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	INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT MIDDLE SECTION HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION 2022 - 23	
	<u>SUBJECT - ENGLISH</u>	Code:MXEN05
CLASS 6		Time Allotted: 2 ½ hrs
14.09.2022		Max .Marks: 80
<p>General Instructions.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The question paper comprises of four sections A, B, C & D. You have to attempt all the sections. 2. All the questions are compulsory. 3. All the answers should be written in the answer sheet provided only. 		

Q 1.	<p><u>SECTION 'A' – READING COMPREHENSION (13 Marks)</u></p> <p>Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:</p> <p>Little Neil was just two years old when his Dad took him to watch an airplane race. At the age of four, Neil went with his Dad for their own ride in an airplane. While his Dad was nervous, Neil had the most wonderful time. When Neil was thirteen, the family moved to a new town. Neil got used to his new school, joined the Boy Scouts, and played in the school band. He still flew model airplanes and engaged himself in the night sky using a neighbour’s telescope. (Para 1)</p> <p>He always liked airplanes. He started going to the nearby airport to watch airplanes. As a part-time job he washed planes and made extra money. Then he realized that he wanted to learn to be a pilot. Neil asked his parents for permission and they agreed that he could learn to fly an airplane. (Para 2)</p> <p>Even though he couldn’t get a driver’s license for a car, at age 16 Neil had his student pilot’s license. When Neil grew up he became a U.S. Navy fighter pilot and then a test pilot for advanced rocket-powered aircraft. Have you guessed which Neil the story is about? On July 20, 1969 astronaut Neil Armstrong was the first human to set foot on the moon. (Para 3)</p>	
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	<p>Based on the reading of the passage, choose the right option:</p> <p>1. Neil wanted to learn to be a pilot after _____.</p> <p>a. he washed the planes</p> <p>b. he watched the air planes</p> <p>c. he got the license</p> <p>d. he moved to a new town</p> <p>–</p>	1
	<p>2. Neil became a U.S. Navy fighter pilot, and then a _____.</p> <p>a. became a scientist</p> <p>b. joined the Boys Scouts</p> <p>c. test pilot</p> <p>d. flew model airplanes</p>	1
	<p>3. Neil asked his parents' permission _____.</p> <p>a. to use neighbour's telescope</p> <p>b. to fly model airplanes</p> <p>c. to join in part time job</p> <p>d. to fly an airplane</p>	1
	<p>4. He took up a part-time job of washing planes so that he _____</p> <p>a. could buy his own plane.</p> <p>b. could earn extra money.</p> <p>c. could become a U.S Navy fighter pilot.</p> <p>d. could pay his neighbours for using their telescope.</p>	1
	<p>5. State whether the following statements are True or False:</p> <p>(i). Neil's father enjoyed his first ride in an aero plane. _____</p> <p>(ii) Neil had to move to a new town when he was 13. _____</p>	1
	<p>6. Answer the following questions in one sentence.</p> <p>How did Neil engage himself when their family moved to a new town?</p>	1 1

	7. Whose story is being narrated?	
Q 2.	<p>Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:</p> <p>Midas, the king, was a greedy person. He loved gold more than anything in the world. He had lots of wealth but he was never really a happy person. One-day God Bacchus came to Midas. Midas had once helped God Bacchus and in return Bacchus offered him a gift. "What shall I give you to make you happy?" the God asked him. Midas thought for a while and then said, "Please give me the power to turn everything I touch into gold." Bacchus laughed at his foolishness and said, "Your wish is granted. As soon as the Sun rises tomorrow, you will have the golden touch." (Para 1)</p> <p>The next morning Midas woke up, and he had his golden touch. He touched his bed, the chairs, doors, windows and all became gold. Suddenly, he felt very hungry. He sat at the table but as soon as the food touched his lips, it turned into gold. So did the water. It seemed he could no longer eat or drink. After some time, his daughter came to him. When he put his hand on her, she became a gold statue. In the end, Midas became very sad and prayed God Bacchus to take away the power of golden touch from him. (Para 2)</p>	
	<p>Read the following questions and choose the correct option from the multiple choices given.</p> <p>1. What kind of man was Midas? a) A great miser b) a greedy person c) a brave man d) wise man</p>	1
	<p>2. Who came to Midas one day? a) God's angel b) God Bacchus c) God Zeus d) God of Gold</p>	1
	<p>3. Why did Bacchus offer him a gift? a) because he had helped the God once b) because he had pleased Bacchus c) because he had annoyed Bacchus d) because he cared for Bacchus</p>	1
	<p>4. What was Midas' wish? a) To become rich b) to turn anything into gold</p>	1

