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SET C



INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT
SECOND PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION
ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE

CLASS: X
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Sub.Code: 101

Time Allotted: 3 Hrs.
Max.Marks : 80

General Instructions:

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

Section A	:	Reading	20 Marks
Section B	:	Writing 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. Cricket is a global passion, everywhere from Test match arenas to village greens, tropical beaches and dusty back lots. Cricket is the world's second popular spectator sport after football.

2. The Origin of cricket is somewhere in the Dark Ages. All research concedes that the game derived from a very old, widespread and uncomplicated pastime by which one player served up an object, be it a small piece of wood or a ball, and another hit it with a suitably fashioned club. Cricket was first recorded in 16th Century England, and it was played in grammar schools, farm communities and everywhere in between. But things really took off when 18th Century nobles realised it was a great sport.

3. The Oldest surviving set of cricket laws date from 1744 - printed on a handkerchief, naturally. It's now in the MCC Museum at Lord's in London. The oldest permanent fixture is the annual Eton v Harrow match, played since 1805. A young Lord Byron turned out for Harrow in the first match, though history doesn't record how poetic -or 'mad, bad and dangerous' - his bowling was.

4. The First international match was in 1877 when Australia beat England in Melbourne. The match was dubbed a 'Test', since the gruelling nature of playing over five days was deemed the ultimate 'Test' for any side. But it was Australia's first win on English soil in 1882 at the Oval in London - that led to matches between the two nations being christened the Ashes. Following the defeat, newspapers published an obituary mourning 'The death of English Cricket', adding that 'The body will be cremated and the ashes taken to Australia'.

5. A One Day International (ODI) is a form of limited overs cricket, played between two teams with international status, in which each team faces a fixed number of overs, usually 50. The Cricket World Cup is played in this format. The international One Day game is a late twentieth century development. The First ODI was played on 5 January 1971 between Australia and England at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

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

- a. According to the passage, how did the game of Cricket originate?
- b. Where can we find the oldest sets of Cricket laws?
- c. Which match did Lord Byron play?
- d. When was the first international match played?
- e. Which countries played that first international match?
- f. Why the matches between Australia and England were titled 'The Ashes'?
- g. In which format is the Cricket world cup played?
- h. When did the ODIs begin?
- i. Which word in paragraph no.5 means the same as 'exhausting'?

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

1. Have you ever failed at something so miserably that the thought of attempting to do it again was the last thing you wanted to do?
2. If your answer is yes, then you are 'not a robot'. Unlike robots, we human beings have feelings, emotions, and dreams. We are all meant to grow and stretch despite our circumstances and our limitations. Flourishing and trying to make our dreams come true is great when life is going our way. But what happens when it's not? What happens when you fail despite all of your hard work? Do you stay down and accept the defeat or do you get up again and again until you are satisfied? If you have a tendency to persevere and keep going then you have what experts call, grit.
3. Falling down or failing is one of the most agonizing, embarrassing, and scariest human experiences. But it is also one of the most educational, empowering, and essential parts of living a successful and fulfilling life. Did you know that perseverance (grit) is one of the seven qualities that have been described as the keys to personal success and betterment in society? The other six are: curiosity, gratitude, optimism, self-control, social intelligence, and

zest. Thomas Edison is a model for grit for trying 1,000 plus times to invent the light bulb. If you are reading this with the lights on in your room, you know well he succeeded. When asked why he kept going despite his hundreds of failures, he merely stated that what he had been not failures. They were hundreds of ways not to create a light bulb. This statement not only revealed his grit but also his optimism for looking at the bright side

4. Grit can be learned to help you become more successful. One of the techniques that help is mindfulness. Mindfulness is a practice that helps the individual stay in the moment by bringing awareness of his or her experience without judgement. This practice has been used to quiet the noise of their fears and doubts. Through this simple practice of mindfulness, individuals have the ability to stop the self-sabotaging downward spiral of hopelessness, despair, and frustration.
5. What did you do to overcome the negative and self-sabotaging feelings of failure? Reflect on what you did, and try to use those same powerful resources to help you today.

2.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer any four of the following 2 x 4 = 8 questions in 30 - 40 words each :

- a. According to the passage, what are the attributes of a human?
- b. What is perceived as grit?
- c. How is 'failing' an educational and empowering part of human life?
- d. In what ways can grit be developed?
- e. How does mindfulness help?

2.2 On the basis of your reading of the passage, fill in any four of the following 1 x 4 = 4 blanks with appropriate words / phrases.

