

INTERNATIONAL INDIAN SCHOOL - DAMMAM

ANNUAL EXAMINATION MARCH - 2018

CLASS : VII

TIME : 3 Hours

SUBJECT : ENGLISH

MARKS : 80

SET - A

SECTION A - READING (20 MARKS)

I. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follows:

Our sleep habits have changed over the last century or so and we do not get as much sleep as we ought to. In the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, people went to bed early, soon after it was dark. Their sleep habits were fixed by the alternation of day and night, light and darkness. Today, the situation has changed. People, specially in industrialized countries, get less than eight hours of sleep per day. According to biologists and specialists, in sleep disorders, a large number of people are not sleeping enough and thus, sleep deficit affects their health and their performance. How did this change in our sleep habits come about? One cause was the introduction of the light bulb. People work till late in the evening or even till midnight.

Millions of people today travel by air across time zones, and suffer jet lag in the process. Radio and television must bear their share of responsibility for depriving people of sleep. Experiments, where people have stayed awake for days at a time, show that they soon become tired, confused, irritable and eventually ill, with headaches and increased risk of infections and accidents. Many people who suffer from sleeplessness (insomnia) are worried or anxious or depressed. Research has shown that the performance of people suffers if they are deprived of sleep. They cannot concentrate, they cannot absorb what they are reading, they cannot make calculations, they make mistakes. Sleep-deprived people cannot be alert, and this can lead to accidents in factories when such people lose their concentration while monitoring machines. What, then, is to be done to set things right? Obviously, people should learn to sleep more. One way is to take a siesta in the afternoon, as people often do in tropical countries. Extra sleep during weekends can help, but where there has been severe deprivation, it may take a long time to make up for the lost sleep. The most sensible thing to do would be to go back to our old time habits and sleep an hour longer every night.

On the basis of your reading of the passage answer the following questions: (1 x 7 = 7mrks)

1) What determined the sleep habits of people in earlier times?

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| a. the amount of work they had to do | b. alternation of day and night |
| c. their energy level | d. none of the above |

2) What has affected our sleep habits in modern times?

- a. the light bulb
- b. travelling across the country
- c. radio and television
- d. all the above

3. Lack of sleep can cause _____.

- a. loss of wealth
- b. loss of health
- c. loss of prestige
- d. loss of power

4. What does the research say about the performance of people who are deprived of sleep?

5. How can we improve our sleep pattern?

6. Many people who suffer from insomnia are _____.

7. Find the word from the first paragraph which means the same as "shortage".

II. Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions: (1 x 6 = 6 mrks)

The story of Egypt is the story of a river. Without the Nile, Egypt would have been a desert from end to end. The river with its network of irrigations has given Egypt, the fertile area of the Nile valley and the Delta on the lower Egypt. Almost all her riches spring from this land, which is cultivated by about ten million peasants in much the same way and with much the same implements as used by the ancient Egyptians. Each year the river rises and spreads its waters over the great areas of perched land. In winter the floods begin to go down and until modern times there was always the danger of drought. Modern engineering is solving this problem by holding back the surplus flood waters by means of a great dam at Aswan, several hundred miles up the Nile. The Nile country is a flat green landscape with canals most of which are best for irrigation purposes.

Cairo, the capital of Egypt is situated on the bank of the river. In the summer it is very hot indeed. Its inhabitants dwell in every kind of building from mud-built huts to huge cool splendid hotels, rich villas and vast blocks of shining flats. We can spend much time in exploring its street with their mosques and bazaars, but not very far across the Nile is Giza where the famous pyramids and sphinx are situated. They are within easy reach by car or train and therefore we must go.

Choose the most suitable answer to complete the sentences:

1. The story of Egypt is the story of

a. the Nile b. Cairo c. Giza d. Sphinx

2. In Egypt until recently there was always the danger of

a. famine b. scarcity of water c. surplus water d. implements

3. Through modern engineering, the Aswan dam is built to hold back the _____.

a. drought b. flood c. surplus water d. flood and drought

4. Which of the following is not true of the dwellings of the inhabitants of Cairo?

a. they live in mud-built huts b. they live in huge cool splendid hotels

c. they live in blocks of shining flats d. they live only in rich villas

5. Almost all the riches of Egypt spring from

a. Cairo b. Giza c. Nile valley and the Delta on lower Egypt d. Aswan

6. Across the Nile is Giza where it is famous for

a. canals b. perched land c. pyramids and sphinx d. valley

III. Read the poem carefully and answer the following questions: (1 x 7 = 7mrks)

LOST DOG

He lifts his hopeful eyes at each new walk,

Dark wells of brown with half his heart in each:

He will not bark, because he is well- trained,

Only one voice can heal the broken heart,

He scans the faces that he does not know,

One paw uplifted, ear turned upward for a sound

Outside his sight. Only he must not go

Away from here; by honour he is bound.

Now he has heard a whistle down the street;

He trembles in great joy,

Dances upon his eager, padding feet,
Straining himself to hear, to feel, to see,
And rushes at a call to meet the master
Who of his tiny universe is the sun. ---- Frances Rodman

Write the answers for the following questions on the understanding of the poem:

1. Was the dog hopeful in the beginning of the poem?
2. Why does the dog not bark?
3. What makes him to tremble in great joy?
4. What is the phrase used in the poem to refer to the dog's eyes?
5. How does the dog rush to see its master?
6. Who is the 'sun' of his tiny universe?
7. The word 'tremble' means _____. (shake / still)

SECTION B - LITERATURE (25 MARKS)

I. Choose the correct answer from the options given: (1 x 3 = 3 marks)

1. Tommy had found the 'real book' in _____ .
a. the library b. the attic c. the basement
2. When he looked down, he could no longer see the watch chain he wore across the bottom of his waistcoat refers to _____ .
a. Mr. Nathenial Winkle b. Mr. Tracy Tupman c. Mr. Augustus Snodgrass
3. In the following sentences which statement is not true?
a. trees just stand and wait b. trees like to congregate c. they allow the naughty boys to climb
d. they do not accept their fate

II. Annotate the following lines: (3 x 3 = 9 marks)

1. "I remember him leading by the hand and leaving me on the stage alone."

