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INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT

FIRST PERIODIC ASSESSMENT

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

CLASS: X

Sub. Code: 184

Time: 50 Minutes

09.04.2019

Max. Marks: 20

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. This paper consists of three sections A, B & C: All the sections are compulsory.
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SECTION - A (WRITING SKILLS)

- 1 There is a busy road in front of your school. A large number of students have to cross the road while going back home. They run a great risk. Write a letter in 120-150 words to the Editor, Navjiwan Times, Agra drawing attention of the concerned authorities to the problem. Make a request to mark a zebra crossing and to put traffic lights in front of your school. You are Amit/Anita, Class X, New Age Public School, Ram Nagar, Agra. 8

SECTION - B (LITERATURE)

- 2 Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: 4x1=4 4
- a) The house—the only one in the entire valley—sat on the crest of a low hill. From this height, one could see the river and the field of ripe corn dotted with the flowers that always promised a good harvest. The only thing the earth needed was a downpour or at least a shower. Throughout the morning Lencho who knew his fields intimately had done nothing else but see the sky towards the north-east.
- (i) What did the earth need?
(ii) What did Lencho do throughout the morning?
(iii) Why had Lencho kept looking towards the north-east?
(iv) What promised a good harvest?

OR

b) The way a crow
Shook down on me
The dust of snow
From a hemlock tree

- (i) What did the crow do to the hemlock tree?
- (ii) What was there in the tree at that time?
- (iii) Where do you think was the poet then?
- (iv) What is the name of the poem?

3 Answer any two of the following questions in 30-40 words each:

2x2=4

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- a) How has the poet observed nature in the poem 'Dust of Snow'?
- b) What were Lencho's feelings when he found the letter with money in it? What did he do after opening the letter?
- c) What does the poet want to convey through the poem 'Dust of Snow'?

SECTION - C (GRAMMAR)

4 The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each of the line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct number.

4x1=4

Research is an detailed study of a subject undertaking on a systematic basis in order to increase a stock of knowledge, including knowledge for man, culture and society that the use of this stock of knowledge to devise new applications.

Error	Correction
(a) -----	-----
(b) -----	-----
(c) -----	-----
(d) -----	-----

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SECTION - A (WRITING SKILLS)

- 1 Owing to the MCD (Municipal Cleaning Department) employees' strike, the roads in your area are littered with garbage. Not only the place is stinking but also is a health hazard. As Miki/Manish of 112, Laxmi Nagar, write a letter in 120-150 words to the editor of a local newspaper informing the concerned authorities of the unhygienic conditions and requesting them to take appropriate and necessary action in the matter. 8

SECTION - B (LITERATURE)

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- a) Has given my heart
A change of mood
And saved some part
Of a day I had rued.
- (i) What had given the poet 'a change of mood'?
(ii) What had the poet thought of that day?
(iii) How was some part of the day saved for the poet?
(iv) What is the rhyme scheme of this stanza?

OR

b) Lencho showed not the slightest surprise on seeing the money; such was his confidence but he became angry when he counted the money. God could not have made a mistake, nor could he have denied Lencho what he had requested.

- (i) Why did Lencho get angry?
(ii) Who could not have made a mistake in Lencho's eyes?

(iii) Why did Lencho not surprise on seeing the money?

(iv) What did Lencho find when he counted the money?

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Answer any two of the following questions in 30 - 40 words each:

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a) Why does the poet use such poetically uncommon 'bird and tree'? What does it reflect?

b) Why does the postmaster send money to Lencho? Why does he sign the letter 'God'?

c) How far would you agree that one's positivity can bring in a spark of brightness even in adverse circumstances? Justify with reference to the story 'A Letter To God'.

SECTION - C (GRAMMAR)

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A curious thing about the developed of	(a)_____	_____
a motion picture is that the first groups of	(b)_____	_____
people who made it possible wasn't interested	(c)_____	_____
in movies at all! The first inventions were make by	(d)_____	_____
men who wanting to study the movement of animals.		

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Even Thomas Edison, which perfected a device	(a) _____	_____
called 'kinetoscope' in 1893, think of it	(b) _____	_____
only as a curiosity. But there were another people	(c) _____	_____
who saw great possibilities with entertainment	(d) _____	_____
in this invention and they began to make movies.		

END OF THE QUESTION PAPER