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SET NO. 1



**INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT
MID TERM EXAMINATION I
ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE**

CLASS: X

Sub.Code:101

Time Allotted: 3 Hrs

03.05.2018

Max. Marks: 80

General Instructions:

1. This paper consists of three sections: A, B and C. All the sections are compulsory.
2. Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions carefully and follow them faithfully.
3. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions. Marks will be deducted if this limit is crossed.
4. Attempt all questions of a section without mixing them with another section.

SECTION A – (Reading) (20 Marks)

1. **Read the following passage carefully:** (8 marks)

Many animals are able to communicate with each other very well- but none of them can talk as we do. That is no animals use words.

Birds cry out and make sounds that other birds understand. Smells, movements and sounds are used for communication by animals, through which they express joy, anger or fear.

Human speech is a very complicated process which no animal can perform. One reason is that in a very special way we use a whole series of organs to produce the sounds we want to make when we utter words. The way our vocal cords are made to vibrate, the way the throat, mouth and nasal cavities are adjusted, the way the lips, teeth, lower jaw, tongue, and palate are moved- just to make vowel and consonant sounds, is something animals cannot do. They cannot produce a whole series of words to make a sentence. And there is another, perhaps more important reason why animals cannot talk. Words are only labels for objects, actions, feelings, expressions and ideas. For example, the word 'bird' is a label for a living, flying object. Other words describe its colour, shape, flying and singing. Still other words would be used to tell what the speaker thinks or feels about the bird or its actions.

For human beings, therefore, the use of words means the use of labels or symbols and then organizing them in a certain way to communicate something. This requires a degree of intelligence and logical thinking that no animals have. So, they cannot talk the way people do.

1.1 Answer the following questions briefly:

1x8= 8 marks

- a) What is used by birds to communicate?
- b) Why is human speech a complicated process?
- c) What is required while using words for communication?
- d) Why cannot animals talk like humans?
- e) How do birds communicate?
- f) What does the use of words mean for human beings?
- g) Find a word from the passage that means 'exchange of information'.
- h) What organ helps humans to communicate?

2. Read the passage carefully.

(12 Marks)

1. Every time a child takes a soft drink, he is laying the ground work for a dangerous bone disease. No, fizzy and sugary drinks don't cause osteoporosis. But, because they are often a substitute for a glass of milk, kids are not getting the calcium and vitamin D they need to build a strong skeleton. Many of them also lead a sedentary lifestyle, so they aren't getting the bone building benefits for vigorous exercise either. These children aren't just in jeopardy for brittle bones and fractures decades down the road. They could be at a risk of osteoporosis at a younger age than ever before.

2. The Indian Society for Bone and Mineral Research (ISBMR), a body of osteoporosis experts is trying to spread awareness about this bone crippling disease. Osteoporosis starts in childhood but has consequences later in life. The condition causes bones to become riddled with holes, like the framework of a house that has been attacked by termites that can lead to broken bones, which in turn can cause deformity, chronic pain or disability. Osteoporosis can be fatal: up to 25 percent of older people who suffer a broken hip die within a year. It isn't just your grandmother's health threat. Although it strikes over 50 million women in India, it also menaces over 12 million men. Osteoporosis causes loss of height, pain in joints and backs, fractures and a fear of fractures can be very depressing. So it is important that we adopt preventive measures, to save millions of people.

3. There is a new medical understanding of the best ways to protect ourselves and our children. "Simple lifestyle changes and nutrition will help save your bones," says Dr. Mittal. To get us moving in the right direction, he says, "It is never too late to adopt bone-friendly habits- exercise, get enough sunlight, and have adequate calcium. This way, we can keep our bones healthy and prevent osteoporosis."

2.1 Answer the following questions briefly:

(2x4 = 8 Marks)

- a) Why are fizzy and sugary drinks blamed for osteoporosis?
- b) Why do bones get weak?
- c) When do Osteoporosis become apparent? Why is it called fatal?
- d) What are the measures to prevent osteoporosis?

