

INTERNATIONAL INDIAN SCHOOL, DAMMAM

TERM I EXAMINATION -2017

ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE



CLASS: I X

SET A

MARKS: 80

SUB: ENGLISH

TIME: 3 hrs

Instructions:

The question paper is divided into three sections.

Section A: Reading

20 Marks

Section B: Writing and Grammar

30 Marks

Section C: Literature and Long Reading Text

30 Marks

SECTION –A READING (20 MARKS)

Q.1. Read the passage and answer the following questions. (8 x 1 =8 marks)

1. These days, it is not unusual to see people listening to music or using their electronic gadgets while crossing busy roads or travelling on public transport, regardless of the risks involved. I have often wondered why they take such risks: is it because they want to exude a sense of independence, or is it that they want to tell the world to stop bothering them? Or is it that they just want to show how cool they are? Whether it is a workman or an executive, earphones have become an inseparable part of our lives, sometimes even leading to tragicomic situations.

2. The other day, an electrician had come to our house to fix something. We told him in detail what needed to be done. But after he left, I found that the man had done almost nothing. It later turned out that he could not hear our directions clearly because he had an ear-phone on. Hundreds of such ear-phone addicts commute by the Delhi Metro every day. While one should not intrude into their moments of privacy or their love for music, the fact is 'iPod oblivion' can sometimes be very dangerous.

3. Recently I was travelling with my wife on the Delhi Metro. Since the train was approaching the last station, there weren't too many passengers. In our compartment, other than us, there were only two women sitting on the other side of the aisle. And then suddenly, I spotted a bag on one of the seats. There was no one to claim it. Someone expressed the doubt about the presence of a bomb in it. The bomb scare lasted for several minutes. Then suddenly, a youth emerged from nowhere and picked up the bag. When we tried to stop him, he looked at us surprised. Then he



took off his earpieces, lifted the bag and told us that the bag belonged to him and that he was going to get off at the next station.

4. We were stunned but recovered in time to ask him where he was all this while. His answer: he was in the compartment, leaning against the door totally immersed in the music. He had no clue about what was going on around him. When he got off, earplugs in his hand, we could hear strains of the song.

(A) On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following :(1X5=5marks)

- (i) What is the usual sight these days on roads and public transport?
- (ii) Why didn't the electrician carry out the work properly?
- (iii) Why were the people in the Metro scared at the sight of the bag?
- (iv) Who finally came to claim the bag?
- (v) What does the term 'earphone addicts' in the second paragraph mean?

(B) Find one word from the passage which are similar in meaning to the following(1x3=3)

- (i) In spite of (para 1)
- (ii) Picked (para 3)
- (iii) Absorbed (para 4)

Q.2. Read the following passage and answer the questions (12 marks)

1. The future level of global warming is uncertain, but a wide range of estimates have been made. Scientists predict an increase in sea levels worldwide, due to the melting of two massive ice sheets in Antarctica and Greenland, especially on the East coast of the U.S. However, many nations around the world will experience the effects of rising sea levels, which would displace millions of people. One nation, the Maldives is already looking for a new home. The severity of storms such as hurricanes, and cyclones is increasing.

2. "Scientists have come up with the firmest evidence so far that global warming will significantly increase the intensity of the extreme storms worldwide. The maximum wind speeds of the strongest tropical cyclones have increased significantly since 1981, according to research published in *Nature* magazine. The upward trend thought to be driven by rising ocean temperatures, is unlikely to stop at any time soon"

3. According to a recent research, there is a 90 % chance that 3 billion people worldwide will have to choose between moving their families to milder climates and go hungry due to climate change within hundred years. Climate change is expected to have the most severe impact on water supplies

4. “Shortages in future are likely to threaten food production, reduce sanitation, hinder economic development and damage ecosystems. It causes more violent swings between floods and droughts.”

5. Global warming causes 3 lakh deaths a year. According to a research published in *Nature*, by 2050, rising temperatures could lead to the extinction of more than a million species. And because we can't exist without a diverse population of species on Earth, this is fatal news for humans.

6. This mass extinction is really just a continuation of the extinction which began at the end of the last ice age and has resulted in the extinction of nearly all of the Earth's mega fauna, largely as a result of human expansion

7. “Climate change is now represented at least as great a threat to the number of species surviving on Earth as habitat destruction and modification,” says Chris Thomas, Conservation Biologist at the University of Leeds

8. Widespread species loss and lists of endangered species just keep growing. This is a concerning matter on many fronts.

A) On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions in 30-40 words each (2X4=8 marks)

(a) Why do scientists predict an increase in sea levels worldwide?

(b) How will global warming affect occurrence of storms worldwide?

(c) What can be fatal for humans?

(d) What does Chris Thomas, Conservation Biologist say about climate change?