	c) to turn his daughter into a golden doll d) to become powerful	
	5. Write the words from passage that mean the same a) lot of money _____ (para 1) b) gave _____ (para 1)	1
	6. Answer the following question. Why do you think Bacchus laughed before granting Midas's wish?	1
	SECTION 'B' – WRITING SKILL (18 Marks)	
Q 3.	Write a Factual Description on 'My School Bag' in about 50 words. Hints: brand / colour / size / shape / compartments / uses	5
Q 4.	Given below are few jumbled sentences. Read them carefully, rearrange the given sentences and write a meaningful story. Write it as a paragraph. Give a suitable title. a) He discovered that he was on a tiny island. b) Many sea creatures came to hear his song. c) Once, a fox was walking through a forest when he was picked up by an eagle. d) He made them line up so he could count them. e) Soon he realized that he was all alone on the island. f) He wriggled and managed to free himself from the eagle's grasp and fell on a tiny island. g) The fox jumped over the sea creatures and reached home. h) He told the sea animals that he was wondering whether the land or sea has more animals. i) He struck upon an idea to escape from the island and began to sing.	5
Q 5.	Write a letter to your friend describing how you spent your summer holidays / vacation in not more than 80 words.	8
	SECTION 'C' – GRAMMAR (22 Marks)	
Q 6.	Choose the correct option to fill in the blanks.	1x14
(i)	The bird _____ over the roof of the house. (Fill in the blank with the	

Simple Past tense of the verb)

- (a) Fly (b) flied (c) flew (d) were flying

(ii) There aren't _____ flowering plants in our garden. (Fill in the blank with the correct **Determiner**.)

- (a) Many (b) some (c) little (d) much

Choose the correctly punctuated sentence.

- (iii) (a) varshas dog bruno is well trained
(b) varshas dog Bruno is well trained.
(c) Varsha's dog Bruno is well trained.
(d) Varshas dog Bruno is well trained.

(iv) The wallet was given back to _____ owner. (Fill in the blank with the correct **Determiner**)

- (a) his (b) its (c) I (d) it's

(v) This is horse _____ won the race. (Fill in the blank with the correct **Relative Pronoun**)

- (a) which (b) who (c) whom (d) whose

(vi) We could hear a _____ noise coming from our neighbour's house. (Fill in the blank with the correct **Adjective**.)

- (a) children's (b) loud (c) narrow (d) these

(vii) A wise man is better than a _____ friend. (Fill in the blank with the adjective opposite in meaning of the underlined **Adjective**.)

- (a) cool (d) good (c) wiser (d) foolish

Choose the sentence in **Present Continuous Tense**.)

- (viii) (a) Rita walks fast.
(b) Rita is walking fast.
(c) Rita was walking fast.
(d) Rita will be walking fast.

Whom do you want to see? (Identify the kind of the **underlined Pronoun**.)

- (ix) (a) Personal (b) Relative (c) Interrogative (d) Possessive

(x) The two friends went to watch a movie. (Identify the **Adjective** in the given sentence.)

- (a) two (b) friends (c) watch (d) movie

There is _____ rice in the pot. (Fill in the blank with the correct **Determiner**.)

(xi)	(a) few (b) many (c) several (d) some My mother _____ a new phone last week. (Choose the correct form of the verb ' buy ' to complete the sentence.	
(xii)	(a) will buy (b) bought (c) is buying (d) bought We are waiting for _____. (Fill in the blank with the appropriate Pronoun)	
(xiii)	(a) they (b) us (c) them (d) herself You and I _____ going to be together in the dance. (Choose the correct form of the verb to fill in the blank)	
(xiv)	(a) am (b) is (c) was (d) are	
Q 7. (i)	Do as directed. I drink coffee in the morning. (Rewrite the given sentence by changing into Simple Past Tense)	
(ii)	hamelin is an old town in germany (Rewrite the given sentence using appropriate punctuation marks .)	
(iii)	I was in a hurry, so I washed the car. (Rewrite the given sentence using the Reflexive Pronoun)	5
(iv)	Frame an interesting sentence using the Demonstrative Determiner – those)	
(v)	Ali helps the poor. (Rewrite the given sentence using Simple Future Tense)	
Q 8.	Rearrange the given words to frame meaningful sentences. (a) useful / The camel / animal / the most / in / the desert / is (b) can / heavy / It / hot sand / loads / and / carry / walk on (c) without / and water / can / many days / It / for / live / food	3
SECTION – D LITERATURE (27 MARKS)		
Q 9.	Read the given lines and answer the questions that follow. “soon I shall gaze across a sea Of sun-begotten grain, Which my unflinching watch hath sealed For harvest once again.” (i) The poet of the poem ‘The Scarecrow’ is _____ (a) Alfred Tennyson (b) Sarojini Naidu (c) Walter de la Mare	4

