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SET A



**INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT
FIRST PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION
ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE**

CLASS: X
09.01.2019

Sub. Code: 101

Time Allotted: 3 Hrs
Max. Marks: 80

General Instructions :

1. The paper is divided into *three sections: A, B and C.*

Section A	:	Reading	20 marks
Section B	:	Writing skills and Grammar	30 marks
Section C	:	Literature	30 marks

2. All questions are compulsory.

3. You may attempt any section at a time.

4. All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.

SECTION – A : READING (20 marks)

1. Read the following passage carefully:

1. We live in an era where it is difficult to miss fast and junk food and the rise in teenage obesity and related health issues due to it.
2. During teenage, weight gain is normal but when it goes beyond control, the person becomes obese. Our body requires energy to function, which is derived from the food we eat but when the intake of food becomes more than the amount that the body requires, the excess energy is stored as body fat.
3. Contemporary lifestyle sees an increasing consumption of junk food, and spending time watching television and playing computer games. Overeating along with lack of physical exercise are the major causes leading to teenage obesity. Large intake of high calorie food and low nutrient food leads to unnecessary weight gain. Besides these, obesity can also be genetically inherited where some people have the genetic tendency to burn calories more slowly compared to others. Stress is also a reason for obesity where people resort to overeating to alleviate their stress.
4. Teenage obesity is growing immensely and has been named an ‘obesity epidemic’. A number of health issues arise out of it like diabetes, high blood pressure and cholesterol, sleeping disorders, hormonal imbalance, and asthma. Along with these, obesity can also result in psychological problems like low self-esteem due to the constant jeering of peers. Obese teens are more prone to being teased and physically bullied compared to others of their same age.
5. Therefore, it is necessary to control excessive weight gain. Inactivity is the major cause of obesity and regular exercise is the best way to control it. Physical exercise like jogging, swimming and playing outdoor games can help to keep fit. A balanced diet with lots of vegetables, fruit and whole grains is also essential. Junk food and soft drinks should be substituted with lots of vegetables, fruits and whole grains in the diet. Drinking around 8-10

glasses of water also helps to reduce the calorie intake.

6. Parents have an important role in controlling teenage obesity as they should try to set examples by following a healthy diet and leading a healthy lifestyle. A combined effort of the parents and kids can help to control this eating disorder.

1.1 On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer **any eight** of the questions that follow: 1x8=8

- a) When does a teen become obese?
- b) What has teenage obesity been termed as?
- c) Why do teens become obese?
- d) What are the major causes of obesity?
- e) What are the health issues related to obesity?
- f) How does it affect teens psychologically?
- g) What are the other causes of obesity?
- h) Mention some simple ways to prevent obesity?
- i) In what way can parents help their kids?

2. Read the passage given below :

1. Often acknowledged as the greatest British filmmaker, Alfred Hitchcock, was a man with a vivid imagination, strong creative skills and a passion for life. He has always been linked with humour and frightening suspense. With his unique style and wit, he produced and directed some of the most thrilling films that had the audience swooning with fright and falling off their seats with laughter.
2. Alfred Hitchcock was born in 1899, in London. Being a Roman Catholic, he went to Jesuit schools. It is believed that at the age of five, Alfred was once sent to the police station by his father. He carried along with him a note for the superintendent. On reading it, the latter locked the little boy in a cell and told him that his father wanted him to learn what happens to bad children. Alfred was so taken aback, rather shocked, that policemen and spies stayed in his mind till the end!
3. Hitchcock was greatly influenced by American films and magazines. At the age of 20, he took up a job at the office of Paramount Studio, London. He took great pleasure in working in the studio. While working on a film, Alfred often worked all seven days a week. He labored with the script, plot construction and brought in dialogues, which probably only he could create. The plot used to be so well-knit that every detail had to be worked out in advance, leaving no room for any last minute changes.
4. He won many hearts and was always welcomed with great affection. Once he reserved a table at Stockholm's most exclusive restaurant. The management quickly prepared some confections in the shape of daggers, guns and poison bottles for him!
5. Fascinated by big money, Alfred moved to the USA in 1939 and got his American citizenship in 1955. Here, he produced more complex films. He also produced and hosted a weekly television show. No matter from where his ideas came, whether a magazine article, a mystery

novel or incident, his films had the typical Hitchcock touch- where the agony of suspense was relieved by interludes of laughter! Hitchcock was knighted in 1980. He died in the same year.

2.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer **any four** of the following questions in 30-40 words each: 2x4=8

- a) What did Alfred Hitchcock's style of film making comprise of?
- b) How was Alfred Hitchcock welcomed at the restaurant in Stockholm?
- c) Why did Alfred Hitchcock join Paramount Studio?
- d) What aspects of film making did Hitchcock get involved in?
- e) What did his films always have?