2.2 Complete the sentences by filling up the blanks with suitable words:

(1x2 = 2 Marks)

- a) ISBMR is spreading awareness about _____
- b) According to Dr. Mittal, _____ will help save our bones.

- 2.3 Find words in the passage which convey similar meaning of the following words by choosing the correct option: (1x2 = 2 Marks)

a) to do things with great energy and enthusiasm (para 1) _____

i) jeopardy ii) vigorous iii) bone-friendly iv) termite

b) illness that lasts for a long time (para 2) _____

i) Osteoporosis ii) brittle bone iii) fracture iv) chronic

SECTION B – (Writing and Grammar) (30 Marks)

3. You are Raju/ Rehana. You genuinely feel that despite the ban on tobacco- related advertisements and the law against smoking in public places, the consumption of tobacco and its products is on the rise in India. You decide to write a letter in about 100 – 120 words to the editor of a national daily expressing your views and suggestions. 8 marks

4. Write a story based on the given outline in about 200 to 250 words. 10 marks
Anoop had gone on a holiday for a month and when he returns, he turns the key in the lock and opens the door. To his horror he finds

5. In the passage given below, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after it in your answer sheet. Ensure that the word that forms your answer is underlined. 1x4=4

One thing we all must do to cooperate a. -----

with police and pay heed to their advice. b. -----

They warn us not touch unidentified and c. -----

unclaimed suspicious objects transistors, brief cases etc. d. -----

6. Complete the following paragraph by filling in the blanks with the help of the given options:

1x4 = 4

In fruit farms, fruits are picked before they are fully ripe for otherwise they (a) ----- become overripe or decay (b) ----- reaching customers. Fruit picked too young (c) -----never ripen. It's a problem to predict whether a certain fruit will ripen (d) ----- not.

(a) (i) must (ii) may (iii) ought to (iv) should

(b) (i) while (ii) soon (iii) after (iv) before

(c) (i) will (ii) are (iii) being (iv) were

(d) (i) and (ii) or (iii) but (iv) so

7. **Rearrange the following word / phrases to form meaningful sentences.** 1x4 = 4

- a. of mankind / the habit / reading is / one of / resources / of / the greatest/
- b. are / we enjoy / that / belong to us / than if / much more / they / borrowed / reading /books/
- c. book / formality / a certain considerate / must be treated / with / a borrowed /
- d. no book / that / afraid to / you should / mark up / own / you are /

SECTION C – (Literature: Textbook and Long Reading Text) 30 Marks

8. **Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:** 1x4 = 4

**“Other creatures loathed his voice
But alas, they had no choice
And the crass cacophony
Blared out from the sumac tree”**

- a. Whose voice was loathed?
- b. Why did they have no choice?
- c. What does ‘crass cacophony’ mean?
- d. What is the rhyme scheme of the above lines?

(OR)

“I may be wrong. But I don’t think father will fancy living on with you after what’s happened today.”

- a. Who speaks the above lines?
- b. What is the argument about in the conversation?
- c. Why wouldn’t father want to stay with the listener?
- d. What had ‘happened today’?

9. **Answer any FOUR the following in 30 -40 words each:** 2x4= 8

- a) How does the poet, William Shakespeare, assess the power of his poetry?
- b) Why did Nicola and Jacopo have to work so hard?
- c) How did Miss Mebbin manage to get her week-end cottage? Why did she plant so many tiger lilies in her garden?
- d) Why is the frog’s joy both sweet and bitter?
- e) How does Mrs. Slater plan to outshine the Jordans? What does it reveal about her character?

10. **Answer the following in about 80 to 100 words:** 8 marks

‘Mrs. Packletide’s tiger’ is indeed a humorous story. Mention three incidents in the story you find most humorous and the reasons for calling them humorous?

OR

How does the author in 'The Dear Departed' bring out the modern world's insensitivity to the old and dying?

11. **Answer the following in about 200 -250 words:**

10 marks

How did Helen experience her first Christmas after Miss Sullivan came to Tuscumbia?

OR

Describe the nature of the narrator before Miss Sullivan came into her life. What changes took place in her nature after she spent a few days with Miss Sullivan?

End of the Question Paper