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SET A



INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT
SECOND TERM EXAMINATION
ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE (184)

CLASS: IX

Time Allotted: 2 hrs

22.02.2022

Max. Marks: 40

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

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- 2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.*
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SECTION A - READING

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- 1. Read the passage given below.**

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 is 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 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.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer *any FIVE questions* in a sentence:

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- a. What does the writer imply by saying 'some people are lucky'?
- b. Why do we have such an aversion to ageing?
- c. What is meant by 'grey power'?
- d. Why retirement is considered a time of freedom?
- e. What does age bring?
- f. What is the central theme of the extract?

2. Read the passage given below:

Spices bring to mind the images of tempting cuisines, fascinating voyages and the bitter struggle for independence. Expressions like 'variety is the spice of life' and 'sugar and spice and all things nice' explain how spices play upon the literary abilities of men of letters.

To the Orientals, spices are indeed the soul of their food. In the western world, spices evoke dreams of exotic tropical islands, exciting expeditions and the rise and fall of empires. Columbus went westwards in 1492, from Europe, to find a sea route to the land of spices, but found the new world.

Eight years later, Vasco da Gama went around Africa and touched Kozhikode, on the south-west coast of India. Long before that, Arabs started trading with the orient through land routes. During the 13th century, Marco Polo experienced attraction towards spices through his travels. The European conquests and trade arrangements in India and the East Indies also have a lot to do with spices.

Thousands of years ago, the great masters of Ayurveda, notably, Sushruta and Charaka, discussed in detail the use of spices for culinary and medicinal purposes. Enterprising soldiers of fortune carried the knowledge of spices to Egypt. There the soldiers used the spices and aromatic herbs in food, medicine and cosmetics and for embalming.

The conquest of Egypt and Asia by Alexander the Great made spices an article of commercial value in the Mediterranean countries and central and northern Europe. There are reports of pepper being used in the preservation of meat and to mask the unpleasant odour of stale meat available after long winter storage. Hippocrates, the father of modern medicine and Theophrastus, a Greek scholar and botanist, wrote treatises on medicinal plants, including spices.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer any FIVE questions in a sentence:

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- a. Why do spices fascinate people?
- b. Where did Columbus want to reach?
- c. What made commercial value for spices in the Mediterranean countries?
- d. The word similar to 'rule over by battle' in paragraph 5 is.....
- e. The antonym for 'Occidental' in the paragraph 2 is.....
- f. Pick out the synonym for smell from paragraph 5.

SECTION – B WRITING & GRAMMAR

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- 3. Answer any ONE of the following questions based on the theme/ outline provided:**

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- a. Develop the following outline to a short story of about 150- 200 words:

Outline: window display in a toy shop - Diwali season - theft alarm sounded - no clues found - police nonplussed - little boy spots the difference in window display leading to arrest

OR

- b. You are Naresh. You happened to go to Agra in a crowded bus on a hot summer day. Record your experience in the form of a diary entry in about 100-120 words.

- 4. Fill up the following sentences with suitable words (Tenses/Determiner):**

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- a. _____ herbs like rosemary, thyme and basil are used for garnishing and flavor.
(any, a few, much, one)
- b. I _____ (complete) my exam by 2 p.m. tomorrow.
- c. Jeff _____ (study) in the library before he came to the class.

- 5. Rewrite the following sentences as directed:**

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- a. The interviewer asked Ravi, "Do you have any experience?" (Change into reported speech)
- b. He said, "Be quiet and listen to my words." (Change into reported speech)

SECTION- C LITERATURE

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- 6. Answer any SIX of the following questions in 30 - 40 words each:**

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- a. The narrator took pride in his packing skills. Comment.
- b. What happens when we pick up arms against others?
- c. Why did Santosh's parents agree to pay for her schooling in Delhi? What mental qualities

of Santosh are brought to light by this incident?

- d. What is the central idea of the poem 'The Snake Trying'?
- e. Why was Prashant not keen to send the orphans and widows to government institutions?
- f. What was Behrman's masterpiece? Why was it called so?
- g. Why did the writer feel awkward during her first year of high school?

7. Answer any TWO of the following questions in 100-120 words:

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- a. Bring out Gerrard's intelligence, presence of mind and sense of humour. How did these traits help him outwit the Intruder?
- b. How can a tree be killed?
- c. Sergei says 'I am so happy that my words have taken effect'. Why does he say so? Is he right in saying this?

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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.

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SECTION – B WRITING & GRAMMAR

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OR

- b. Walking home today, you saw a man selling parrots in cages. Tempted to buy one, you decided to stop on your way back and pick up one. You thought you'd feed it green chilies and teach it to speak. But a poem you read about birds flying in the open sky changed your mind and you decided to buy the bird and set it free. Write a diary entry expressing your feelings in about 100-120 words.

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End of the Question Paper