

INTERNATIONAL INDIAN SCHOOL DAMMAM

MODEL EXAMINATION- JANUARY -2018

CLASS: XI

MM: 80

SUBJECT: ENGLISH

TIME: 3 Hrs

SET A

General Instructions:

1. *This paper is divided into three sections: A,B and C. All sections are compulsory.*
2. *Separate instructions are given with each section question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions and follow them carefully.*
3. *Do not exceed prescribed word limit while answering the questions*

SECTION- A READING COMPREHENSION (20 Marks)

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

Reading Comprehension (RC, as it is normally called) is the most peculiar section in almost all scholastic, entrance and employment tests. The skills in RC make a lot of difference to one's chance of good grades/selection.

Most students find it difficult to tackle topics that are diverse from the field they are in or they are comfortable with. So one needs to develop a taste for even the most obscure and boring topic on this planet. For success in RC one should be able to understand. And even with an average speed one can succeed if one implements the strategies.

Broadly speaking, RC passages can be classified in a few categories. Fact based RC is the simplest form of RC. These types of passages have lot of information in the form of names, numbers etc. In this type of passages one should read very fast.

Don't try to memorize any facts, number or names etc. In fact there is no need to even remember them. Just make yourself familiar with the structure of the passage. Just see in which paragraph author is talking about what. Mark it. Then when you go to the questions, identify in which paragraph information regarding that question is mentioned. Go to that paragraph, read the numbers, names etc. and mark the answer.

Inference based RC is the toughest form of RC. Here the passage is fairly tough to understand. This includes passages on topics like Religion, Spirituality, Philosophy, etc. Most of the students

will be comfortable attempting these passages at least in RC. The reading speed is fairly slow in this type of passages. The way to master this type of passages is to read them again and again while practicing.

Topic based RC includes passages on any particular topic like economics, astrology, medical science, etc. Generally what makes these passages tough is usage of technical terms. If a topic is new to us then presence of technical term scares us even if they are defined in the passage. For success in this type of passages we need to have a fair understanding of the definition of the term if it is defined in the passage. Read that definition twice if you need to. But don't worry about technical terms if they are not defined in the passage. Assume them to be non-existent and proceed. Key principle in these passages is that don't go to the next line unless the previous line is clear.

Reading passage first and then questions is the most popular strategy for RC. While answering the question you may come back to the passage to find answer as you have just read the passage initially and not crammed it. But you should not come back for each and every question. If you come back for majority of questions then you haven't read the passage properly. The key to success for this strategy is that you should understand the passage very well. We will suggest students to follow this technique from the beginning and work upon this.

Reading questions first and then passage is the strategy followed by a few students. They just look at the questions and not options. The objective is that after seeing the questions when you read the passage then you read only that part carefully where the answer is given. The flaw with this is that you will not be able to remember all the questions. Besides this, this strategy fails when there are questions that require understanding of the passage.

1.1. On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions by choosing the best of the given choices: (6 Marks)

- a. Most students find Reading Comprehension difficult because _____.
- (i) the language is tough
 - (ii) the vocabulary is difficult
 - (iii) the style is too involved
 - (iv) the topics are unrelated to their interest
- b. Fact based RC is the easiest because _____.
- (i) it is written in simple language
 - (ii) There are no allusions
 - (iii) it contains information
 - (iv) it can be memorized easily
- c. For answering a question on RC, one should _____
- (i) Memorise the facts, figures etc
 - (ii) mark what the author is talking about in the para
 - (iii) mark the essential details of the passage
 - (iv) remember the names, numbers etc.

- d. Topic based RC is tough as _____
(i) it contains technical terms (ii) it is based on different topics
(iii) it demands instant understanding (iv) one can't read them fast enough
- e. Careful reading of the passage is essential for _____
(i) answering difficult questions (ii) saving time and effort
(iii) proper understanding and answering correctly (iv) selective identification of relevant parts
- f. The word 'diverse' in para 2 means _____
(i) similar (ii) same (iii) opposite (iv) different

1.2 Answer the following questions briefly.

(6 Marks)

- What should one do for finding the right answers in a fact based RC?
- What does topic based RC passages include?
- Name the different categories of RC passages
- What is the most popular strategy for solving RC?
- Find the synonym of the words from the passage
 - of or concerning schools or education(para 1)
 - Accept as true (para 6)

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

(8 Marks)

This may seem like straight out of a Harry Potter book, but it happens to be true. The three thousand year old publishing medium- Paper, might soon get obsolete. Or, its use might get severely curtailed, with the arrival of electronic ink- a close cousin to the e-paper. The functionality of the whole experiment lies in its simplicity. The new technology not only looks, feels and is portable like the conventional paper, but is also eco-friendly. E-ink, a US based company is on the fast track of developing e-ink that looks just like grey paint, but inside there are hundreds and thousands of microcapsules, which change their colour from light to dark when exposed to an electric field. Since these micro capsules float free in oil based liquid – “the carrier medium”, they can be printed on just about any flat surface, convex, concave or even cloth material. Currently e-ink is hawking this technology only to the likes of JC Penney, which has begun to use its simplified versions for a futuristic promotional campaign. Commercial application is still a bend away. The primitive version of the technology was developed at the Xerox Palo Alto Research Centre and was promptly christened Gyricon (from a Greek word standing for rotate + image). This was because the technology involved floating microspheres.

The success formula behind the cutting-edge technology lies in the reusable paper that can 'typeset' itself through a wireless system, enabling updation of contents throughout the day-almost like a web update.

