

Roll Number

SET A



INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT
ANNUAL EXAMINATION
ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

CLASS: IX

Sub. Code: 184

Time Allotted: 3 Hrs.

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Max. Marks: 80

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3. You are Akmal / Valsa, an educationist and feel that **Environmental Education imparted in schools, need reorientation**. The stress should not be on preserving Nature for human use, but for protecting animals and plants for their own sake. Write an article in about 100-150 words on the subject and give it a suitable title. **8 Marks**

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(30 Marks)

8. Read the extract given below and answer the following question. (Any One) **1x4=4**

- a. *At the Baudhnath stupa, the Buddhist shrine of Kathmandu, there is, in contrast, a sense of stillness. Its immense white dome is ringed by a road. Small shops stand on its outer edge:*

many of these are owned by Tibetan immigrants; felt bags, Tibetan prints and silver jewellery can be bought here. There are no crowds: this is a haven of quietness in the busy streets around.

- i. What is the writer's first feeling outside Baudhnath stupa?
- ii. In what way is Baudhnath stupa different from Pashupatinath?
- iii. What makes Baudhnath stupa important?
- iv. What is implied by the word 'haven'?

OR

- b. *And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.*

- i. Who has composed these lines?
- ii. What does "both" refer to?
- iii. Trace a word from the extract which means "suspected".
- iv. What was the doubt?

9. Answer any FIVE of the following questions in 30-40 words.

2x5=10

- a) How did Evelyn lose her hearing capacity?
- b) Who was Albert Einstein? Why is he famous?
- c) How did Harris and George irritate Jerome?
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Johnsy could not get better despite the doctor and her friend Sue's ministrations. Describe the negative feeling that keeps one ailing and also the values which remove such feelings and Infuse a person with a desire to live.

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2. The shortage of organ donors has caused several doctors to call for urgent improvements to be made to the system by which organs are donated. Many countries, such as Britain, have huge waiting lists of people whose lives could be saved by being given a kidney, lung, heart, or liver transplant. Sadly, many of them die before they reach the top of those lists.

3. Under the present British scheme, people are asked to carry donor cards, and/or put their names on the national donor register. Thus, if they lose their lives suddenly, for example, in a traffic accident, they have given permission in advance of their deaths for their organs to be used. If they have not done so, surgeons are faced with the task of asking the distraught next-of-kin for permission to use the organs of the deceased. Of course, often the relatives are too upset even to think of such a thing until it is too late. Organ transplants have to take place quite soon after the death of the donor.

4. Dying and donating organs is not something most of us like to think about, and only about 14% of people have registered. Now, it has been suggested that, instead of the present register, there should be a register of people who wish to opt out of having their organs removed for transplant surgery.

5. Increasing the number of donors is made more difficult because it is such an emotive issue. Just recently, an article in the Journal of the American Medical Association showed that half of the families in the United States refused, when asked for permission to use the organs of their loved ones.

A. Choose the best answer

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1. Patients often meet an unfortunate end because of.....
 - a) *shortage of donors*
 - b) *tissue mis-match*
 - c) *lack of good doctors*
 - d) *lack of funds*
2. Carrying donor cards is helpful in.....
 - a) *asking people to donate organs*
 - b) *preventing accidental deaths*
 - c) *locating relatives of donors*
 - d) *locating donors quickly after death*
3. Many do not want to donate organs because
 - a) *they are selfish*
 - b) *they cannot reach the hospital in time*
 - c) *they are ignorant*
 - d) *of emotional reasons*
4. The word 'distraught' in the third paragraph means.....
 - a) *upset*
 - b) *angry*
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B. Read the given questions and write the answer in a sentence.

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5. What is the major problem mentioned in **para 1**?
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OR

B No motion has she now, no force—

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together probably twice the amount of audio.		

7. **Rearrange the given words and phrases into meaningful sentences** **1x4=4**
- i) one / fell / day / a / farmer's / will / donkey / into / down / a
ii) the / farmer / know / to / did / not / do / cried / animal/the / and / what
iii) invited / he / neighbors / all / help / his / to / him
iv) what / donkey / the / did / not / realize / was / happening

SECTION C: LITERATURE (30 Marks)

8. **Read the extract given below and answer the following question. (Any One)** **1x4=4**

A *They, too, aware of sun and air and water,*

Are fed by peaceful harvests, by war's long winter starv'd.

- i. Who is the ‘they’ in these lines?
ii. What is the theme of the poem?

- iii. What does 'war's long winter starv'd' mean?
- iv. Who is the poet?

OR

B

At the Baudhnath stupa, the Buddhist shrine of Kathmandu, there is, in contrast, a sense of stillness. Its immense white dome is ringed by a road. Small shops stand on its outer edge: many of these are owned by Tibetan immigrants; felt bags, Tibetan prints and silver jewellery can be bought here. There are no crowds: this is a haven of quietness in the busy streets around.

- i. What is the writer's first feeling outside Baudhnath stupa?
- ii. In what way is Baudhnath stupa different from Pashupatinath?
- iii. What makes Baudhnath stupa important?
- iv. What is implied by the word 'haven'?

9. Answer any FIVE of the following questions in 30-40 words

1x4=4

- a) What happened when Prashant had gone to visit his friend in Ersama?
- b) How did Iswaran pass his free time?
- c) What pleasure does one gain from the rain falling on the roof?
- d) How did Evelyn lose her hearing capacity?
- e) Who was Albert Einstein? Why is he famous?
- f) How did Harris and George irritate Jerome?

10. Answer ONE of the question in about 100-150 words

1x8=8

A fearful situation makes us lose our senses. Express your views with reference to 'The Snake and the Mirror' on the doctor's reaction.

OR

How did Maria Sharapova overcome the challenges, humiliations and insults to become number 1 in women's tennis?

11. Answer ONE of the question in about 100-150 words

1x8=8

Johnsy could not get better despite the doctor and her friend Sue's ministrations. Describe the negative feeling that keep one ailing and also the values which remove such feelings and Infuse a person with a desire to live.

OR

How does the behaviour of the child before and after his separation from the parents show that he has great love for his parents?

End of the Question Paper