2.2 Select appropriate synonyms for the following words from the passage. (any two) 1x2=2

- a) agony
 - i) pain ii) sad iii) sorrow iv) anguish
- b) vivid
 - i) boring ii) striking iii) tedious iv) unimpressive
- c) unique
 - i) similar ii) common iii) rare iv) aplenty

2.3 Complete the following sentences, on the basis of your reading the passage: (**any two**) 1x2=2

- a) Alfred Hitchcock's films had the audience_____.
- b) After being locked up in the cell, Alfred_____.
- c) The plot used to be so well-knit_____.

SECTION –B: WRITING AND GRAMMAR (30 Marks)

3. You purchased a Frost –free Godrej Refrigerator from Sunrise Distributors, Trivandrum. After using it for a month, you found that the freezing section isn't cooling at all. Write a letter to the Sales Manager, complaining about the same. You are Manish/ Rakhi, 27, Mount View Road, Trivandrum. (120-150 words) 8

OR

You are Karan/ Kavita, the resident of a busy locality in Delhi. Every day, you have to travel by bus for about forty minutes, to reach your place of work. You are disturbed by the appalling rise in the levels of all kinds of pollution in Delhi. Write a letter to the Editor, The Times of India, New Delhi, expressing your views and observations with an appeal for immediate action. (120-150 words)

4. Write a short story based on the cues given in about 200-250 words. 10

A long wait for the bus..... people impatient...a large crowd....lots of confusion...felt the pocket being touched....looked around....caught the hand....and.....

OR

Two teams in the playground....whistle blew....match about to begin....the two captains looked tensed....suddenly there was a commotion.

5. Fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate word from the options given below: 1x4=4

(Any four)

The café i) _____ a single window ii) _____ which I iii) _____ taken up position so that I iv) _____ see the pages of my notebook. I had brought a novel v) _____ me to help pass my time.

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| 1. a) has | b) is | c) was | d) had |
| 2. a) beside | b) besides | c) behind | d) before |
| 3. a) has | b) was | c) had | d) will be |
| 4. a) can | b) could | c) should | d) would |
| 5. a) along | b) on | c) with | d) beside |

6. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each of the lines. Write the incorrect word and the correction in the answer sheet. 1x4=4 (Any four)

A curious thing about the developed of motion pictures	a) _____	_____
is that the first groups of people who made it possible	b) _____	_____
were not interested in movies at all! The first invents	c) _____	_____
were make by men who wanted to study the movement	d) _____	_____
of animals. Even Thomas Edison, which perfected a device	e) _____	_____
called kinetoscope in 1893,thought of it only as a curiosity.		

7. Read the following conversation and complete the paragraph given below: (Any four) 1x4=4

Rani : I had a wonderful dream last night.

Shalini : What did you see in the dream?

Rani : I have won the trophy of Indian Idol and all the people are cheering for me.

Shalini : I am confident you'll win that trophy.

Rani : How I wish this dream would indeed become a reality.

Rani said that a) _____. Sanjana asked her b) _____. Rani replied that c) _____. At this Sanjana assured Rani that d) _____ to which Rani said e) _____.

SECTION- C : LITERATURE (30 Marks)

8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Attempt any four questions. 1x4=4

“The doctors were doing all they could but in our hearts we knew we needed a miracle.”

- a) Name the lesson and the author.
- b) Who is the speaker and in what context was it spoken?
- c) What is the ‘miracle’ referred to in this line?
- d) What had happened to Sebastian?
- e) How had the boy been saved? By whom?

OR

“Then it began to fly around so fast that I gave up any attempt to follow it. My companion was bending forward and had started to spell out loud: “T-r-a-i-t-o-r.” Traitor! Why, what does she mean?”

- a) What does ‘it’ refer to?
- b) Name the characters involved in this context.
- c) Who is being called a traitor? By whom?
- d) Why is he being called a traitor?
- e) What was the event that evening?

9. Answer any four of the questions in 30-40 words each: 2x4=8

- a) Why is the frog’s joy both sweet and bitter?
- b) Justify the title ‘Two Gentlemen of Verona’
- c) How do the heavens ‘blaze forth’ the death of Caesar?
- d) What are the three things that grandfather plans to do on Monday next?
- e) What does Mrs. Packletide mean by ‘incidental expenses.’?

10. Answer any one of the two following questions in 100-120 words: 8

Time humbles even the greatest of the great. One should cultivate the quality of humility. Describe how time has reduced the mighty Ozymandias to nothing.

OR

It is essential to respect everyone’s feelings. Bring out this message with reference to the story, ‘The Letter.’

11. Answer the following questions in 200-250 words:

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- a) How did Ann feel about the laws that restricted the Jews' freedom?

OR

Compare the characters of Otto Frank and Mr. Van Daan.

- b) Describe the teacher-student relationship between Anne Sullivan and Helen.

OR

Helen was blamed for stealing Miss Canby's 'The Frost Fairies' in her 'The Frost King', the story she sent to Mr. Anagnos, on his birthday. How was she absolved?

End of the Question Paper