B) Find the word from the passage which is closest in meaning to the following:(1X4=4)

(a) Foretell (para 1)

(b) Harshness (para 1)

(c) Of various kinds and forms (para5)

(d) A natural environment for living (para 7)

SECTION – B
(WRITING AND GRAMMAR) (30 Marks)

Q.3. Leather goods are still in great demand, though the government has banned the killing of wild animals. Using your own ideas as well as those given in the unit 'Environment' in the MCB, write an **article** on the *Impact of Continuing Destruction of Wildlife* in about 100 -120 words for your school magazine. You are Amal / Afna. **(8 marks)**

- Great demand of leather goods
- Killing animals illegal
- Animals on the verge of extinction
- Organisations to protect and conserve wildlife
- National parks, wildlife sanctuaries, biosphere reserves to be maintained.

Q.4. Given below is the beginning of a **story**. Complete it in about 150-200 words, providing an appropriate title to it. **(12 Marks)**

I had gone to my tuition class in the evening. The weather was pleasant. When I came out of the class to go home,.....

Q.5. Choose the best word from the options given below to complete the following passage: **(1/2 X 6 = 3 Marks)**

Modern food has become our enemy. We (a) _____ so besotted by taste and preparation that we eat food for (b) _____ entertainment value and not for its nutritional benefits. Many restaurants (c) _____ of a new cuisine, which is the mixture of refined flour, oil and sugar. The vegetarian dishes are (d) _____ overcooked or have (e) _____ corn starch and fat. The non-vegetarian dishes (f) _____ either white sauce based or made in rich gravies.

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| (a) i) becomes | ii) became | iii) have become | iv) has become |
| (b) i) their | ii) it's | iii) there | iv) its |
| (c) i) boast | ii) boasts | iii) boasting | iv) boastful |
| (d) i) neither | ii) nor | iii) not | iv) either |
| (e) i) few | ii) lot | iii) a lot of | iv) many |
| (f) i) is | ii) are | iii) has | iv) have |

Q. 6. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the error and the correction against the correct blank number. **(8 x ½ = 4)**

| | Incorrect | Correct |
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| Robinson Crusoe was shipwreck on a island. It was inhabited only by animals or birds. There was not a single human beings on an island. He saw a large number for multicoloured birds' footmarks on the ground which make him fear the presence for dangerous animals. He used to spent hours gazing at the waves. | eg) shipwreck a)----- b)----- c)----- d)----- e)----- f)..... g)----- h)..... | shipwrecked ----- ----- ----- ----- ----- ----- ----- |

Q.7. Given below are instructions for making cold coffee. Refer to the given notes and complete the paragraph. Follow the example (3x1=3marks)

- Pour ¾ of a glass of cold milk in the mixer.
- Add 1 teaspoonful of sugar and ½ teaspoon coffee powder to it.
- Add a few ice cubes and switch on the mixer.
- When froth appears on top, switch off the mixer.
- Pour cold coffee in a tall glass and serve it cold.

To prepare cold coffee, ¾ of a glass of cold milk (eg) is poured in the mixer. One teaspoonful of sugar and half a teaspoonful of coffee powder (a) _____. A few ice cubes are added and the mixer (b) _____ on. When froth appears on top, the mixer is switched off. The cold coffee (c) _____ in a tall glass and is served cold.

SECTION C

LITERATURE AND EXTENDED READING TEXT (30 MARKS)

Q.8 Read the following extracts and answer the questions given below. Attempt any one :- (4 X 1 = 4 marks)

I come from haunts of coot and hern;

I make a sudden sally

And sparkle out among the fern

To bicker down a valley

a) Who is 'I' in the stanza?

- b) Where does the brook come from?
- c) What does the word 'bicker' mean?
- d) Name the poetic device used in the second line.

OR

*Then took the other as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same.*

- a) What does 'the other' refer to?
- b) Which road did the narrator choose?
- c) Why did the other road have a better claim?
- d) Name the poetic device used in 'wanted wear'.

Q.9. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words. (4 X 2 = 8 marks)

- (i) Why did the narrator make fun of her grandmother when she expressed her desire to learn to read?
- (ii) *In 1953, Hooper was a favoured young man.* Explain
- (iii) Why is Gaston not interested in buying the villa in the beginning?
- (iv) According to Mrs. Alsmith, the French differ from the Americans in many ways. List any two

Q.10. Answer any one of the following in 100-120 words. (1 X 8 = 8 marks)

- (i) *For a good cause if you are determined, you can overcome any obstacle.* Explain with reference to the grandmother's journey from illiteracy to literacy.

OR

- (ii) Duke was an extraordinary dog. What qualities did he exhibit to justify this? What role did he play in Chuck's recovery?

Q.11. Answer any one from (i) or (ii) in about 150-200 words (1x10=10)

Three Men In A Boat

(i) a) Write about the experience of Harris in the maze at Hampton Court Palace.

OR

b) Write a character sketch of Jerome K. Jerome known in the book as 'J'

Gulliver's Travels

(ii) a) Write a brief note on the education system of Lilliput

OR

b) Write a character sketch of the Lilliputian Emperor.
