



INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT
SECOND PRE-BOARD EXAMINATION
ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

CLASS: X

Sub. Code: 184

Time Allotted: 3 Hrs.

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Max. Marks: 80

General Instructions:

- 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
- All sections are compulsory. Read the given instructions carefully.
- You may attempt any section at a time. Do not exceed the given word limit.
- All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.

SECTION - A READING**(20 Marks)****1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow.****8**

1. Ideas rule the world. You shape your fate and decide your destiny by your thoughts. You have to think high to rise. You have to believe and be sure of yourself to win a prize. Life's battles do not always go to the stronger or the faster man. But, sooner or later, the man who wins is the man who thinks he can.

2. Success starts with your thoughts. Whatever your mind can conceive and believe, it can achieve. And your mind is nothing more than a bundle of thoughts. Since you have the power to shape your thoughts, you automatically have the power to fashion your fate and decide your destiny. Thus, your thoughts are the most potent, powerful and prime source of your success.

3. For your thoughts to blossom into success, they should be combined with definiteness of purpose, perseverance and a burning, pulsating strong desire to translate them into action. Believe that you will succeed and believe it firmly. You will then do whatever is necessary to bring success about.

4. Faith in yourself as well as the confidence that you can and will succeed are the key to your success in any venture. If you keep your mind riveted on your goal and focus your thoughts on the great and splendid things that you wish to have, you will find yourself unconsciously seizing upon the opportunities, that are required for the fulfillment of your desires.

5. Thoughts are supreme. Preserve the right mental attitude of courage, frankness and good cheer. Think of success in your work and you will then do automatically and unconsciously, the things necessary to bring success about. If your desire is weak and your efforts are erratic your achievements will also be slight and fleeting. But, if you go after your goal with the single-mindedness of a bulldog after a cat, nothing and nobody under the sun can stop you. Your goal should also be well-defined, clear-cut and specific and should be linked to a fixed

timeframe, so that your definite energies and efforts can be focused and forcefully directed towards its attainment. Success is then a sure bet!

1.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage given above, answer the following questions. 1×4=4

- a) The basic triggers of achieving success are: _____
i) Be sure of yourself ii) Think high iii) Have the power iv) Both i) & ii)
- b) Which of these plays the most important role in achieving our success?
i) our health ii) our thoughts iii) hard work iv) confidence
- c) In order to change our thoughts into success, we must also have: _____
i) definiteness of purpose ii) Perseverance iii) Strong desire iv) All of these
- d) Preserve the right mental attitude of courage, frankness and _____

1.2 Read the given questions and answer briefly: 1×4=4

- a) What should our thoughts be combined with to achieve success?
- b) When can one be successful?
- c) How can we mar success?
- d) What can you rely upon in any venture?

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: 12

1. Advertising was initially meant to make people aware of the goods available in the market. It was as simple as announcing what you have in your store or the services you offer in your premises. Over the years, advertising has evolved into a major industry that beyond informing to persuading and influencing. It is a form of brainwashing consumers.

2. Advertising has become a type of culture with ardent followers. In the process, it attracts enviable attention from manufacturers and service providers who fancy an edge over their competitors. Unfortunately, in keeping with the ever-increasing demands of the manufacturers, the advertisers have resulted to creating unnecessary wants and excess consumption in most of us. This is a craving for harmful products that we are better off without. It preys on our minds rendering us completely irrational. The billboards (hoardings), television and radio advertisements target us from a very early age, forming our view of the world as we grow into adults. The buzzwords in advertising are, 'you are cool and sophisticated', if you use this or that product.

3. The notion that the media is primarily in place to give us news is not very true. If the truth may be told, the media is there to gather enough audience, package them into a pricey commodity and sell it to the advertisers. The advertisers, on the other hand, are always on the lookout for a target audience to persuade them that this product of service is better than that of the competitor.

4. Advertising does influence people. Most of the advertisements are filled with images that equate emotional well-being with material acquisition and associate independence and leisure with consumption of alcohol. Advertising also makes people lavish their own products rather than real people, thereby destroying human relationships. We have become trapped in the web of advertising where products like brands of beer and cigarette take over our minds, doing away with our core family values.

5. When you look critically at most of the advertisements on the television, you will discover how persuasive the advertisers are in deciding for us what, when, how much and why to buy. But most people think that they are not influenced by advertisements. This is precisely what the advertisers want us to think, that in the end 'the people decide'. If you think deeply, nobody in this profit minded sense will pay so much money to make a thirty second advertisement, which might not be seen by a hundred people, leave alone convince them to buy. How we strike a healthy balance between the two will definitely have a direct bearing on the future of our country.

2.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each. 2×4=8

- a) What was the purpose of advertising?
- b) What do you discover when you look at advertisement critically?
- c) How does advertising affect us?
- d) How do advertisements make us irrational?

