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SET B



INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT
FINAL EXAMINATION
ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

CLASS: X
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Sub. Code: 184

Time Allotted: 3 Hrs.
Max. Marks: 80

General Instructions:

- This paper consists of three sections A, B & C: All the sections are compulsory.
- Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them. All questions are compulsory.
- Do not exceed the given word limit while answering the questions. Marks will be deducted if the word limit exceeds.

SECTION A: READING (20 Marks)

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow : 8 Marks

1. WWF was founded in 1961 after Sir Julian Huxley, an eminent British Biologist who had been the first Director-General of UNESCO, went on a research trip to Africa and discovered that wildlife populations there were being devastated by poaching and a whole range of other threats. On his return he set about forming an international fundraising group dedicated to the conservation of nature, and on 11 September WWF was formed at its headquarters in Morges on the shore of Lake Geneva in Switzerland, sharing premises with the headquarters of the World Conservation Union (IUCN).
2. Originally formed by a group of scientists and business leaders, with the support of members of various European royal families and with media publicity, WWF began to grow over a period of 45 years to the influential global conservation organisation we know today. In 1979 WWF outgrew its headquarters and moved to new premises in Gland, further along the lake between Geneva and Lausanne.
3. The focus of the organisation has evolved from local campaigns to save single species, typical of WWF work in the 1960s, to broader aims encompassing national and global issues. "Our objectives have never been clearer—slow climate change, reduce toxins in the environment, protect our oceans and fresh waters, stop deforestation and save species," says Dr Claude Martin, Director-General of WWF International. "Our great achievement over the past 40 years is spreading the message—through us people know that nature counts."

4. The success of WWF lies in its range of work, from lobbying at the highest political levels to working with farmers. Through this active and broad approach WWF has become a credible and influential leader in nature conservation, providing an effective framework for the individual efforts of people all over the world.

A Choose the best answer

1x4=4

1. **WWF headquarters at present situated in** _____
i) *Morges* ii) *Gland* iii) *Africa* iv) *None*
2. **WWF was sharing its premises with** _____
i) *UNESCO* ii) *WHO* iii) *IUCN* iv) *European Union*
3. **One of the Director Generals of WWF was** _____
i) *Sir Julian Huxley* ii) *Dr Claude Martin* iii) *Both* iv) *None*
4. **WWF was founded in** _____
i) *1961 B.C* ii) *1979 B.C* iii) *1960 A.D* iv) *1961 A.D*

B Read the given questions and write the answer in a sentence.

1x4=4

5. **Where did Sir Julian Huxley go for his Research?**
6. **When did WWF moved towards its new headquarters?**
7. **List any two objective of WWF?**
8. **Is WWF an International Fund raising company?**

2. Read the following passage carefully :

12Marks

1. Many years ago, when the art of stunting plants was quite unheard of except in remote areas of India, Buddhist monks in isolated monasteries in Tibet stunted trees like oak and orange. They watched with excitement the trees flowering and bearing fruit regardless of this 'deformity'. The trees looked so artistically beautiful and enchanted everyone. Some Chinese monks learnt the art from Tibetan monks and soon 'Bonsai' making became a popular hobby and art in China and every garden had at least six bonsais.
2. India and China claimed rights to the art till Japan followed enamoured by its beauty. Today Japan leads in Bonsai making and has invented new methodologies to make the plants look aesthetic and artistic. The most beautiful is the cherry blossom that is breathtakingly attractive. Bonsais need constant pruning, watering, shaping and correct environment. The trees can be planted in colorful containers of your choice.
3. Numerous schools have mushroomed where the art is taught and cultivated. Best known among them is the Indian Bonsai Association. India has great demand for bonsais. Hotels, homes, farm houses, restaurants and guest houses use these decorative plants to adorn their lobbies, dining halls and drawing rooms. It is aptly said that a thing of beauty is a joy forever. Indeed the bonsai lasts in one's imagination long after the plant has lived its life span.
4. Bonsai gardeners use methods including wiring branches, extreme pruning of roots and branches, root binding, grafting and custom soil and cinder mixtures. But perhaps the most important element of all is patience. Instructions for achieving the 'roots over rock' effect give insight into the work of a bonsai artist: trim the roots, place the rock, bind roots, then re-pot and wait for two years. Often a bonsai is created by many hands over the years – a highly priced tree is one where the hand and the ego of the artist become

invisible as in the Zen concept of 'artless art'.

2.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions in

2x4=8

30-40 words each :

- a) Who first began to stunt trees and plants? And how it became popular hobby?
- b) How can we take care of bonsais?
- c) How to achieve the 'roots over rock'?
- d) Why bonsai is 'highly priced'?

2.2 Choose the correct answer

1x4=4

1. The word 'enamoured' in the passage means _____
a) *irked* b) *captivated* c) *weary* d) *all the three*
2. The word 'mushroomed' in the passage means _____
a) *gather* b) *grow & spreadfast* c) *Both a) and b)* d) *depleted*
3. Choose an equivalent word or synonym for the word 'patience'
a) *impatience* b) *patients* c) *none* d) *tolerance*
4. The word 'aptly' in the passage means _____
a) *apparently* b) *approximately* c) *appropriately* d) *none*

SECTION B : WRITING AND GRAMMAR

30Marks

- 3.a As a member of the History club of the school you have just visited the Museum of Natural History in your town. You found the place unfriendly and poorly maintained. Write a Complaint letter to the Curator of the Library in about 100-150 words expressing your concern about the maintenance and giving suggestions for improvement. Sign yourself as Shubho / Shubhra.

