

**International Indian School, Dammam**

**First Terminal Examination – July 2017**

**English**

**Class – X**

**Set A**

Time: 3 Hrs.

MM: 80

This question paper is divided into four sections:

Section A	:	Reading	20 Marks
Section B	:	Writing & Grammar	30 Marks
Section C	:	Literature	30 Marks

**General Instructions**

1. All questions are compulsory.
2. You may attempt any section at a time.
3. All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.

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**Section A – Reading (20 Marks)**

1. Read the passage carefully and complete the following questions. (8 Marks)

1. Mind management is a way to control one's mind. To do this, we need to be cautious about our thinking process and also need a high level of understanding and meditation as well. Understanding is wisdom – 80% of people are knowledgeable, while 20% are wise. Knowledgeable men take sides without reason. They feel sad seeing deprived people but jealous when they see happy people. They work in the guidance of others' inspiration; take unnecessary responsibility to keep themselves disturbed.
2. A wise person does not stand for or against any idea without concrete reason. He works according to the situation and capacity. He looks at everything intellectually. To him, failure is a stepping stone for future success. So depression and conflict are not seen. Like the phrase 'Stop, Look, Go', first one should see, and this needs patience. Meditation is necessary to control and manage mind which then becomes an easy task.
3. Unless we control or manage our mind, it is difficult to achieve success and peace. Psychologists say every interest is first born in the mind as a seed. Then it continues to grow. Later it takes its real form which everybody can see. The interest that first appears



in the mind remains weak for the first three minutes and it becomes strong within the next five minutes. All the negative aspects should be deleted within the first three minutes. If not taken out, they would become stronger later and you can never throw them out. After taking control over mind, we can control passion, interest and unrest. Mind management is essential for a peaceful, successful and healthy life.

4. The age of computers has thrown us on the escalator of aspirations but has robbed us of simple charms like falling asleep. The compulsions of hectic schedules burden the mind and cause stress. However, the joys that elude us can be regained by practicing power meditation. It creates tranquility, simplifies life and cleanses the mind. It helps control indolence, ego and anger and builds confidence and patience. With power meditation, negative thoughts get dissipated and a sense of happiness is achieved.

**Read the given questions and write the answers briefly.**

**(1x8=8)**

- a. Mention the two things we need to be equipped with when we wish to control our minds?
- b. What are the traits exhibited by knowledgeable people?
- c. How can we identify a wise man?
- d. How can we achieve peace of mind?
- e. Do you agree that action is the final outcome and not the first step?
- f. How can man live a fulfilling life?
- g. How have computers taken away our sleep?
- h. How can we achieve joy for ourselves?

**2. Read the following passage carefully.**

**(12 Marks)**

The buildings that we live and work in have a major impact on the environment since they consume energy and resources, and create waste. There are countless studies which show a direct correlation between an occupant health and adequate daylight and ventilation. With our lifestyle and majority of our time spent indoors, the design of our spaces is of great importance.

Over the last few years the term 'Green Building' has been used extensively by everybody. It implies these projects have incorporated measures like energy saving, water conservation and ventilation. Important thing to remember is that when we decide to build or buy a new home or office, ensure that it is Green- certified. Secondly, even if your current space is not designed according to Green standards, you can still protect the environment by adopting a few simple strategies.

First thing to be kept in mind is energy saving. Major energy consumption happens when we use appliances, air conditioners and for lighting. It is best to use 3 star or higher-rated air conditioners and appliances at home. They are rated by Bureau of Energy Efficiency. We need to clean the air filters in the AC regularly. Turn off plug when not in use. Chargers and appliances, even if they are not turned on, will consume electricity if they are connected to a plug point.

Water is fast becoming a scarce commodity and fresh water is bought in large tankers to most city homes and apartments. So we need to save water. This can be done by fixing water saving fixtures in bathrooms and by turning off the taps while brushing teeth.

Recycling waste is another important thing that all of us need to do. Many cities have large, unsightly and ever-growing landfills surrounding them. These are not only an environmental hazard, but a breeding place for disease causing germs. Surprisingly landfills are filled with materials that can be easily recycled. Most countries in the world collect trash in a segregated form because it becomes easier to recycle. One of the simplest ways to reduce waste is to reduce our consumption of items that produce waste.

**2.1 Answer the questions on the basis of your reading of the passage. (4x2=8)**

- (a) How do the spaces we live in impact our life?
- (b) If somebody tells you he is living in a 'green-building', what does it mean?
- (c) While buying an air-conditioner what should we keep in mind?
- (d) Today conservation of water is the need of the hour. Why?

**2.2. Read the following questions and choose the appropriate option. (1x4=4)**

- (a) 'Green Building' means .....

  - (i) building that is green in colour.
  - (ii) buildings that follow government rules.
  - (iii) buildings that violate rules.
  - (iv) buildings made of bricks

- (b) 'A three-star or a higher rating' means -----.

  - (i) that it is a good product.
  - (ii) that it will save energy.

(iii) that it is acceptable to both home as well as office premises

(iv) none of these.

(c) 'Turn off' means ----- .

(i) to switch on the lights.

(ii) to remove the lights.

(iii) to switch off the lights.

(iv) to put new lights.