2.2 On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following: 1×4=4

- a) The antonym of 'contradicted' as given in para 3 is _____
 i) allegation ii) confirmed iii) manipulating iv) attributed

The synonym of 'strong desire' as given in para 2 is _____

- b) i) desperate ii) wish iii) craving iv) urge

- c) The antonym of 'harmony' as given in para 1 is _____

- d) The synonym of 'exactly' as given in para 5 is _____

SECTION B — WRITING & GRAMMAR (30 MARKS)

3. You are Abhimanyu Sikri, resident of 119, Nilgiri Apartments, Kirti Nagar, Delhi. You purchased a wardrobe made of recycled wood shaving; from M/s Pawan Sales, Ramesh Nagar, Delhi. Write a letter of complaint to the Sales Manager asking for replacement of the product which you purchased 15 days ago. You have found that doors do not shut and the paint is uneven. 8

OR

Western Culture has completely mesmerized the younger generation. They do not respect their elders. Write an article on "Loss of Moral Values over Material Gains" in about 100-150 words.

4. Write a story in about 150-200 words with the clues given below. 10

Hints: Pooja alone at home / grandfather ill / scary night / different thoughts came in her mind / heard a noise / surprised to see her pet dog.

OR

Develop a story with the help of the following opening line.

Once a man named Dhanraj lived in a city. He had four sons

5. Fill in the gaps by choosing the most appropriate words from the options given below. 1×4=4
- Dhyan Chand, the hockey wizard, was a soldier hailing a) _____ a humble background. He spoke about b) _____ moment when he learned of c) _____ selection for the New Zealand tour in 1926, 'I ran like a horse' to reach d) _____ barracks and communicated the good news to my fellow soldiers. He was the elder brother of another hockey player, Roop Singh.
- a) i) of ii) from iii) to iv) at
 b) i) their ii) a iii) the iv) an
 c) i) his ii) him iii) my iv) it
 d) i) him ii) our iii) I iv) my

6. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction against each line of the passage. 1×4=4

	Incorrect	Correction
CV Raman were born in	e.g. were	was
Terichirapalli, Tamil Nadu. Soon her	a) _____	_____
family moved to Vishakhapatnam at	b) _____	_____
Andhra Pradesh and Raman pursued	c) _____	_____
his education on Chennai Presidency College.	d) _____	_____

7. Rearrange the following groups of words and phrases to form meaningful sentences: 1×4=4
- a) today/with/their/the/in/gadgets/children/born/ are/hands
 b) games/and/surf/they/to/video/love/internet/ play/the
 c) these/only/lives/their/technology/wonders revolve/of/around
 d) hampered/any/their/games/they/outdoor/as/ growth/is/physical/do not/play

SECTION C - LITERATURE (30 MARKS)

8. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow: 1×4=4

I get along pretty well with all my teachers. There are nine of them, seven men and two women. Mr. Keesing, the old fogey who teaches maths, was annoyed with me for ages because I talked so much. After several warnings, he assigned me extra homework. An essay on the subject, 'A Chatterbox'. A chatterbox — what can you write about that? I'd worry about that later, I decided. I jotted down the title in my notebook, tucked it in my bag and tried to keep quiet.

- a) Anne got along pretty well with all: _____
 i) her friends ii) her classmates iii) her playmates iv) her teachers
- b) They were seven men and: _____
 i) three women ii) two women iii) four women iv) five women
- c) Mr. Keesing was annoyed with her because _____

- d) He assigned her _____ homework. An essay on the subject, 'A Chatterbox'.

OR

"Today, all of us do, by our presence here...confer glory and hope to newborn liberty. Out of the experience of an extraordinary human disaster that lasted too long, must be born a society of which all humanity will be proud."

- a) Those who were present were conferring glory and hope:
i) to newborn liberty ii) to the new nation
iii) to the new government iv) to the new black president
- b) Nelson Mandela was the first black president of _____
- c) The apartheid regime was based on:
i) mutual hatred ii) mutual trust iii) mutual cooperation iv) racial discrimination
- d) A new democratic and non-racial society was going to _____

9. Answer any five of the following questions in 30-40 words each:

2×5 =10

- a) Why does Anne want to keep a diary?
- b) Justify the title of the story "The Hundred Dresses".
- c) 'Horace was no ordinary thief.' Explain.
- d) What did Kisa Gautami do when her only son died? What did her neighbours think about her?
- e) Why was Valli amazed to hear herself called 'a child'?
- f) What is the next thought of the poet in the poem, 'A Tiger in the Zoo'?

10. Answer any one of the following questions in about 100-150 words.

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Peggy's questions to Wanda embarrass Maddie, why? How is Maddie different from Wanda?

OR

Overcoming fear is the first step to success. How does this saying stand true in context of the story 'His First Flight'?

11. Answer any one of the following questions in about 100-150 words.

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How does the 'lady in red' outsmart Horace Danby at Shot over Grange?

OR

The course of the Loisel's life changed due to the necklace. Comment.

End of the Question Paper