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SET C



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)**20**

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 soap 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)
- 2 **Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:** 12

Science and technology not only dominate the psyche of humanity but also the whole biosphere. How does science influence civilisation and how is it related to human happiness?

The original, cosmic evolution of the biosphere was one that promoted, supported, nourished, sustained and enhanced life. Life went on adding to the evolution with newer species and ecosystems, even more beautiful and vibrant than the ones belfry. Our biosphere accommodated a pleasant weather cycle and climate system to support these newer speci9es, keeping everything in

dynamic equilibrium.

Now the biosphere is overburdened and ailing. Some of our ecosystems have already collapsed, while others are at death's door. Ever increasing pollution coupled with over exploitation of natural resources and greenhouse gas emission is driving several species towards extinction. This is not a phenomenon that has occurred by itself, and neither has it been caused by, human beings alone. But it definitely has been spurred by so-called advances in technology.

In this millennium, we no longer live in a, biosphere – we are inhabitants of a technosphere. A technosphere is an impaired biosphere that has no affinity with values of life nor with sustainability and evaluation of life. Although technology had empowered civilisation, it has also reduced it to being a mere toll of science and technology. And when the whole civilisation turns technocratic, science and technology are bound to dominate, causing life to shrink. The intensifying climate crisis is but a symptom of the biosphere's illness and life's gradual collapse.

We've reached a point where we are intolerant of anything remotely "unscientific" in our contemporary world. Scientists look for alternatives, but even these solutions are sought in the same domain that has caused these problem. In short, we are stewing in a soup of our own making.

So, what would be meaningful for the welfare of humans?

Naturally something that would enhance life, serve to integrate ecosystems and cleanse our environment.

Enhancement of life includes betterment of human life and vice versa. If life shrinks, we cannot blossom.

Science and technology by themselves are neutral; it is the way we use them that has either a positive or negative impact on our lives and environment. And when we use science in a manner that increases un-sustainability and unhappiness in our lives, how can we rely blindly on science for our happiness.

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| 2.1 | Answer the following questions briefly: | 8 |
| a | How did the biosphere evolve over a period of time? | 2 |
| b | How has this equilibrium got disturbed now? | 2 |
| c | What is the difference between biosphere and techno sphere? | 2 |
| d | Man needs to use 'science and technology' in a sensible manner. Explain. | 2 |
| 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 | The word 'psyche' means | 1 |
| | (i) Mind (ii) Thinking (iii) Inner self (iv) Mental | |
| b | What is 'enhance'? | 1 |
| | i) Improve (ii) Increase (iii) Remove (iv) Lower | |

- c

The word ‘Collapsed’ means

(i) Broken

(ii) disappeared

(iii) removed

(iv) taken away

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- d

d. Affinity

i) Dislike

(ii) Love

(iii) Bonding

(iv) Natural liking

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SECTION B (Writing & Grammar)

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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’.

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(Hint : Global warming; Rise in avg. temperature, Melting of glaciers, Due to pollution & human activities)

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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 :

The Grocer very greedy-mixed stones in pulses.

-Sand is spices – sold to the poor villagers -Turned a deaf to their complaints

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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:

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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.

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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.

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	Before	missing	word after
Making a cartoon an art that	eg cartoon	is	an
requires a combination hard work,	a)

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training a sense of humour.

b)

Cartoonists say the cartoon that

c)

make us laugh most are time taking.

d)

7 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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8 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