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SET A



INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT
HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION
ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE

CLASS: 1X

Sub. Code: 184

Time Allotted: 3 Hrs

25.09.2019

Max. Marks: 80

General Instructions:*(i) The question paper is divided into three sections :**Section A : Reading 20 marks**Section B : Writing and Grammar 30 marks**Section C : Literature 30 marks**(ii) All questions are compulsory.**(iii) You may attempt any section at a time.**(iv) All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.***SECTION A (Reading)**

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1 Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

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People the all over the world wash their hands with water. Using soap adds to the time spent in washing, breaks down the grease and dirt that carry most germs by facilitating the rubbing and friction that dislodge them and leaves hand smelling pleasant. Good hand washing techniques include washing your hands with soap and water or using an alcohol based sanitizer. It has been reported that washing with soap is one of the most effective ways to prevent diarrhoeal diseases. It is also the cheapest way. In addition hand washing with soap can limit the transmission of respiratory disease, a killer of children under five. More hand washing with soap would make a significant contribution to meeting the millennium development goal of reducing death among children under the age of five by two thirds by 2015.

Hand washing with soap is among the most effective and inexpensive ways to prevent diarrhoeal diseases and pneumonia, which together are responsible for the majority of child deaths. Every year, more than 3.5 million children do not live to celebrate their fifth birthday because of diarrhoea and pneumonia. Yet, despite its lifesaving potential about hand washing with soap is seldom practiced and is not always easy to promote. On the other hand, lack of education about hand washing with scalp not only increases the risk of disease among children/people but also

increase the number of deaths which is occurring because of less knowledge about hand washing.

Acute respiratory infections like pneumonia are the leading causes of child death. Evidence suggest that better hygiene practices like washing hands with soap after defecation and after eating could cut the infection by about 25 percent. It seems pretty simple a step to make such a big change in the lives of the people. The best time to get accustomed to this habit is during childhood.

- 1.1 **Read the questions given below and answer the questions from the options follow:** 8
- a To break down grease and dirt form the hands, one should..... 1
- i) wash hands with soap ii) smear hands with oil
- iii) grease can't be removed iv) none of the above
- b The advantage of washing hands with soap is 1
- i) not effective in removing gems ii) effective in removing gems
- iii) creates allergy iv) all of the above
- c The cheapest way to prevent diarrhoeal disease is 1
- i) bathing in hot water ii) washing hands using soap
- iii) washing hands with detergent iv) dip in saline water
- d For better hygiene practices, we should wash hands 1
- i) twice before eating and after defecation ii) after eating
- iii) once in a while iv) none of the above
- e The leading causes of child death are 1
- f How can the risk of diseases and deaths among children be reduced? 1
- g Which is the best time to inculcate this habit? 1
- h The word means the same as 'cause to pass on from one place, person or thing to another' is 1
- _____ (para 1)

It happens to us all, however hard we may try to delay the process. We grow old. Cosmetic surgery may remove wrinkles, skin which has suggested may be tightened by means of a facelift and a hair dresser may dye grey hair a more youthful colour, but we cannot remain young forever. Advances in medicine have made it possible for more people to stay alive longer.

Age brings intelligence, experience, wisdom and beauty. So why are we so scared of it? The trouble is that many of us find it impossible to relate to these worrying facts, unable to face the reality that every day we inch ever closer to our own dotage. Our older generations experienced the majority of the most tumultuous century in human history and yet at best we infantilise, at worst outright ignore them.

However, what is important is the quality of life. Some people are lucky to be taken care of at home whereas others may have to move to residential homes. The worst part of ageing that often the mind becomes less alert. As people grow older they experience short-term memory. Later, some may suffer from dementia, often in the form of Alzheimer’s disease.

By no means are all people in this category. Many senior citizens are in the possession of all their faculties and see retirement as a time of freedom. Not only that if they have a generous retirement pension, they are likely to be quite well-off with money to be spent on a holiday and other luxuries. Because of this, both businesses and government have a new respect and government have a new respect for what is known as grey power. By no means, however, does everyone treat the elderly with great respect.

There are some cultures which are noted for the great respect with which they treat old people, but many people regard the old as having a very low status in society and treat them accordingly.

- 2.1

Answer the following questions briefly:

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- a

What does the writer imply by saying ‘some people are lucky’?

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- b

Why do we have such an aversion to ageing?

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- c

What is meant by ‘Grey Power’?

