



INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT

SECOND PERIODIC TEST

ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE

CLASS: X

Sub. Code: 184

Time Allotted: 50mts.

26.05.2022

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.

1x 5=5

The policy of apartheid created a deep and lasting wound in my country and my people. All of us will spend many years, if not generations, recovering from that profound hurt. But the decades of oppression and brutality had another, unintended, effect, 'and that was that it produced the Oliver Tambos, the Walter Sisulus, the Chief Luthulis, the Yusuf Dadoos, the Bram Fischers, the Robert Sobukwes of our time-men of such extraordinary courage, wisdom and generosity that their like may never be known again. Perhaps it requires such depths of oppression to create such heights of character. My country is rich in the minerals and gems that lie beneath its soil, but I have always known that its greatest wealth is its people, finer and truer than the purest diamonds.

- a) What did the policy of apartheid create? 1
 - b) According to Mandela, what is the greatest wealth? 1
 - c) All of us will spend many years, if not generations, recovering from that profound hurt. What does the 'profound hurt' refer to here? 1
 - d) Pick the antonym of the word 'oppression'.
- i) tyranny ii) persecution iii) ill treatment iv) clemency

e) What unintended effect did decades of oppression and brutality have? **1**

i) created men of extraordinary courage, wisdom and generosity

ii) poverty and suffering

iii) boycott from foreign nations

iv) helped in formation of minerals and gems that lie beneath its soil

2. Answer ANY FIVE of following in 40-50 words. **3x5=15**

a) Does Mandela think the oppressor is free? Why/why not? **3**

b) What does Mandela mean when he says he is “simply the sum of all those African patriots”, who had gone before him? **3**

c) How did Mandela’s ‘hunger for freedom’ change his life? **3**

d) “And saved some part of a day, I had rued”. Explain.

e) What does the poet Robert Frost want to convey through the poem ‘Dust of Snow’? **3**

f) What is a ‘dust of snow’? What does the poet say has changed his mood? How has the poet’s mood changed? **3**

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A few moments later we all lifted our eyes in awe as a spectacular array of South African jets, helicopters and troop carriers roared in perfect formation over the Union Buildings. It was not only a display of pinpoint precision and military force, but a demonstration of military's loyalty to democracy, to a new government that had been freely and fairly elected. Only moments before, the highest generals of South African defence force and police, their chests bedecked with ribbons and medals from days gone by, saluted me and pledged their loyalty. I was not unmindful of the fact that not so many years before they would not have saluted but arrested me. Finally a chevron of Impala jets left a smoke trail of the black, red, green, blue and gold of the new South African flag.

(a) What did the highest generals do in the event?

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(b) What did the smoke trail of Impala symbolise?

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c) Why would have the police not saluted but arrested the speaker many years before?

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d) Pick out the antonym of 'bedecked'.

i) decorated

ii) enhance

iii) subdued

iv) prettify

1

e) The spectacular array of South African jets was a display of _

1

i) military's precision and power

ii) military's devotion to the white government

iii) military's perfection and loyalty to the democratic government

iv) military's power to pin point others

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a) What is a 'dust of snow'? What does the poet say has changed his mood? How has the poet's mood changed?

b) What does Mandela mean when he says he is "simply the sum of all those African patriots", who had gone before him?

c) "And saved some part of a day, I had rued". Explain.

d) Does Mandela think the oppressor is free? Why/why not?

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We, who were outlaws not so long ago, have today been given the rare privilege to be host to the nations of the world on our own soil. We thank all of our distinguished international guests for having come to take possession with the people of our country of what is after all a common victory for justice, for peace, for human dignity. We have, at last, achieved our political emancipation. We pledge ourselves to liberate all our people from the continuing bondage of poverty, deprivation, suffering, gender and other discrimination.

a) What does 'we' refer in the first line of the passage?

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b) Why were 'we' outlaws?

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c) What did the people of South Africa achieve at last?

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d) The word 'bondage' means in the passage.

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i) servitude

ii) sovereignty

iii) liberty

iv) freedom

e) Pick the antonym of 'emancipation'.

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i) independence

ii) enslavement

iii) deliverance

iv) liberation

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