<p>(ii)</p> <p>(iii)</p> <p>(iv)</p>	<p>(d) Gut de Maupassant</p> <p>The expression 'unflinching watch' tells us that</p> <p>(a) The scarecrow is very angry and unhappy.</p> <p>(b) The scarecrow is very hardworking and dutiful.</p> <p>(c) The scarecrow is very tired and quiet.</p> <p>(d) The scarecrow is very scared and upset.</p> <p>What is the Scarecrow referring to in the above lines?</p> <p>Give the synonym of '<i>sun-begotten</i>.'</p>	
<p>Q 10.</p> <p>(i)</p> <p>(ii)</p> <p>(iii)</p> <p>(iv)</p>	<p>Read the given lines carefully and answer the questions that follow.</p> <p>'I must have been in a deep sleep for a long time, but all of a sudden I was awakened with a start by the fall of a heavy body tumbling right on top of my own. At the same time, I received on my face, on my neck, and on my chest a burning liquid which made me utter a howl of pain.'</p> <p>Who is 'I' referred to in the above passage?</p> <p>(a) 'I' refers to the narrator in the above passage.</p> <p>(b) 'I' refers to the narrator's friend in the above passage.</p> <p>(c) 'I' refers to the valet in the above passage.</p> <p>(d) 'I' refers to the narrator's parents in the above passage.</p> <p>What was the outcome 'of the fall of a heavy body tumbling on top of my own?'</p> <p>(a) The outcome was that he was awakened slowly.</p> <p>(b) The outcome was that he was awakened with a start.</p> <p>(c) The outcome was that he was awakened by his friends.</p> <p>(d) The outcome was that he was angry with the valet.</p> <p>'The burning liquid' here refers to ...</p> <p>(a) the morning cup of tea and breakfast.</p> <p>(b) the evening cup of coffee and snacks</p> <p>(c) a cup of tea and dinner.</p> <p>(d) a cup of hot water and breakfast.</p> <p>Who fell on the speaker?</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>Q 11.</p>	<p>Read the given lines carefully and answer the questions.</p>	

	<p>'Then come with me and have something to eat.' I was going to refuse, out of shyness and suspicion, but she took me by the hand, and then I felt it would be silly to pull my hand away. She told a coolie to look after my suitcase, and then she led me away down the platform.</p> <p>Who does 'I' refer to in the above lines?</p> <p>(i) (a) Arun (b) Satish (c) The woman (d) Satish's mother</p> <p>What was 'I' going to refuse?</p> <p>(ii) (a) The offer of going along with her and have something to buy. (b) The offer of going along with her and have something to eat. (c) The offer of travelling along with her in the train. (d) The offer of her food which she was willing to share with him.</p> <p>Where did she take him?</p> <p>(iii) (a) Into the station dining-room. (b) Into the train compartment. (c) Into a canteen near the platform. (d) Into a hotel outside the station.</p> <p>(iv) (a) Give an antonym for the word –accept from the above passage. (b) State whether the following statement is True or False. She told the coolie to look after their suitcase.</p>	4
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Q. 12	<p>Quote from memory and complete the poem. (4 lines) Half a league, Six hundred.</p>	4
Q 13.	<p>Give the word meanings of (a) extinguished - ----- (b) agitated - -----</p> <p>Give the antonyms of (a) secure X -----</p>	2

	(b) grinning X -----	
Q 14.	Answer any THREE of the following questions in 30 – 40 words.	
(i)	In the poem 'The Scarecrow', according to the poet how does the world change with the arrival of spring?	
(ii)	Describe the woman whom Arun met at the platform in the station.	6
(iii)	Why did the narrator grow suspicious almost immediately after reaching the chateau?	
(iv)	Why did Arun say, 'I like strangers'?	
Q 15.	Answer any ONE of the following questions in 40- 50 words.	
(i)	What thoughts came into the narrator's mind when he saw the bed? What did he do next?	
	OR	
(ii)	How did the narrator spend his time as he waited for the train to take him back to school?	3

End of the paper.