8 Marks

(Clue : Natural History - The study and description of living things and natural objects, especially their origins, evolution, and relationships to one another. Natural history includes the sciences of zoology, mineralogy, geology, and paleontology.)

OR

- b. You are Hadwin / Gresilda. You visited a toy shop to buy your little brother /sister a gift for his / her birthday. While looking around for suitable items for his / her birthday, you are shocked to find that several toys are unsuitable for kids as they glorify violence, yelling and other unsocial elements. Write an article in about 100-150 words for 'The Guardian' criticising toy makers for such insensitive products.

4. Write a short story based on the given outline in about 150-200 words.

10Marks

A man stands in queue - circus ticket window - the man just ahead of him - wanted to buy tickets - family of six - short of 20 Dollars - man standing - deliberately drops 20 Dollars - taps on the other man's shoulder - 'you dropped some money sir' - picks it up - buy tickets - man behind - goes without watching - but feels happier.

5. Choose the most appropriate option from the ones given below to complete the following passage. 1/2 x8=4

We should have an optimistic attitude to life. The combination of initiative, confidence and determination is the most essential for scaling great heights in life. Life is not a bed of roses. So (a) _____ difficulties are always there. We needn't have (b) _____ fear of them. On the other hand, they may be stepping stones to (c) _____ success. The more we work the better it will be. Remember an old saying, "Work is (d) _____ own reward." If (e) _____ things are considered, (f) _____ one's life will be a bliss. In fact, (g) _____ one should have (h) _____ understanding of life's realities. To make life interesting is within our control.

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| (a) (i) a few | (ii) a little | (iii) little | (iv) few |
| (b) (i) a | (ii) any | (iii) some | (iv) a little |
| (c) (i) their | (ii) our | (iii) his | (iv) her |
| (d) (i) its | (ii) his | (iii) their | (iv) us |
| (e) (i) this | (ii) these | (iii) those | (iv) their |
| (f) (i) every | (ii) all | (iii) many | (iv) his |
| (g) (i) each | (ii) every | (iii) some | (iv) little |
| (h) (i) some | (ii) little | (iii) any | (iv) more |

6. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Identify the error and write it along with the corrections. Underline the correct word supplied by you. The first one has been done as an example for you. 1x 4=4

	Error at	Correction of
Thieves held the manager at the		
Blue star Hotel on gun point	a) _____	_____
last night during the daring raid	b) _____	_____
in which they took near one lakh	c) _____	_____
rupees from the hotel safe. He also	d) _____	_____
broke several bedrooms in the Hotel.		

7. Rearrange the given words and phrases into meaningful sentences 1x4=4

- a. Africa /in / Tanzanians / literacy rate / the / have / highest
- b. read/ hardly / have / to / they / anything / but
- c. the / and / are / costs / soaring / paper / the / the / interest rates / reasons / of
- d. have / they / standstill / the / to / a / brought / publishing / industry

SECTION - C (LITERATURE TEXTBOOK AND SUPPLEMENTARY READING TEXT) 30 Mks

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

Midway between Mysore and the coastal town of Mangalore sits a piece of heaven that must have drifted from the kingdom of God. This land of rolling hills is inhabited by a proud race of martial men, beautiful women and wild creatures. Coorg or Kodagu, the smallest district of Karnataka, is home to evergreen rain forests, spices and coffee plantation. Evergreen rain forests cover thirty per cent of this district.

- a) What does 'piece of heaven' refer to?
- b) Where is Coorg situated?
- c) What type of people inhabits this land of 'rolling hills'?
- d) How much area of the district is covered by evergreen rainforests?

OR

The leaves strain toward the glass
small twigs stiff with exertion
long-cramped boughs shuffling under the roof
like newly discharged patients
half-dazed, moving
to the clinic doors.

- a) How are the small twigs?
- b) What are the boughs compared to?
- c) What do the leaves do?
- d) Name the poem and the poetess.

9. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words

2x5=10

- a) Why did Jan Petronski write a letter to the teacher? Give two reasons.
- b) Why did Maxwell think of keeping an otter as a pet?
- c) Give examples from the text to show that Valli was a meticulous planner.
- d) What did the Tehsildar suggest to Ramlal?
- e) Which book did Ebright's mother give him? How did this book change his life?

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

1x8=8

What did Buddha say about death and suffering? Explain by giving examples from the text.

OR

Give a brief character-sketch of Anne Frank highlighting the contradictions and conflicts she faced in her short life.

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

1x8=8

The story 'The Necklace' teaches us many lessons which form the crux of human values. Discuss.

OR

Why was the narrator sent to New Mullion? Why didn't he succeed in his mission on his first visit? (Hack driver)

End of the Question Paper