

Roll Number

SET A



INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT
ANNUAL EXAMINATION
ENGLISH CORE

CLASS: XI

Sub. Code: 301

Time Allotted: 3 Hrs.

11.02.2020

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SECTION - B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR)

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3. You are Srinivas / Srinidhi of B.K.S Public School, Nagpur. As a student Editor of your school magazine, draft a notice in not more than **50 words** for your school notice board inviting articles / sketches from the students of all classes. 4

OR

You propose to sell your flat as you are going abroad. Draft an advertisement to be published in the classified columns of 'The Times of India', New Delhi. Invent necessary details.

4. Write a letter to the Editor of a national daily inviting the attention of the authorities towards the increasing Environmental pollution in your city. 6

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SECTION - C (LITERATURE)

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- 10 Read the extract and answer **any two** questions: 1x2=2

This child is built to my design
Yet what he loves I cannot share
Silence surrounds us

- (a) Name the poem and the poet.
(b) What is the meaning of the first line?
(c) What kind of relationship exists between the father and the son?

- 11 Answer the questions in 30-40 words. 2x5=10

- a) What was the narrator's purpose of making the voyage from Plymouth in 1976?
b) What is the Green Movement? Why has it become popular all over the world?
c) What advancements have taken place in archaeology since 1922?
d) Why did Aram find it hard to believe that Maurad had stolen the horse?
e) What does the narrator tell the reader about his village Hosahalli?

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OR

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OR

Describe the events that led to the hanging of the king by his own order? (120-150 words)

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OR

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4. As a regular commuter by bus from Noida to Delhi, you have been witnessing rash driving by the bus drivers daily without an exception. Write a letter to the Editor, 'The Times of India' drawing the attention of the General Manager, Delhi Transport Corporation to this problem. You are Priti/Prakash, 15 Udyog Vihar, Noida. **(120-150 words)** 6

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SECTION C (LITERATURE)

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All three stood still to smile through their hair

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(a) Who are the three mentioned in the first line?

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(c) Name the poem and the poet.

11. Answer the following questions in **30-40** words.

2x5=10

- a) Give a description of Khushwant Singh's grandmother according to his earliest memory of her.
- b) Who was Howard Carter? What was his discovery?
- c) What is the concept of 'sustainable development'?
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OR

Write a brief essay on Albert Einstein's unhappy days in his school. **(120-150 words)**

14. Describe the changing relationship between the author and his grandmother. Did their feelings for each other change? **(120-150 words)**

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OR

Mr. Crocker Harris is the subject of the conversation between Taplow and Frank. What kind of a picture emerges of Mr. Harris as a teacher and as a person. **(120-150 words)**

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(iii) Both (i) and (ii)

(iv) None of the above

(e) "The deep sea creates a high state of preservation because of its

(i) darkness

(ii) its cold temperature

(iii) its great pressure

(iv) all of the above

(f) People of Belfast refused to talk about the tragedy because

(i) they didn't want to remind the workers of their families

(ii) of the shame and sadness in the loss of life involved

(iii) they kept themselves busy as the ship construction was taking place in Belfast.

(iv) they were connected to the tragedy.

2.2 Answer the following question briefly:-

1x4=4

(a) What happened on April 15, 1912?

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(b) Who is Bob Ballard and what did he discover?

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(c) Why does Bob Ballard call it a museum of human history?

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(d) How is Belfast significant in this context?

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2.3 Find the words from the passage which mean the same as:-

1x2=2

(a) first of its kind (para 5)

(b) very solemn or serious (para 6)

SECTION - B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR)

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3. You are Srinivas / Srinidhi of B.K.S Public School, Nagpur. As a student Editor of your school magazine, draft a notice in not more than **50 words** for your school notice board inviting articles / sketches from the students of all classes. 4

OR

You propose to sell your flat as you are going abroad. Draft an advertisement to be published in the classified columns of 'The Times of India', New Delhi. Invent necessary details.

4. Write a letter to the Editor of a national daily inviting the attention of the authorities towards the increasing Environmental pollution in your city. **(120-150 words)** 6

OR

As Mr. R. Singh, Head of the Department of Chemistry, Cambridge High School, Pune, you had placed an order with Messrs. Scientific Equipments, Dadar, Mumbai for test tubes and jar for the lab. When the parcel was received you observed that markings on the test tubes were not clear and some of the jars were damaged. Write a letter of complaint seeking immediate replacement. **(120-150 words)**

5. You are Priya/Pradeep of New Model Public School New Delhi. You are interested in doing a short term course in computer programming during summer vacation. Write a letter to the Director of the institution enquiring about the duration of the course and the terms and conditions for admission. **(120-150 words)** 6

OR

You are the physical education teacher of DPS New Delhi. You wish to make a bulk order of various props for the mass drill of the middle section classes from pioneer sports and games, a leading distributor in sports items. Draft a letter placing order inventing all the details. **(120-150 words)**

6. Write an article in about **150-200** words for your school magazine on 'Films and their influence on school-going children'. You are Manpreeth / Manjula, a student of class XII 8

OR

You are Sameer/Saira. Write a debate for or against the motion. Each of not more than **150-200** words on the topic 'Entrance tests are the right method for selecting student for undergraduate courses'.

7. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correct word in your answer sheet. 1/2x4=2

It take a long time for a country to rebuild after (a) -----
an earthquake. There must be aftershocks for days (b) -----
or weeks. Rebuilt cannot start until all the (c) -----
after shocks have stop. (d) -----

- 8 Read the following conversation and complete the following passage. 1x2=2

Father: Why are you still asleep?

Raju: I am very tired. I am not able to get up.

Father asked raju why (a)_____. Raju replied that he was tired and so (b)_____.

9. Rearrange the following words to form meaningful sentences. 1x2=2

(a) has a/range/hyde park/wide/of/facilities

(b) lake/is/for/the/popular/boating/and swimming

SECTION - C (LITERATURE)

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10. Read the extract and answer **any two** questions: 1x2=2

Where did my childhood go?
It went to some forgotten place,
That's hidden in an infant's face,
That's all I know.

- (a) Name the poem and the poet.
(b) How does the speaker feel about the loss of his childhood?
(c) Explain: "some forgotton place"

11. Answer the questions in 30-40 words.

2x5=10

- a) What was the narrator's purpose of making the voyage from Plymouth in 1976?
- b) Who was Howard Carter? What was his discovery?
- c) What advancements have taken place in archaeology since 1922?
- d) Why did Aram find it hard to believe that Maurad had stolen the horse?
- e) Why was Ranga's homecoming a great event?

12. The landscape is an inner one, a spiritual and conceptual space. Discuss. (120-150 words)

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OR

List the steps taken by the captain to check the flooding of the water in the ship. (120-150 words)

13. What circumstances led to Einstein's expulsion from his school in Munich? (120-150 words)

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OR

Describe the events that led to the hanging of the king by his own order? (120-150 words)

14. Describe the changing relationship between the author and his grandmother. Did their feelings for each other change? (120-150 words)

OR

Draw a character sketch of Mr. Crocker Harris. (120-150 words)

End of the question paper