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SET A



INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT
FINAL TERM EXAMINATION
ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE

CLASS: X

Sub. Code: 101

Time Allotted: 3 Hrs

27.11.2018

Max. Marks: 80

General Instructions:

(i) The question paper is divided into three sections :

Section A : Reading 20 marks

Section B : Writing and Grammar 30 marks

Section C : Literature 30 marks

(ii) All questions are compulsory.

(iii) You may attempt any section at a time.

(iv) All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.

SECTION –A: READING

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1 **Read the following passage carefully:**

1x8=8

1. For millions of people in India, river Ganga is the most sacred river. It is considered as a mother and goddess. It is also a lifeline to millions of Indians who live along its course and depend on it for their daily needs. River Ganga is the third largest river in the world by the amount of water that flows through it. It is the longest river in India. The water of Ganga is used for irrigation, transportation and fishing.

2. The Gangetic plain formed by river Ganga is one of the most fertile lands on the earth. This is why almost 10% of the world population lives here and earns its livelihood. The Ganga, in India is the most worshipped water body. The irony here is that inspite of being the most worshipped river, it is also the dirtiest one. It carries some metals thrown out by tanneries, waste produced by industries and urban waste from different cities. All this has made river Ganga the fifth most polluted river in the world.

3. Another major reason that adds to the Ganga river pollution is the coal based power plants on its banks which burn tons of coal every year and produce tons of fly ash. This ash mixed with domestic waste water is released in the river. This bad situation calls for an urgent need to make efforts to reduce pollution and revive river Ganga.

4. To achieve these objectives, the Government of India has started a programme named “Namami Gange Programme”. The main pillars of this programme are sewage treatment, river surface cleaning, afforestation, river front development and public awareness. The importance of the success of ‘Namami Gange Programme’ can be seen through the following lines :

“If Ganga dies, India dies. If Ganga thrives, India thrives. No Ganga, No India.”

1.1 On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer **any eight** of the questions that follow :

- (a) For whom is river Ganga a lifeline?
- (b) For what purposes is the Ganga river water used?
- (c) Why does almost ten percent of the world population live in the Gangetic Plain?
- (d) What are the pollutants that make river Ganga very dirty?
- (e) How do the coal based power plants pollute river Ganga ?
- (f) Which two purposes will be served by the programme named “Namami Gange”?
- (g) Write any two main pillars of the “Namami Gange Programme”.
- (h) Most people in India consider the Ganga as _____.
- (i) What is the irony of the Ganga being a most worshipped river

2. **Read the passage given below :**

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1. Everybody wants to succeed in life. For some, success means achieving whatever they desire or dream. For many it is the name, fame and social position. Whatever be the meaning of success, it is success which makes a man popular

2. All great men have been successful. They are remembered for their great achievements. But it is certain that success comes to those who are sincere, hardworking, loyal and committed to their goals. Success has been man’s greatest motivation. It is very important for all. Success has a great effect on life. It brings pleasure and pride. It gives a sense of fulfillment. It means all round development. Everybody hopes to be successful in life. But success smiles on those who have a proper approach, planning, vision and stamina.

3. A proper and timely application of all these things is bound to bear fruit. One cannot be successful without cultivating these certain basic things in life. It is very difficult to set out on a journey without knowing one’s goals and purposes. Clarity of the objective is a must to succeed in life.

4. A focused approach with proper planning is certain to bring success. Indecision and insincerity are big obstacles on the path to success. One should have the capability, capacity and resources to turn one’s dreams into reality. Mere desire cannot bring you success. The desire should be weighed against factors like capability and resources. This is the basic requirement of success. The next important thing is the eagerness, seriousness and the urge to be successful. It is the driving force which decides the success. It is the first step on the ladder of success. One needs to pursue one’s goals with all one’s sincerity and passion. One should always be in high spirit. Lack of such spirit leads to an inferiority complex which is a big obstruction on the path to success.

5. Time is also a deciding factor. Only the punctual and committed have succeeded in life. Lives of great men are examples of this. They had all these qualities in plenty which helped them rise to the peak of success. Hard labour is one of the basic requirements of success. There is no substitute

for hard labour. It alone can take one to the peak of success. Every success has a ratio of five percent inspiration and ninety-five percent perspiration. It is the patience, persistence and perseverance which play a decisive role in achieving success. Failures are the pillars of success as they are our stepping-stones and we must get up and start again and be motivated.

2×4=8

2.1. On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer **any four** of the following questions in 30-40 words each :

- (a) To whom does success come certainly?
- (b) What are the basic things in life we need to achieve success?
- (c) What did great men have in plenty to rise to the peak of success? Give any two examples.
- (d) What is the one basic requirement of success?
- (e) Explain: "Failures are pillars of success".

1×2=2

2.2 On the basis of your reading of the passage, fill in **any two** of the following blanks with appropriate words/phrase :

- (a) _____ plays a decisive role in achieving success.
- (b) Goals have to be pursued with _____ and _____.
- (c) Ratio of success is _____ inspiration.

