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INTERNATIONAL INDIAN SCHOOL DAMMAM  
FIRST TERM EXAMINATION - 2014

CLASS-XI  
SUBJECT-ENGLISH CORE

MAX MARKS-80  
TIME - 3 HOURS

SET - A

General Instructions:

1. The question paper has been divided into three sections—A, B, and C.
2. All sections are compulsory
3. Separate instructions have been provided with each section or question wherever necessary. Follow the instructions carefully.
4. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit.

SECTION A -- READING

20 MARKS

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: ( 12 marks)

1. I wish to offer today our thanks to the men and women of all races who have striven for India's freedom, the scholars of Europe who restored to us our pride and ancient culture, to the antiquarians and the archaeologists who discovered for us our own ruined cities, to the missionaries of all countries who chose the life of poverty in villages and served the poor and the desolate. To all we owe thanks.
2. Today, I remember those abroad who were the pioneers of our dream of freedom, men who are exiles if they are alive, forgotten if they are dead, who never sought nor received recognition nor reward, only privation, persecution and death. But, all these today are immortal in our minds.
3. The battle of freedom is over. The struggle for peace begins. And my country, my India, that has never excluded friend or foe from her hospitality, my India that has taken knowledge from all over the world, that has offered knowledge and wisdom to the world, once more will she stand in the forefront of the world civilization, once more will she bring the message of peace, once more will she carry her lamp into the darkness of strife and hatred; and the nations of the world who are free nations of the world who are not free, we pledge you our comradeship, our understanding, our love. Let us move together towards the great world fellowship of which we dream. Let us work together for the peace that will never be ended. Let us work for justice, for equity, for human rights but not privileges, for human duties but not prerogatives, let us be fellow citizens of a great free world of which our ancestors dreamed and for which we have striven. And which country but India can take the lead in restoring the world to its pristine glory? We who have been the dreamers of dreams, the seers of visions, the creators of wisdom, the followers of renunciation, we, who have given the heroes of the independence struggle for India. We have run through the whole gamut of the world's adventures, of the world's emotions. We are the wise. We are reborn today of the crucible of your sufferings.
4. Nations of the world, I greet you in the name of India, my mother, my mother whose home has a roof of snow, whose walls are of living seas, whose doors are always open to you. Do you seek peace or wisdom, do you seek love and understanding, come to us. Come to us in faith, come to us in hope, come to us believing that all gifts are ours to give. Today, in the name of India, I give for the whole world the freedom of this India that had never died in the past, that shall be indestructible in the future, and shall lead the world to ultimate peace.

Sarojini Naidu

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**1.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage answer the following questions by using the best of the given options: ( 1 x 6 = 6 marks)**

(a) Who are the foreigners whom the author thanks on our Independence Day?

- (i) Political leaders, missionaries, soldiers.
- (ii) Scholars, generals, builders
- (iii) Antiquarians, scholars, missionaries, archaeologists
- (iv) All the above

(b) Why are some exiled men immortal in our hearts?

- (i) Because they are dead and forgotten
- (ii) Because they were the pioneers of our freedom
- (iii) Because they did not return home
- (iv) All the above

(c) Which of these did Sarojini Naidu not ask for?

- (i) Working together for peace
- (ii) To be fellow citizens of a great free world
- (iii) To battle for freedom
- (iv) To work for justice and equity

(d) What does 'walls are of living seas' mean?

- (i) India abounds in marine wealth
- (ii) India is surrounded by oceans
- (iii) Population of India is huge
- (iv) People love bathing in the sea

(e) Synonym of the word 'pristine' is: ( as used in para 3 )

- (i) pure
- (ii) sullied
- (iii) tarnished
- (iv) spoilt

(f) Antonym of the word 'strife' is: ( as used in para 3 )

- (i) harmony
- (ii) discord
- (iii) riot
- (iv) upheaval

**1.2 Answer the following questions briefly: ( 1 x 6 = 6 marks )**

- (a) How will India carry on the struggle for peace?
- (b) How is India suited to be a world leader in restoring peace?
- (c) How does Sarojini Naidu describe India as our mother?
- (d) To whom do we owe our thanks for freedom?
- (e) Which word in para 3 means the same as 'unspoilt'?
- (f) Which word in para 4 is the opposite of 'folly'?

2. *Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:*

(8)

Why don't I have a telephone? Not because I pretend to be wise or pose as unusual. There are two chief reasons: because I don't really like to telephone, and because I find I can still work and play, eat, breathe, and sleep without it. Why don't I like telephone? Because I think it is a pest and a time-waster. It may create unnecessary suspense and anxiety, as when you wait for an expected call that doesn't come; or irritating delay, as when you keep ringing a number that is always engaged. As for speaking in a public telephone box, that seems to me really horrible. You would not use it unless you were in a hurry, and because you are in a hurry you will find other people waiting before you. When you do get into the box, you are half asphyxiated by stale, unventilated air, flavoured with cheap face powder and chain-smoking; and by the time you have begun your conversation your back is chilled by the cold looks of somebody who is fidgeting to take your place.

If you have a telephone in your house, you will admit that it tends to ring when you least want it – when you are asleep, or in the middle of a meal or a conversation, or when you are just going out, or when you are in the bath. Are you strong-minded enough to ignore it, to say to yourself, 'Ah well, it will be the same in a hundred years' time'? You are not. You think there may be some important news or message for you. Have you never rushed dripping from the bath, or chewing from the table, or dazed from bed, only to be told that you are wrong number? If, of course, your telephone rings and you decide not to answer it, then you will have to listen to an idiotic bell ringing in what is supposed to be the privacy of your own home. You might as well buy a bicycle bell and ring it yourself.....