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- d

Why is retirement considered a time of freedom?

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- 2.2 On the basis of your reading of the passage, fill up the following blanks with appropriate words/phrase from the options : 4
- a) Which word in para 4 means 'liberal'? 1
 i) generous ii) compassionate iii) obsessive iv) none of the above
- b) Which word in para 4 means the same as 'wealthy'? 1
 i) well to do ii) well off iii) well-being iv) well done
- c) Find a word in para 4 which means similar to 'income'. 1
 i) benefit ii) insurance iii) pension iv) none of the above
- d) Find the word opposite to 'peaceful'. (para 2) 1
 i) tranquil ii) solemn iii) tumultuous iv) all of the above

SECTION B (Writing & Grammar)

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- 3 The climate throughout the world is changing. It has already disturbed weather patterns by increasing rainfall in some areas and decreasing it in others. The temperature is increasing day by day. It results as frequent hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, tsunamis, etc. Write an article in about 100 – 120 words for your school magazine on the topic '**Global Warming: A Threat to the Life**'. 8
- (Hint : Global warming; Rise in avg. temperature, Melting of glaciers, Due to pollution & human activities)
- 4 Your teacher has given you a few hints to write a story with a suitable title for the school magazine. Using these hints, develop a story in about 150 – 200 words : 10
 Last week I went to the market to buy some books on my bicycle. I placed my bicycle outside the shop
- 5 Complete the following passage by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones given below. Write your answer in the answer sheet against the correct blank number. Do not copy the entire passage: 4

All the great men of Venice (a) at the Duke's court. The Duke (b) the case, appealing to Shylock to have mercy upon the unfortunate merchant, Shylock (c) that the law was on his side. So he (d) everything would happen for his benefit.

- a) (i) had gathered (ii) gathered (iii) were gathered (iv) gather
- b) (i) was opening (ii) had opened (iii) opened (iv) opens

- c) (i) was feeling

(ii) felt

(iii) had felt

(iv) feels
- d) (i) anticipated

(ii) anticipating

(iii) was anticipating

(iv) had anticipated

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The following passage has not been edited. One word is missing from each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before it and the word that comes after it in your answer sheet.

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	Before	missing	after
Making a cartoon an art that	eg cartoon	is	an
requires a combination hard work,	a)
training a sense of humour.	b)
Cartoonists say the cartoon that	c)
make us laugh most are time taking	d)

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Rearrange the following words or phrases into meaningful sentences :

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a) is the negative outcome/obesity/changing lifestyle/socio-economic status/of/improving/and

b) more/ever/than/before/unhealthy food/more/we eat/and/lesser

c) suffer/physical/obese/children/mental/and/problems/both

d) eating habits/schools/healthy/must provide/that promotes/an environment.

SECTION C : Literature

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Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

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Her mother remembers noticing something was wrong when the eight-year old Evelyn was waiting to play the piano. They called her name and she didn't move.

- a) What was wrong with Evelyn?

b) Who noticed something the wrong with Evelyn?

c) How was the wrong noticed?

d) Explain this line : They called her name and she didn't move

OR

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
 And sorry I could not travel both
 And be one traveller, long I stood
 And looked down one as far as I could
 To where it bent in the undergrowth;"

- a) What does the poet mean by 'yellow wood'?
- b) Why did he feel like travelling both the roads?
- c) '....long I stood'. What did the speaker do while standing for a long time?
- d) Explain: 'And be one traveller'.

9 **Answer any five of the following questions in 30-40 words each:**

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- a) *Why was Einstein's mother against his marriage to Mileva?*
- b) How does Tommy describe the old kind of school?
- c) What does the poet find so attractive about Innisfree?
- d) Grandfather had to return his pet back. Justify this action.
- e) Why did Mahendra move from place to place?
- f) How was Kezia's father different from Mr. McDonalds?
- g) Why does the lost child lose interest in the things that he had wanted earlier?

10 **Answer the following in 100-120 words:**

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A fearful situation makes us lose our senses. Express your views with reference to 'The Snake and the Mirror' on the doctor's reaction in not more than 80 – 100 words.

OR

Give an account of the awards, accolades and recognition that Bismillah Khan earned as a talented musician.

11 **Answer the following questions in 100-150 words**

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Write a note on the theme of the story 'The Lost Child'.

OR

Describe how the Guru saved his disciple from execution.

End of the Question Paper