

**INTERNATIONAL INDIAN SCHOOL DAMMAM**

**SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT II - (2015-16)**

**CLASS VII - ENGLISH**

**MAXIMUM MARKS : 70**

**TIME : 3 HOURS**

**SET A**

**The question paper is divided into four sections :**

**SECTION A : READING - 15 MARKS**

**SECTION B : WRITING - 15 MARKS**

**SECTION C : GRAMMAR - 15 MARKS**

**SECTION D : LITERATURE - 25 MARKS**

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**SECTION A - READING [15 MARKS]**

**Q I. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below : ( 5 MARKS )**

**Your Amazing Brain**

You carry around a three-pound mass of wrinkly material in your head that controls every single thing you do. From enabling you to think, learn, create, and feel to controlling every blink, breath, and heartbeat - this fantastic control center is your brain. It is a structure so amazing that a famous scientist once called it "the most complex thing we have yet discovered in our universe." Your brain is faster and more powerful than a supercomputer. No computer can come close to your brain's awesome ability to download, process, and react to the flood of information coming from your eyes, ears, and other sensory organs.

Your brain generates enough electricity to power a light bulb. Your brain contains about 100 billion microscopic cells called neurons - so many that it would take you over 3,000 years to count them all. Whenever you dream, laugh, think, see, or move, it's because tiny chemical and electrical signals are racing between these neurons along billions of tiny neuron highways. Believe it or not, the activity in your brain never stops. Countless messages zip around inside it every second like a supercharged pinball machine. Your neurons create and send more messages than all the phones in the entire world. Did you know? Neurons can send information to your brain at more than 150 miles per hour.

When you learn, you change the structure of your brain. Riding a bike seems impossible at first. But soon you master it. How? As you practice, your brain sends "bike riding" messages along certain pathways of neurons over and over, forming new connections. In fact, the structure of your brain changes every time you learn, as well as whenever you have a new thought or memory.

Exercise helps make you smarter. It is well known that any exercise that makes your heart beat faster, like running or playing basketball, is great for your body and can even help improve your mood. But scientists have recently learned that for a period of time after you've exercised, your body produces a chemical that makes your brain more receptive to learning. So if you're stuck on a homework problem, go out and play a game of soccer, then try the problem again. You just might discover that you're able to solve it!

**Complete each of the following sentences with the appropriate option : ( 5 x 1 = 5 MARKS )**

1. Your brain has the ability to download, process, and react to information coming from : (1)

- a) The basic movements part of the brain
- b) A supercomputer
- c) Your eyes, ears, and other sensory organs
- d) Microscopic cells

2. \_\_\_\_\_ are microscopic cells that create and send information to your brain. (1)

- a) Brains
- b) Braincells
- c) Neutrons
- d) Neurons

3. What happens every time you learn something new or have a new thought or memory? (1)

- a) It gets harder to remember
- b) The structure of your brain changes
- c) You will always forget it
- d) The emotion part of the brain is triggered

4. The approximate weight of your brain is : (1)

- a) 4 kg
- b) 3 pounds
- c) 4.5 pounds
- d) 3 kg

5. Find out words from the passage which mean : ( 1/2 x 2 = 1 )

- a) complicated (1<sup>st</sup> para ) - \_\_\_\_\_
- b) willing to accept new ideas ( last para ) - \_\_\_\_\_

**Q II Read the following poem and choose the correct option for the questions that follow :**

**( 5 x 1 = 5 MARKS )**

### **Hearing**

**By David Bouchard**

As you walk along the ocean  
And peer out towards the water  
And you see a log that's floating—  
Look again, it might be me.

Come right down into the harbour,  
But be quick, I must keep moving.  
I am one the orca's hunting,  
And he frequently swims here.

Like the orca, I send signals,  
Only mine sound much like clicking.  
They bounce back with a clear message:  
"Is it time to flee or eat?"

It would serve me if you showed Them  
How I dive into the ocean.  
How the channels to my ears fill  
And then serve me like a drum  
That amplifies the slightest sound—  
That's how I hear in water.

There's more that makes me special.  
I can hear on land as well.  
They have surely heard me talking  
With my friends out on their shores.

Come and look across your harbor.  
I'm here peeking. Can you see me?  
Please be quick, I must keep moving.  
Now you see me, now you don't.



The friend continually reasoned with me to eat meat, but I always pleaded my vow to my mother and then remained silent. Both for lunch and dinner, we had spinach, bread and jam too. I was a good eater and had a capacious stomach, but I was ashamed to ask for more than two or three slices of bread, as it did not seem correct to do so. Added to this, there was no milk either for lunch or dinner.

The friend once got disgusted with this state of things, and said : "Had you been my own brother, I would have sent you packing! What is the value of a vow made before an illiterate mother, and in ignorance of conditions here? It is no vow at all. It is just pure superstition to stick to such a promise. And I tell you, this persistence will not help you to gain anything here."

But I was adamant. Day in and day out, the friend would argue, but I said 'no' to all his requests.

**Answer the following questions : ( 5 x 1 = 5 MARKS )**

[1] According to Mr.Mehta, the actual purpose of Indians who came to England for studies was (1)

- a) to make friends
- b) to gain an experience of English life and customs
- c) to eat the famous food of England
- d) to go on a tour all over the country

[ 2 ] Which food ,served by the landlady, did Gandhi find distasteful? (1)

- a) Spinach, bread and jam
- b) Oatmeal porridge
- c) Meat
- d) Boiled vegetables

[ 3 ] How was Gandhi helped by his friend? (1)

[ 4 ] Find a word from the passage which means each of the following : ( 1/2 x 2 = 1 )

- a) enjoy greatly - \_\_\_\_\_
- b) having lot of space - \_\_\_\_\_

[ 5 ] Find the antonyms of the given words from the passage : ( 1/2 x 2 = 1 )

- a) refused x \_\_\_\_\_
- b) profit x \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION B - WRITING [ 15 MARKS ]**

**Q (IV) Advertisement ( 5 MARKS )**

You work for Horizon Tours and Travels. Design an advertisement showing an attractive tour package offered by the company. Include details about destination, travel charges, accommodation etc.