If, like me, one is without a telephone, somebody is sure to say, "Oh, but don't you find you have to write an awful lot of letters?" The answer to that is 'Yes, but I should have to write an awful lot of letters anyway'. This may bring the remark 'Ah well, if you don't have a telephone, at least you must have a typewriter'. And answer to this is 'No'. 'What, no telephone and no typewriter! Do please explain why.' Well, I am a professional man of letters, when I was younger I thought a typewriter would be convenient. I even thought it was necessary, and that editors and publishers would expect anything sent to them to be typewritten. So I bought a typewriter and taught myself to type, and for some years I typed away busily. But I did not enjoy typing. I happen to enjoy the act of writing. I enjoy forming letters or words with a pen, and I could never enjoy tapping the keys of a typewriter. There again, there was a bell – only a little bell that rang at the end of each line – but still a bell. And the fact is, I am not mechanically minded, and oiling, cleaning, or mending them. I do not enjoy making them work. To control them gives me no sense of power or not of the kind of power that I find interesting. And machines do not like me. When I touch them they tend to break down, get jammed, catch fire, or blow up.

- a) On the basis of your reading of the above passage, make notes on it using recognizable abbreviations wherever necessary. Use a format you consider appropriate. Supply a suitable title. (5)
- b) Write a summary of the above passage in about 80 words. (3)

**SECTION – B WRITING SKILLS AND GRAMMAR (30 marks)**

3. An International Book Fair is going to be held in your town in the 'City Centre'. As the School Librarian, write a notice in not more than 50 words informing the students about it. Give all relevant details like the duration, date, time etc. (4 marks)

4. You are Ganga/Gautam of Ankur Vihar, Basant Colony, Jamnagar. There is no bus stop within the radius of 2 kms from the colony, causing a lot of inconvenience to the residents. Write a letter to the editor of 'The Times of India' drawing attention of the authorities to this problem for rectification. (120 - 150 words) (6 marks)

5. Parents are in the rat race of earning more money and have little time for children. Many children grow up with loneliness, insecurity and personality disorders. Write an article for your school magazine analyzing the situation and giving your suggestions about how to find solutions for a happy family life. (150 – 200 words) (10 marks)

6. Fill in the blanks with suitable form of the verbs given in brackets:

"I don't understand," I said in Chinese. "Hussain"! He (a)----- (call) out in a thin voice. Hussain must (b)----- (learn) Chinese in school. He (c)----- (ask) me what I (d)----- (want). I pointed to a cloth cap and asked "How much (e)----- (be) these?" "Three yuan," he said and asked, Are you (f)----- (travel) through China these days?" (1/2 x 6 = 3 marks)

7. In the passage given below one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after against the correct blank number. Underline the word that forms your answer.

	<u>Word before</u>	<u>missing word</u>	<u>word after</u>
My five year old daughter Mini not live	(a) -----	-----	-----
without chattering. I believe that in all life	(b) -----	-----	-----
she has not wasted minute in silence.	(c) -----	-----	-----
Her mother is often vexed this and	(d) -----	-----	-----
would like stop her prattle but	(e) -----	-----	-----
I not. For Mini to	(f) -----	-----	-----
be quiet unnatural and	(g) -----	-----	-----
I cannot bear long	(h) -----	-----	-----

(1/2 x 8 = 4 marks)

8. Rearrange the following to make meaningful sentences:

- (a) architecture / I would / like to/ books / on / look at / Indian / the
- (b) to / the popularity /in every corner /of junk food / of eating / has led / the opening / joints
- (c) give / to / armies / wars / forests / during / our / cover (1 x 3 = marks)

**SECTION – C ( LITERATURE AND LONG READING TEXTS) 30 marks**

9. Read the lines given below and answer the questions choosing the best option :  
( 3 marks)

Was it the time I realized that Hell and Heaven,  
Could not be found in Geography,  
And therefore could not be,  
Was that the day!

- (a) The last line refers to the day when the poet thinks he
- (i) lost his book
  - (ii) lost his happiness
  - (iii) lost his childhood
  - (iv) got back his childhood
- (b) “ And therefore could not be” means that the poet realizes:
- (i) geography books are wrong
  - (ii) Hell and Heaven are found in books
  - (iii) Hell and Heaven don't exist
  - (iv) the importance of Hell and Heaven
- (c) The poetic device used in the first line is:
- (i) personification
  - (ii) repetition
  - (iii) refrain
  - (iv) alliteration

10. Answer the following questions briefly : ( 3x3 = 9 marks)

- (a) Give examples to show that the narrator of Ranga's Marriage is very proud of his village.
- (b) Mention three things which the Captain of ' Wavewalker' did to protect his ship when bad weather struck?
- (c) How does rain beautify the earth? ( Voice of the Rain)

11. The poem 'A Photograph' is dedicated to the memory of the poetess' mother. The relationship between a mother and child is the most precious of all relationships. Write paragraph in about 120 – 150 words on what a mother symbolizes for you – selfless service, sacrifice, unconditional love and much more. ( 6 marks)

12. Give a detailed description of the Otis family. ( 6 marks)

13. The ghost suffers gross insult and humiliation at the hands of the Otis family. Describe the incidents which prove this. ( 6 marks)