



## INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT

## FIRST PERIODIC TEST

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE &amp; LITERATURE

CLASS: X

Sub. Code: 184

Time Allotted: 50 mts.

19.04.2022

Max. Marks: 20

**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. *Read the instructions carefully and attempt all questions.*
2. *Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.*

**1. Read the extract given below and attempt the questions that follow.**

1X3=3

“God”, he wrote, “if you don’t help me. My family and I will go hungry this year. I need a hundred pesos in order to sow my field again and to live until the crop comes, because the hailstorm...” He wrote ‘To God’ on the envelope, put the letter inside and still troubled, went to town. At the post office, he placed a stamp on the letter and dropped it into the mail box.

a) Lencho expressed the fear in the letter that:

i) There may be a hailstorm again

ii) He may not be helped by God

iii) There may be no yield that year

iv) His family may have to starve that year

year

b) Lencho sought \_\_\_\_\_ help from God.

i) financial

ii) moral

iii) physical

iv) ethical

c) The postmaster was finally \_\_\_\_\_ to see a letter to God.

i) saddened

ii) ridiculed

iii) unmoved

iv) impressed

**2. Read the extract given below and attempt the questions that follow.**

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- a) What is the meaning of the word '**convalescing**'?
- b) Whom does 'I' refer to here?
- c) Why did Mrs. Pumphrey send so many things to the hospital?

3. You are Ria/Ranjith of 22-B, Mandakini Apartments, New Delhi. You want to bring to light the parking problem faced by the people in residential colonies. Write a letter to the Editor of 'The Daily Express' drawing attention to this problem and what measures can be taken to rectify it. ( 120 words) 5

4. Attempt the questions given below by choosing the correct option. 1X3=3

- a) If we don't move faster, we will miss our train. There isn't \_\_\_\_\_ time to waste.  
i) any      ii) few      iii) some      iv) little
- b) Heavy fines have made \_\_\_\_\_ difference in preventing elephant poaching for tusk.  
i) little      ii) most      iii) a lot      iv) few
- c) Unfortunately I haven't got \_\_\_\_\_ time to watch television.  
i) much      ii) many      iii) little      iv) a lot

5. Attempt any three of the five questions given below in 30-40 words each. 2x3=6

- a) Who does Lencho suspect had taken the rest of the money? Discuss the irony in this situation?
- b) Do you think Tricki was in better hands of the surgeon who offered him no food but plenty of water than with his rich mistress?
- c) What does Lencho compare the raindrops to and why?
- d) Why is Dr. Herriot tempted to keep Tricki as a permanent guest?
- e) What kind of people were the post office employees?

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a) Why did Mrs. Pumphrey send so many things to the hospital?

- i) to build up Tricki's strength      ii) to meet Tricki  
iii) to make Tricki sick              iv) for the doctor and his family

b) 'I' here refers to.....

- i) Mrs. Pumphrey    ii) Dr. Herriot    iii) Joe              iv) Hodgkins

c) Why did the narrator use the word '**convalescing**'?

- i) to inform Mrs. Pumphrey that Tricki was good  
ii) to inform Mrs. Pumphrey that Tricki was recovering  
iii) to tell Mrs. Pumphrey that Tricki was back

iv) to console Mrs. Pumphrey

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With a satisfied expression he regarded the field of ripe corn with its flowers, draped in a curtain of rain. But suddenly a strong wind began to blow and along with the rain very large hailstones began to fall. This truly did resemble new silver coins. The boys, exposing themselves to the rain, ran out to collect the frozen pearls.

- a) Why did Lencho have a satisfied expression?
- b) How did things suddenly change?
- c) Point out the literary device in the phrase, 'frozen pearls'.

3. You are Prabhu/Parvati Kumar of 17 E, Ravi Dass Road, Kochi. Write a letter to the Editor of 'The Hindustan Times' about the nuisance caused by loudspeakers in the city during examination days drawing the attention of the authorities concerned to the problem. Also suggest measures for the same. (120 words) 5

4. Attempt the questions given below by choosing the correct option.

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- a) Unfortunately I have \_\_\_\_ talent for music, although I have always wanted to be a singer.
  - i) little
  - ii) few
  - iii) some
  - iv) plenty of
- b) \_\_\_\_\_ dark cloud has a silver lining.
  - i) Most
  - ii) Every
  - iii) The
  - iv) Some
- c) \_\_\_\_ coat will do. It needn't be a rain coat.
  - i) Any
  - ii) Some
  - iii) Many
  - iv) Few

5. Attempt any three of the five questions given below in 30-40 words each.

2x3=6

- a) Describe the character of Lencho in the light of his faith and attitude towards God.
- b) How do you know that Tricki had an affluent life?
- c) What do you like about the gesture of the postmaster?
- d) What does Lencho compare the raindrops to and why?
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- a) The meaning of the word '**convalescing**' is:  
i) condescending ii) worsening iii) recovering iv) disappointing
- b) 'I' here refers to.....  
i) Mrs. Pumphrey ii) Dr. Herriot iii) Joe iv) Hodgkins
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went to town. At the post office, he placed a stamp on the letter and dropped it into the mail box.

- a) What fear did Lencho express in the letter to God?
  - b) What help did Lencho seek from God?
  - c) What character trait of Lencho is seen here?
3. You are Saurabh/ Soumya living at W-564, Shakarpur, New Delhi. Your streets and roads experience waterlogging during the monsoon season. The people in your area find it difficult to lead a normal life. Write a letter to the Editor, 'The Times of India', highlighting the problem and suggesting measures to control the problem. ( 120 words) 5
4. **Attempt the questions given below by choosing the correct option.** 1X3=3
- a) \_\_\_\_\_ coat will do. It needn't be a rain coat.
    - i) Any
    - ii) Some
    - iii) Many
    - iv) Few
  - b) With this, you have lost \_\_\_\_\_ chance that you had.
    - i) a little
    - ii) little
    - iii) the little
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