- a) While inventing the light bulb, Thomas Edison had failed_____
i. 1000 times ii. 10000 plus times iii. 1000 plus times iv. 10000 times
- b) Failure is a part of _____life.
i. normal ii. common iii. human iv. ordinary
- c) In Paragraph 2, _____means continue.
i. robots ii. keep going iii. agonizing iv. failing
- d) In paragraph 3, the synonym of distressing is _____
i. embarrassing ii. scariest iii. agonizing iv. failing
- e) _____helps in preventing individuals from going down the lines of despair.
i. success ii. fear iii. doubt iv. mindfulness

SECTION - B : WRITING AND GRAMMAR (30 Marks)

3. You are the In-charge of the Medical Section of Gyanodaya Public school, Nehru Vihar, Alwar. Your stock of medicines is about to finish. Write a letter to the Director of Zambo Medicare, Delhi. Ordering medical items like glucose, crocin, bandages, tincture, pain-healers, ointments etc. Ask for discount on bulk order. Invent other necessary details (100-120 words) (8 Marks).

(OR)

You are Sujal / Sujata of PSMD Public School, Nangal, Punjab who had arranged a trip for fifty students to Nainital, Uttarakhand in summer vacations for ten days with "Mount Travels and Tourism". The arrangements done by the travel agency were far below the standard. The accommodation and food facilities were inferior in quality. Write a letter of complaint to the director of the agency to stop duping tourists with false promises as it tarnishes the image of locals. (100-120 words) (8 Marks)

4. Write a short story, in about 200-250 words, with any one set of the cues given in the boxes below. Give a suitable title to the story. (10 Marks)

Jasmine, Ali and two other friends decided to go on a picnic to a beach. They packed their bags and were quite excited. They reached the picnic spot and came across a small child who was crying.....

(OR)

There was a joint family of 8 members including grandparents. It was the 75th Birthday of the Grandmother and the family plan to celebrate but suddenly

5. Fill in any four of the following blanks choosing the most appropriate option from the choices given below. Write the answers in answer sheet against the correct blank numbers.

(4)

a. Sanitation and hygiene are also important_____the well-being of society and biodiversity conservation.

b. The Government has _____a Programme.

c. It aims to develop _____river fronts.

d. It will solve the problem of pollution _____the rivers.

e. The need has been _____ for a long time.

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| (a) (i) by | (ii) from | (iii) for | (iv) into |
| (b) (i) initiates | (ii) initiated | (iv) initiate | (iv) initiating |
| (c) (i) an | (ii) a | (iii) in | (iv) the |
| (d) (i) in | (ii) on | (iii) onto | (iv) by |
| (e) (i) feeling | (ii) feel | (iii) felt | (iv) have felt |

6. In the following passage one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word, in any four sentences of the given paragraph, along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after it in the space provided. (4 Marks)

	Before	Missing word	After
Himachal Pradesh a good place for Eco Camp	Eg. Pradesh	is	a
Pine Hill Eco Camp one of the Ecotourism resorts (a)	_____	_____	_____
Near Barog, Himachal Pradesh. Ecotourism is (b)	_____	_____	_____
Gaining popularity each passing day as more (c)	_____	_____	_____
And more people want get away from the (d)	_____	_____	_____
Hectic schedules. This become a favourite tourist (e)	_____	_____	_____
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7. Rearrange **any four** of the following word or phrases to make meaningful sentences. (4 Marks)

- enters / millions tons / the/ every year / of / ocean /plastic
- are / waters/ sightings / junk – filled /of /common
- population / middle-class / increasing / is / coastlines / along
- trash/ increase/ has led / waste management /lack /of / in / to
- close / like/ others / helping / my/ friends

SECTION - C : LITERATURE

(30 MARKS)

8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the answer 1 x 4 = 4 in your answer sheet in one or two lines.

A. 'A real message from the real Sebastian Shultz. We both knew that by reliving the accident, something wonderful had happened'.

- Who is the narrator?
- What accident is he referring to?
- Write the antonym for the word, 'wonderful'.
- Give the other word for 'reliving'.

(OR)

B. 'And you too. Are you such a poor creature that you must do every dirty thing she tells you?'

- Who is the 'poor creature'?
- Why is he/she being called a 'poor creature'?
- Which word in the extract is opposite of 'clean'?
- Name the author.

9. Answer any four of the following Questions in 30 - 40 words each. 2 x 4 = 8

- a. In what way the did the villagers help Mrs. Packletide shoot the tiger?
- b. How did the frog again become the unrivalled king of the bog?
- c. Who says, "Et tu Brute"? why?
- d. How does the story 'Two gentlemen of Verona' give hope to the society?
- e. How does Mrs. Slater plan to outshine the Jordans? What does it reveals about her character?

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

- a. Do you think the writer is trying to make fun of the main characters in the story i.e Mrs. Packletide, Miss Mebin and Loona Bimberton? Pick out the instances from the story that point to this fact.

(OR)

- b. 'Pride goes before a fall'. Justify the statement on basis of the chapter *Mrs. Packletide's Tiger*.

11. Answer the following question based on prescribed novel text for extended reading in about 200 - 250 words. (10)

A.What did Helen's visit to Niagara make her to feel? What enabled her to understand the glory of nature?

(OR)

B. Describe Miss Sarah Fuller, Principal of the Horace Mann school, as a result-oriented language teacher.

*****End of the Question Paper*****
