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INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT

SECOND PERIODIC TEST

ENGLISH CORE

CLASS: XII

Sub. Code: 301

Time Allotted: 50mts.

23.05.2023

Max. Marks: 20

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. *This paper consists of two sections: A and B.*
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.*

1. Section A: Writing Skills

(i) You are a social worker. You feel upset as some of the good schools are admitting as many as in a class. This is adversely affecting academic standards. Write a letter to the Editor of a national daily highlighting this corrupt practice. Sign the letter as Jerome/Jessica. (Word limit: not more than 120 words) **5**

Section B: Literature

2. Read the given extract to attempt the questions that follow:

**Perhaps the Earth can teach us
as when everything seems dead
and later proves to be alive
Now I'll count up to twelve
and you keep quiet and I will go**

1x3=3

(A) We can learn a lesson from:

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| (a) the trees | (b) nature |
| (c) animals | (d) the earth |

(B) He advises the people not to speak:

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| (a) French | (b) Spanish |
| (c) any language | (d) English |

- (C) What does the poet want the readers to do by keeping quiet?
 (a) He wants the readers to be idle.
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 (d) Poet wants the readers to do meditation.

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A. Choose the option which is the appropriate translation of the phrase "Saheb-e-Alam"

- (a) Richest man in the world
 (b) Poorest of all
 (c) Lord of the universe
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B. From this extract, it is evident that the narrator has an attitude of

- (a) apathy
 (b) empathy
 (c) sympathy
 (d) bewilderment

C. Why is the narrator feeling embarrassed at having made a promise?

- (a) For kids like Saheb there is no dearth of promises which remain unfulfilled
 (b) There is a scarcity of people promising things for the betterment
 (c) The narrator found her advice and promise hollow since there were no schools in the slum where Saheb lived and she had never intended to open one.
 d) Promises don't generally live up to the expectations of people

4. Answer the following questions in 40 - 50 Words.

3x2=6

- (i) How did Saheb feel working at a tea stall? What did he get there?
 (ii) What does the poet say about those 'who prepare green wars'?
 (iii) What symbol from Nature does the poet invoke to say that there can be life under apparent stillness?

5. (i) How can we rectify the social problems, as in the poem 'Keeping Quiet'?
 (A) When we introspect and develop a feeling of understanding with each other
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 (C) When we think about ourselves only
 (D) None of the above

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(ii) What can be a cure or an antidote to violent actions?

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As her hands move mechanically like the tongs of a machine, I wonder if she knows the sanctity of the bangles she helps make. It symbolizes an Indian woman's suhaag, auspiciousness in marriage. It will dawn on her suddenly one day when her head is draped with a red veil, her hands dyed red with henna, and red bangles rolled onto her wrists. She will then become a bride

(iii) Read the statements given below carefully. Choose the option that best describes these statements with reference to the extract.

Statement-1: Savita is deprived of her childhood and burdened with responsibility.

Statement-2: Though engaged in bangle-making, she is unaware of the sanctity that the bangles hold for an Indian woman.

- (a) Statement-1 is true.
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You are Rohan/Roshni of Bangalore. You are disturbed by the non-availability of essential commodities in the Fair Price Shops in your area. Write a letter to the Editor of The Hindu drawing the attention of the authorities to the irregularities in the Fair Price Shops. (Word limit: not more than 120 words)

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