

	inquired how it (3)_____. To this Amy replied that she (4)_____the shelf and had knocked it down. Mother sternly told that it was the second vase that she had broken and she (5)_____to deduct some money from her allowance each week Amy exclaimed in disappointment that it (6)_____and justified that it was just an accident. Mother calmly (7)_____	
	<u>SECTION C- LITERATURE</u>	
9	<u>Reference to Context</u> A few, a few, too few for drums and yells, May creep back, silent, to still village wells Up half-known roads.	
	a) a) What does the word 'few' refer to in the above lines? (Circle the correct answer) (i) few soldiers go to the war front (ii) few soldiers die during the war (iii) few soldiers are sent back from the war front (iv) few soldiers return from the battlefield	1
	b) How do the soldiers return from the war front? _____ _____	1
	c) What does the poet mean by the phrase 'half-known roads'? _____ _____	1
	<u>Answer the following in 20 to 30 words.</u>	
10	What is your first impression of the stranger? _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	2
11	What did Jakanachari attempt to do when the young man proved that the stone was flawed? _____ _____ _____	2

	<u>Choose the correct meanings.</u>	(2x1/2 =1)
12	The word 'baffled' means _____. a. extremely confused b. not satisfied c. easily breakable d. mysterious	
13	The word 'abruptly' means _____. a. expecting something b. suddenly and unexpectedly c. slowly and unexpectedly d. sudden emotional outburst	
	<u>Choose the correct antonym.</u>	(2x1/2 =1)
14	fascinated a)interested b) disinterested c) repelled d) engaged	
15	wanderer a)resident b) tramp c)vagabond d) adventurer	
	<u>State whether the statements are true or false as per the lesson 'The Image'</u>	(2x1/2 = 1)
16	The stranger respected the sculptor and admired Jakanachari's work.	
17	While working on the main image, Jakanachari spoke to no one and tolerated no interruption.	
	<u>Fill in the blanks</u>	(2x1/2 =1)
18	The young man was at first _____ to break the idol but the sculptor was insistent.	
19	When the king left, Jakanachari conjured up a vision of the day of _____.	

MARKING SCHEME

Q.NO.	<u>SECTION - A</u>	
	<u>Choose the correct option:</u>	Marks
1	(ii) you begin to behave strangely	1
2	(iv) all of the above	1
	<u>Fill in the blanks.</u>	(2x1/2 =1)
3	behaviour	
4	sleeplessness/insomnia	
	<u>State whether the following statements are true or false</u>	(2x1/2 =1)
5	False	
6	True	
	<u>Answer the following</u>	
7	An average adult sleeps for 7 hours and 20 minutes.	1
8	<u>SECTION B -GRAMMAR</u>	(4)
	(a)what it was (6x1/2=3) (b)had broken (c) had happened (d) had been dusting (e)was going (f) it was not fair (g) told her that it would teach her to be more careful. (1)	
	<u>SECTION C- LITERATURE</u>	
9	(iv) few soldiers return from the battlefield	1
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	b) The soldiers creep back to still village wells, as they are either injured or mentally affected by the war.	
	c) The roads are “half-known” because the soldiers are suffering from the trauma caused by war and don’t know exactly where they are. There is also a possibility that the world has changed in their absence.	1
	<u>Answer the following in 20 to 30 words.</u>	1
10	The stranger is a person, who is observant and speaks with confidence. He is humble but self confident. He appears to have good knowledge about stones and sculptures. He is fearless and cannot be bullied or threatened.	2
11	Jakanachari felt humiliated and was utterly stunned when he was proved wrong. Instantly, he snatched a sword from the belt of a guard and tried to cut off his right arm as he had pledged.	2
	<u>Choose the correct meanings.</u>	
12	a. extremely confused	(2x1/2 =1)
13	b. suddenly and unexpectedly	
	<u>Choose the correct antonym.</u>	
14	b) disinterested	(2x1/2 =1)
15	a)resident	
	<u>State whether the statements are true or false as per the lesson ‘The Image’</u>	
16	True	(2x1/2 = 1)
17	True	
	<u>Fill in the blanks</u>	
18	reluctant/unwilling/hesitant	(2x1/2 =1)

19	consecration	