The fundamentals are so simple, it is amazing how it eluded scientists for so long. In a nut shell, it combines the clarity, user-friendliness and affordability of the conventional paper, with the immediacy of the Web and can even be folded and kept in the briefcase for an easy lugging to the office.

"There is a strong demand to retain all good properties of paper and yet couple it with electronic distribution", says a senior scientist associated team on the company's website. In other words, if one is to replace paper, the electronic alternative should also look like paper. This might even please the strong environmentalists' lobby, who have always stood up in arms against the massive tree-felling by the paper industry. According to one conservative estimate, an average reader consumes nearly 740 pounds of paper pulp every year.

Another drawback of the paper industry is that the printed words are so static that they can neither be erased nor updated. The new technology creates a dynamic high resolution display over a thin and flexible medium and is expected to hit the market soon. It will perhaps herald an altogether new reading style with the paraphernalia of e-books and e-paper that can display volumes of information as easily as turning a page and permanent newspaper surfaces that update themselves daily via a wireless broadcast.

E-ink constitutes of millions of microcapsules having a transparent outer shell. Inside are tiny white pigment chips that float in a blue coloured dye. These white spheres carry a positive charge. The e-ink with these microcapsules are placed between two electrodes. When the top electrode layer is negatively charged, it draws the positively charged white coloured pigment chips towards the top, reading surface, making them shine and stand out against the background of the blue dye. And, Loila! The letters and images become legible. A similar charge in the lower layer pulls the white pigments down, making them invisible to the eye. A combination of such white pigment chips on the surface makes the words and images visible. These characters can easily be changed any time by altering with the charge on the electrode layers, which is manipulated through the wireless signals. The e-ink is already in use on display boards at several US supermarkets, airports ATMs and offices.

The commercial advantages include its thickness, low weight and power efficiency. The system is networkable through wireless and weird systems and is also mobile. Thus the displays can be controlled from one central location. Need a publisher or reader ask for anything more?

2.1 On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes using headings and sub headings. Use recognizable abbreviations (minimum four). Also supply an appropriate title to it. (5 Marks)

2.2 Make a summary of the above passage in not more than 80 words using the notes made. (3 Marks)

SECTION-B WRITING SKILLS AND GRAMMAR (30 Marks)

3. You want to sell your newly built flat. Draft a suitable advertisement in not more than 50 words to be inserted in the classified columns of a local daily. You are Kavya Vaid, 34, Lodhi Estate, Pune. **(4Marks)**

4. You are Satish / Sonali, the student prefect in charge of the library. You have been asked to place order for children's story books (ages 10-13). Write a letter to M.S Book Depot, Ramnagar, Bikaner placing an order for the books. Invent the necessary details. **(6 Marks)**

5. To enforce strict discipline in schools and colleges is a great problem nowadays. As Mohan/ Mohini write an article in 200 words about the problem and your views on punishment as corrective measure. **(10 Marks)**

6. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet. **(1/2x8=4Marks)**

The poet relates an incident who changed (a) _____
his life. It was the season where the leaves (b) _____
turned yellow. He reached a place when the road forked (c) _____
into two. For he was a single traveller he could not (d) _____
travel on both. His difficulty was whether it was (e) _____
not easy to decide whose road he should take. (f) _____
It was a dilemma and he had to choose one of (g) _____
Them when he wanted to have both. Then (h) _____
he took the one which he considered the best of the two.

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 number. Underline and write the word in your answer sheet. **(1/2x8= 4 Marks)**

The small town was the (a) _____

foot of the mountains. Most the
people were farmers. There traders also
in the town. Though not rich were
happy contented. At one
time the peace broken by
several robberies. The people frightened.
The Mayor the town called for
a meeting to discuss the matter.

- (b) _____
- (c) _____
- (d) _____
- (e) _____
- (f) _____
- (g) _____
- (h) _____

8. Rearrange the following jumbled words to form meaningful sentences. (1x2=2 Marks)

- a. Mother Teresa/ greatest/missionaries/one of the//was/time/of/our
- b. dedicated/the poorest of the poor/entire life/she/to/her/the/service of/

SECTION- C LITERATURE AND LONG READING TEXT (30 Marks)

9. Read the lines given below and answer the questions that follow. (1x3=3Marks)

They talked of love and preached of love,
But did not act so lovingly,
Was that the day?

- a) Who are they?
 - i) Adults
 - ii) Children
 - iii) Geography Teacher
 - iv) God
- b) Who is the poet?
 - i) Walt Whitman

- ii) Shirely Toulson
 - iii) Ted Hughes
 - iv) Marcus Natten
- c) Which is the “day” that the poet talks of?
- i) The day he started learning geography
 - ii) The day he started thinking independently
 - iii) The day he lost his childhood
 - iv) None of the above

10. Answer the following questions briefly.

(3x3=9 Marks)

- i) Who was Mr Koch? What did he think of Albert?
- ii) Describe the ship which was made for undertaking the voyage.
- iii) In ‘The Tale of Melon City’ how was the new ruler of the state selected?

11. Answer the following in about 150 words.

(6x1=6 Marks)

“The shock treatment makes the thoughtless and selfish persons realize the real position of the lady of the house.” How far do you agree with this statement with regard to the lesson “Mother’s Day? Give reasons for your answer.

Long Reading Text:

Answer the following in about 150 words

(6x2=12 Marks)

12. Describe the Garden of Death

13. Describe the character traits of Virginia.

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