(d) 'Trash' means -----.

(i) Things used in the kitchen.

(ii) Things used in the bathroom.

(iii) Plastic bags.

(iv) Something that we wish to throw away.

### **Section B(Writing & Grammar – 30 Marks)**

3. 'Enjoying a cup of tea while sitting in the balcony on a Sunday morning, suddenly I felt a deep pain in my chest. I thought this was the last moment of my life. I wanted to call my daughter, my husband and everybody to say a final good bye, but couldn't do so ... '  
Imagine what happened after this. Did the family know what happened or did the woman die unnoticed? Explain what were the plans and aspirations of the woman at the last moment of her life. **Write an imaginary story with a suitable title in about 150 – 200 words. (10 Marks)**

4. You are greatly disturbed by loudspeakers blaring at high volume particularly during festival times. Private functions, exhibitions, fairs and religious occasions make use of loudspeakers without caring for the peace of local residents. Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper expressing your views against insensitive use of loudspeakers and requesting to strictly enforce the law which prohibits the use of loudspeakers beyond 11 p.m. You are Manish/ Manisha, 18 B, Self – Financing Flats, Alakananda Colony, Chennai  
**(8 Marks)**

**5. Rearrange the following into meaningful sentences. (1x4=4)**

- a. is familiar/properties/most/the neem/medicinal/ to/people/for its
- b. it is/distinctive curled/star-shaped/recognized/leaves/by its/flowers/and
- c. are pale/tinge of rust/the young/and green/with a/leaves
- d. New Year's Day/to ward off/are eaten/leaves/the/on/sickness

**6. Choose the most appropriate option from the ones given below to complete the following passage. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. (1/2 x 8=4)**

Three years ago, fresh (a) ----- of school, I (b) -----the intimidating task of choosing a career (c) ----- collegestarted. My uncle, (d) ----- of the elders of the family, suggested (e) ----- I do a summer job (f) ----- a multinational company followed by a month of social service with an NGO. He said that (g) ----- that I could (h) -----which career to choose.

- a.(i) from                      (ii) out                      (iii) in                      (iv) when
- b.(i) in                              (ii) was                      (iii) have                      iv) had
- c.(i) for                              (ii) after                      (iii) before                      (iv) as
- d.(i) are                              (ii) was                      (iii) one                      (iv) who
- e.(i) when                              (ii) that                      (iii) which                      (iv) as
- f.(i) in                              (ii) on                              (iii) for                      (iv) at
- g.(i) before                              (ii) then                              (iii) after                      (iv) in
- h.(i) made                              (ii) decision                      (iii) make                      (iv) decide

**7. Read the following passage. There is an error in each line. Replace the error with the correct word. (1/2 x 8=4)**

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Incorrect

Correct

- (a) had introduced Excel 100
- (b) permanent marker. A product
- (c) has many unique feature like
- (d) the dry safe ink which may

- a. -----
- b. -----
- c. -----
- d. -----

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|-------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| (e) write smooth and without        | e. ----- | ----- |
| (f) drying, even if a marker is     | f. ----- | ----- |
| (g) left capped for 24 to 36 hours. | g.-----  | ----- |
| (h) This is a best pen available.   | h.-----  | ----- |

**Literature – (30 Marks)**

**8. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow. (4x1=4)**

- (i) But you shall shine more bright in these contents,  
Than unswept stone, besmear'd with sluttish time.
- What two things is the poet talking and comparing in the two lines?
  - Which word in the lines mean 'soiled'?
  - What does the poet mean by 'sluttish time'?
  - Pick out the figure of speech used in these lines.

**OR**

- (ii) But it flickers,  
  
Faces and darkness separate us over and over.  
  
Now I am a lake. A woman bends over me,  
  
Searching the reaches for what she really is.  
  
Then she turns to those liars, the candles or the moon.
- 'Us' refers to -----.
  - Which poetic device is used in line 3?
  - Explain 'Searching the reaches for what she really is ...'
  - Why are the candles and moon called liars?

**9. Answer the following questions briefly in about 30-40 words.(2x4=8 )**

- How does Ali describe the peons who came for letters for their firms?
- What touched the author deeply in the end, in the story 'Two Gentlemen of Verona'?
- Who arranged for the tiger shooting and how?
- What were the two boys doing sitting on the pavement in the deserted square?

**10. Answer any ONE of the following questions in about 100-120 words. (8x1=8 )**

- a. 'For now the postmaster understood Ali's heart and his very soul. After spending but a single night in suspense, anxiously waiting for news of his daughter, his heart was brimming with sympathy for the poor old man who had spent his his nights in the same suspense for the last five years' –The employees of the post office realized the worth of a letter after Ali died. But initially they ridiculed Ali. Elaborate on the statement 'Do your duty but add a pinch of 'warmth' in it.

**OR**

- b. The frog who was not at all talented, ruled in the end and the nightingale who possessed the fineness and versatility of voice, died. Explain the irony in the statement.

**11. Extended Reading Text (The Story of my Life)- Attempt any ONE (10x1=10)**

- (a) Helen Keller says 'Happy days did not last long' Why does she say this? What had happened to her?

**OR**

- (b) How did Helen feel when she returned in the autumn to her southern home?

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