1×2=2

2.3 Find out the words from the passage that mean the same as the following : (**any two**)

- (a) endurance (para 2)
- (b) obstruction (para 4)
- (c) motivation (para 5)

SECTION B: WRITING AND GRAMMAR (30 Marks)

3 Two main parks in your locality have suffered from neglect on the part of local authorities. As a result the residents have stopped going to the parks. Write a letter in 100-120 words to the editor of a local newspaper expressing your concern about the problems the neglect has created and suggest measures to reclaim the parks for children. You are Gautam/Gauri, 21, Gobind Enclave, Meerut. 8

OR

You are Ms. Alka Rao, librarian S.J. Public School, Guntur. Place an order in 100-120 words with Janatha Book Store, Station Road, Chennai for 5 copies each of 4 books (name any four) which students of class X need for reference. Ask for a discount and an early delivery.

4 Write a story in **200 words** based on the input given below : 10

Friends decided to party – collected at one place – took lift from a stranger – the stranger tried to attack them – managed to run – learnt a lesson – to be careful

OR

Ram very excited – match started – he was the best player – about to start batting – suddenly injured – very upset – used will power – overcame the problem and won

5. Fill in **any four** of the blanks in the sentences given below choosing the most appropriate options 1×4=4 from the ones that follow. Write the answers in your answer-sheet against the correct blank numbers :

- (A) Concentration is (a) _____ by alertness.
(B) Effective speaking (b) _____ on effective listening.
(C) Economic growth (c) _____ attitudes and lifestyle.
(D) The environment has always (d) _____ in control of our destiny.
(E) They believe that logic (e) _____ no place in faith.

- (a) (i) help (ii) will help (iii) helps (iv) helped
(b) (i) depends (ii) depend (iii) depended (iv) depending
(c) (i) change (ii) will changing (iii) changes (iv) changed
(d) (i) is (ii) be (iii) been (iv) was
(e) (i) has (ii) have (iii) had (iv) having

6. In the following paragraph one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing words in **any four** lines of the given paragraph, along with the words that come before and the words that come after it. 1×4=4

	Word before	Missing word	Word after
Most people are annoyed passwords.	(a) _____	_____	_____
They have many remember.	(b) _____	_____	_____
On any given day are	(c) _____	_____	_____
bound forget them.	(d) _____	_____	_____
This creates difficulties the people.	(e) _____	_____	_____

7. Rearrange **any four** of the following word clusters to make meaningful sentences : 1×4=4
- (a) very exciting / can be / new country / travelling to / a
 - (b) it / a lot of / before / actually requires / the visit / preparation
 - (c) option / is / light / travelling / best / the
 - (d) also need / we / the local weather / in mind / to / keep
 - (e) always / enriched / we / return / experience / the / with

SECTION C LITERATURE (30 Marks)

8. **Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :** 1×4=4
- O pardon me thou bleeding piece of earth,
That I am meek and gentle with these butchers,
Thou art the ruins of the noblest man,
That ever lived in the tide of times,
Woe to the hand that shed this costly blood,
- (a) What does bleeding piece of earth refer to?
 - (b) Who are 'these butchers'?
 - (c) Why is the speaker meek and gentle with these butchers?
 - (d) What prophesy does Antony make over his body?

OR

- Till the birds and beasts grew tired
At a voice so uninspired
And the ticket office gross
Crashed, and she grew more morose
- (a) Name the poem and the poet.
 - (b) Why did the creatures lose interest in the song?
 - (c) Explain: 'and the ticket office gross crashed'.
 - (d) Why did the Nightingale grow morose?
9. Answer **any four** of the following questions in 30-40 words each : 2×4=8
- (a) Why did the narrator decline to go inside while the three siblings sat together?
 - (b) What will Shakespeare's friend realize when he rises on the Day of Judgment?

(c) Why does the author say that Louisa Mebbin had a “protective elder sister” attitude towards money?

(d) How do we know that Michael’s father was fascinated by computers?

(e) In the poem “Snake”, why does the poet say “I have something to expatiate.”?

10. Attempt **any one** out of the two following long answer type questions in 100-120 words: 8

(a) ‘Patol Babu, Film Star,’ by Satyajit Ray emphasizes the valuable contribution of a mentor in changing a negative mind-set into a positive one. Describe how Mr. Pakrashi’s advice helps Patol Babu in performing his role.

OR

(b) When the Albatross arrived on the ship, the Mariners experienced a sense of joy and were infused with new hope. Comment.

11 Answer **any one** of the following questions in 200-250 words: 10

(a) Describe the relationship between Anne and Margot?

OR

Give a pen sketch of Anne’s father as a parent?

(b) Why did Helen say that ‘College wasn’t Universal Athens’?

OR

Attempt a character sketch of Mr. Gilman.

End of the Question Paper