**OR**

Prepare an advertisement for any electronic gadget of your choice. Include details about its features and value offers.

**Q (V) Newspaper report ( 5 MARKS )**

A 'Book Exhibition' was organised in St. Lawrence School, Mumbai. You are a staff reporter working for The Daily Times. Frame a newspaper report using the hints given below:

Exhibition - Agnes Hall - inauguration - famous novelist Catherine D'Souza - speech - aim - spread awareness- importance of reading - restrict children - watch TV - positive step - display - collection of 3000 books - different publications - novels, short stories, comics, epics, encyclopaedias - attracted thousands - visitors - sale - attractive prices - funds raised- charity

**Q (VI) Bio-Sketch ( 5 MARKS )**

Using the hints given below, write a bio-sketch of Vishwanathan Anand.

**Date of Birth :** 11th December, 1969

**Place :** Tamil Nadu

**Personal life :** Youngest of 3 children - started to play chess at the age of 6

Educated at Don Bosco Higher Secondary , Chennai

Graduated from Loyola College, Chennai with a degree in Commerce

**Achievements :**

1985 : Won the Asian Junior Championship - earned the title of 'International Master'

1987 : First Indian to win World Junior Chess Championship

1988 : Became India's first Grandmaster

Has won the World Chess Championship five times

**Awards :** Arjuna Award in 1985, Padma Shri in 1987, Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award in 1992, Padma Bhushan in 2000, Padma Vibhushan in 2007

**SECTION C - GRAMMAR [ 15 MARKS ]**

**Q (VII) Punctuate the following sentence : ( 1 1/2 MARKS )**

delhi the capital of india stands on the banks of river yamuna

**Q (VIII) Fill in the blanks with the correct verb from those given in brackets : ( 4 x 1/2 = 2 MARKS )**

1. Oil and water \_\_\_\_\_ not mix. ( does, do )
2. One of my friends \_\_\_\_\_ gone to Paris. ( has, have )
3. Tennis \_\_\_\_\_ a popular game in the United States. ( is , are )
4. The weather \_\_\_\_\_ to be good this weekend. ( appear, appears )

**Q (IX) Fill in the blanks using the correct form of the verbs given in brackets : ( 4 x 1/2 = 2 MARKS )**

1. The students \_\_\_\_\_ for their skit now. ( rehearse )
2. The market \_\_\_\_\_ usually noisy in the morning. ( be )
3. My father \_\_\_\_\_ a new house last month. ( buy )
4. Rahul \_\_\_\_\_ his lesson by next week. ( learn )

**Q (X) Add appropriate question tags to the following sentences : ( 3 x 1/2 = 1 1/2 MARKS )**

1. The train is arriving on time , \_\_\_\_\_ ?
2. You won't disappoint us , \_\_\_\_\_ ?
3. Let's invite them to dinner , \_\_\_\_\_ ?

**Q (XI) Change the following sentences into indirect speech : ( 2 x 1 = 2 MARKS )**

1. Arun said, " I was in Canada last week."
2. Mother said to the girls, " Please clear the table after you have finished your dinner."

**Q (XII) Fill in the blanks with the noun form of the verbs given in brackets : ( 2 x 1/2 = 1 MARK )**

1. Oil \_\_\_\_\_ is an important part of the country's economy. ( produce )
2. If you want to leave school early, you have to ask for \_\_\_\_\_. ( permit )

**Q (XIII) - DO AS DIRECTED ( 3 MARKS ) :**

a) Complete the analogy ( 1/2 MARK ) :

Downpour is to rain as blizzard is to \_\_\_\_\_.

b) Make a logical deduction using 'must' ( 1/2 MARK ) :

The baby is finishing his bottle of milk quickly. It \_\_\_\_\_.





2. 'How did it get into the garden?'

- a) Name the lesson and the speaker.
- b) Who does 'it' refer to?
- c) Explain the context.

3. 'Both the new settlers and the natives loved and respected him.'

- a) Who does 'him' refer to?
- b) Why did they love and respect him?
- c) Mention one instance from the lesson to show he was a nature-lover.

**Q (XVII) Answer the following questions briefly ( ANY THREE) : ( 3 X 2 = 6 MARKS )**

- 1. Why is the grandfather's attempt to hide his coughing described as being 'in vain'?
- 2. 'A mother's faith helps us to have confidence in our abilities'. Explain.
- 3. Which kind of school does Margie like? Why?
- 4. Pick out two instances from 'The Stalled Ox' to show how Adela was 'self-centred' and not concerned about others.

**Q (XVIII) Quote the lines of the poem 'A Mother's Love' : ( 3 MARKS )**

There are times when only a Mother's love  
Can understand our tears,

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Quite suddenly is real.

Poet - \_\_\_\_\_

**Q (XIX) Answer in detail ( ANY ONE ) : ( 1 X 4 = 4 MARKS )**

- 1. Which excuse did Tom choose finally? Why? How was it resolved by Aunt Polly?

OR

- 2. Describe Charlie Chaplin's experiences in his debut performance on the stage.