- a. Who was lead to the stage and by whom?
 - b. In whose place was he taken to the stage?
 - c. Why was he lead to the stage?
2. "At midnight, permanent night would close in on me again."
- a. How does the writer feel when she says this?
 - b. What does 'permanent night' mean?
 - c. On which day darkness again descended on her?

3. "If there weren't any trees
 Where would naughty boys climb?
 Where would lovers carve their names?"
- a. Who is the poet of this poem?
 - b. What are the benefits that trees offer?
 - c. Write any two qualities of the trees described by the poet.

III. Quote from memory:

(½ x 6 = 3 marks)

There are times when only a Mother's faith

Were fashioned by the Angels

And sent from God above....

Poet : _____

IV. Answer ANY THREE of the following questions briefly:

(3 x 2 = 6 marks)

- 1. How did John Chapman come to be known as Johnny Appleseed?

2. Explain the expression "Window of the Soul".
3. Who is the cleverest of all in "The Pickwick Club" story? Why do you think so?
4. In 'A Mother's Love' poem what helps one on life's way? Why does one need confidence 'from day to day'?
5. In what way did Hanna's 'worst fears come true' one evening on the stage?

V. Answer ANY ONE in detail:

(1 x 4 = 4 marks)

1. Truly lessons in conversation began with this man. Do you agree with the statement? Give reasons. Describe Johnny and two of his greatest qualities with examples to support your answer.

OR

2. What are the differences between the kind of school described in Tommy's book and Margie's school? What kind of school do you think Margie likes? Why?

SECTION C - GRAMMAR (15 MARKS)

I. Rewrite the following sentences as directed.

($\frac{1}{2}$ x 2 = 1 mark)

1. To hear the sound of the sea is delightful. (Use introductory 'it')
2. I have some works. I must do it tonight. (combine it using 'infinitive')

II. Combine the sentences using relative clause:

($\frac{1}{2}$ x 2 = 1 mark)

1. Our teacher has retired. She is planning to go abroad.
2. The parcel reached me this morning. My brother sent it.

III. Fill in the blanks with the correct forms of the verbs:

($\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 = 2 marks)

1. The clouds always _____ across the sky. (move)
2. We _____ our exam by next week. (complete)
3. Warren _____ badminton since primary school. (play)
4. While she _____ , someone rang the calling bell. (sleep)

IV. Change the following into reported speech:

(1 x 2 = 2 marks)

1. The teacher said to the students, " Work hard and be regular in your studies."
2. Nitin said to Nisha, " You have made a mistake by giving up your job."

V. Choose the correct verbs in agreement with its subject: ($\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$ marks)

1. Each of these products _____ its own advantages. (have / has)
2. A crowd of people _____ shouting slogans. (was / were)
3. Most of my neighbours _____ government employees. (is / are)
4. The book " The Inheritance of Loss" _____ written by Kiran Desai. (are / is)

VI. Add appropriate question tags: ($\frac{1}{2} \times 2 = 1$ mark)

1. Ravi wants to be an athlete, _____?
2. We will eat soon, _____?

VII. Combine the following words into sentence using past perfect tense for the first action:

(1mark)

1. The play/ begin/ I/ reach/ the theatre

VIII. Do as directed: ($\frac{1}{2} \times 10 = 5$ marks)

1. The author always _____ her story in great detail. (NATARRES unscramble the word)
2. She was starting to _____ the bitterness of reality. (smell / taste)
3. The teacher expected her students to use their _____. (use the noun form of ' imagine')
4. No one can _____ our school in winning the trophy. (compete / complete)
5. The child cries continuously, _____. (complete with ' logical deduction' must be')
6. As 'battalion' is to soldiers, _____ is to dancers.
7. Music had a profound _____ on me. (affect / effect)
8. He was on _____ till he got his results. (pins and needles / high and low)
9. I think _____ nice to have a pet. (its / it's)
10. A good object becomes bad if I cannot get it. (forbidden fruit / sour grapes) Choose the correct phrase.

SECTION D – WRITING (20 MARKS)

I. NEWSPAPER REPORT:

(7 marks)

Imagine you are a newspaper reporter. Write a report about the inauguration of the 'Public Library' at Rohini, Delhi for the benefit of all the citizens living in that area. Use appropriate headline and you may use the hints given below.

Public Library inaugurated by the Education Minister --- boon for book lovers--- centrally located in the main market--- collection of 6,000 books--- novels, collections of stories, comics, epics, scriptures, encyclopaedia--- spacious hall, well--- furnished with good lighting and seating arrangements---will be open all through the week--- two qualified librarians--- no membership fees--- people gathered in large numbers--- few books were issued---will attract more people--- a positive step taken in the right direction. .

II. ADVERTISEMENT:

(6 marks)

You are launching a 'Nutrition drink' which is healthy and mainly meant for children. Draft a convincing advertisement to promote its sale. **OR**

Prepare an advertisement on ' Smart Watch'. Include details about its latest features.

III. LETTER WRITING:

(7 marks)

You are Rashmi / Rajat of class VII. In your school, you have noticed that the water coolers and areas around them are not properly cleaned which makes drinking water unsafe. Write a letter to the Principal complaining about this.