

# INTERNATIONAL INDIAN SCHOOL, DAMMAM

## MODEL EXAMINATION-2016

CLASS-XI

SUBJECT-ENGLISH

SET – A



M.MARKS-80

TIME-3 HRS.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:-

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### SECTION A-READING [20 MARKS]

**Q1) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Marks 12**

Giving soothes an individual with the vibration of joy. Unconditional giving is a natural principle and evident everywhere in nature which gives us solids, liquids and minerals. Water gives itself away for our agriculture and other uses. Trees give flowers, fruits and wood. Air gives us the very life-breath and the sun gives us light of life.

Even the animals give us milk, egg, meat, skin and various services. But what do we humans contribute to the cosmos in return? Isn't our role predominately selfish and destructive? We expand civilization to disturb ecological balance, spread pollution in fresh natural atmosphere, indulge in ruthless deforestation, kill animals even for sport and consume all natural resources for our own selfish interest.

It is always great to make donations, but what about giving your own time? It's wonderful to drop off used clothing, books and toys at a shelter for the homeless, but what about spending an hour each week reading and playing with the deprived children? Come face to face with the person you are helping. It will make your giving more meaningful.

It is not about just the time that you give to the deprived children, but what you give to your family. Are you there when they need you? Or, is it always you who demand help and cooperation from rest of your family members? How much do you care for the oldies that live with you or are far away from you? How do you utilize your spare moments? Isn't it that you just sit before the television and keep on flipping the channels trying to find something that



suits your interest? Shut it down!... you can use these precious spare moments making a "Get Well Soon" card for your nanny, or someone dear to you not in good spirits, or send a letter via internet. Why to be on the Facebook all the time chatting with your friends whom you even meet daily at school?

The law of karma is a natural law whereby we are paid back in the same coin. We have added much for our comforts but we have not been able to attain peace and tranquility. We are constantly haunted by excessive greed for grabbing which is severely disturbing peaceful coexistence. We rarely do what we can for preservation of nature and even our own fellowmen. We have not moved much from the primitive selfish mentality where self-preservation was the law for survival.

What can we give back to the cosmos? We humans are predominantly gifted with mind and intellect. These are very sharp instruments indeed which can be used as surgeon's knife for healing or an instrument for killing. Instead of nurturing anger, jealousy, hatred, selfishness and animosity, we can spread love, care, kindness and benevolence to all and thereby transform the earthly vibration into heavenly one. If not anything else, we can at least pray for the happiness and well-being of all. Instead of being always at the receiving end, let us abide by the principle of giving by all means and see how things change for humanity at large.

**1.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions by choosing the best options.**

**1 x 3 = 3 Marks**

- 1 Unconditional giving is a natural principle which.....
  - a) Manifests in solids
  - b) Is seen in nature
  - c) Gives us light of life
  - d) Is a component of the sun
  
- 2 Expanding civilizations has resulted in.....
  - a) Creating sport for animals
  - b) Creating the ecological system
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  - d) Making man selfish
  
- 3 The natural law of karma.....
  - a) Pays back all previous debts
  - b) Pays back in the same coin
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  - d) Moves from a primitive selfish mentality

**1.2 Answer the following questions briefly**

1. How is the giving principle of nature evidenced? **1 M**
2. What do animals provide man with? **1 M**
3. How do we, according to the writer, utilize our free moments? **1 M**
4. What would 'abiding by the principle of giving' provide us with in return? **1 M**
5. What does the writer compare human intellect and mind with? **2 M**

**1.3 Find words from the passage which are opposite of the following. 1 x 3 = 3 Marks**

1. irritate (para 1)
2. disharmony (para 5)
3. neglect (para 4)

**Q2) Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow. 8 Marks**

The whole movement of man's life is towards greater freedom. As a child grows up his dependence upon his parents and family progressively diminishes, while his freedom and self-reliance increases all the time. The goal of life seems to be headed in the direction of complete liberty. But what do we understand by the word freedom?

Freedom only means the capability of self-government. For the highest function of freedom is to make us capable of governing ourselves. Nietzsche says "He who cannot obey himself will be commanded." Freedom does not mean liberty to do anything that one pleases. Freedom has no meaning without responsibility, for only the responsible can be truly free for nothing is liable to a greater abuse than freedom.

All development is a process whereby we learn how to make the right choices. Hence it won't be far from truth to say that all values are created in freedom. And what, one may ask, is the purpose of freedom? The purpose of freedom is only one- it is perfection. 'The entire process of time and development is from the less to the more perfect, whether it be in moral, ethical, physical, mental or spiritual perfection. Freedom is the necessary condition in which the ideal perfection may be realized. Complete freedom of choice means complete freedom to do what you want to do- and is the only means to self- realization. The fully realized being is the highest ideal, not only because he fulfills himself, but also because being fully realized, he helps others to achieve their true potential. Mill says that, "in proportion to the development of his individuality, each person becomes more valuable to himself and is therefore more capable of being more valuable to others.

Freedom, rather than meaning unrestricted licence, means total self-discipline, for discipline alone gives us freedom. Discipline is the means of achieving that which a free mind has evolved. Discipline is not an obstruction to freedom, but a passage to it, for the more disciplined you are, the more free you are to do that which you desire. And discipline must be imposed upon you if

you cannot discipline yourself. Discipline means order while freedom may exist in chaos. And nothing worthwhile can be achieved where there is disorder and anarchy. Chaos has no power to effect anything worthwhile, and diffused energy is totally important. Only discipline can focus it. So give up all ideas you may have that freedom meant doing anything that you fancy, for if you fancy disorder, you are not free, but bound. Know that only he has liberty, who has control. Only he has speed, who has brakes, only he must fly, who can land, only he must start, who can stop. Liberty without control is like a car without brakes. It will crash. Freedom has no meaning to achieve the objectives of humanity.

- 2.1 Make notes on the passage in a suitable format using recognizable abbreviations wherever necessary. Give a suitable title to the passage. Marks 5
- 2.2 Summarise the above passage in about 80 words. Marks 3

### SECTION – B WRITING SKILLS AND GRAMMAR [30 MARKS]

Q3) You are the general manager of a leading industrial concern. You need a Mechanical Engineer for your office. Draft an advertisement in not more than 50 words to be published in The Times of India, New Delhi, under the classified columns. 4 Marks

Q4) As Rajat Kholsa, the librarian of Dyan Singh Public Library, Karnal, write a letter of complaint to the bookseller M/s Happy Book Company, 23-DKamla Nagar, Delhi 110008 complaining against soiled/ old editions of books supplied to your library. (Word limit 120-150) 6 Marks

Q5) You are Sanju/Sanjana, a member of the Health club of your school. You are disturbed at the increasing instances of students facing stress due to examinations. You decide to write an article on "How to beat examination related stress" to be published in the school magazine. Write the article in 150-200 words 10 Marks

Q6) 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 it in your answer sheet.  $\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$  Marks

	Before	Word	After
Selfless action is outward	Example - is	the	outward
expression selfless love. When the	a) _____	_____	_____
heart filled with love, it	b) _____	_____	_____
expresses itself the form of unselfish	c) _____	_____	_____
action. One is a deep inner feeling	d) _____	_____	_____
and other its outward manifestation.			

In beginning of our journey, our	e) _____	_____	_____
self-love becomes driving force	f) _____	_____	_____
for each our actions, even if	g) _____	_____	_____
we choose call them selfless.	h) _____	_____	_____

**Q7) Read the following paragraph and fill in the blanks with correct forms of the verbs given in brackets.** **½ x 6 = 3 Marks**

For a while I (a) \_\_\_\_\_ (can) not decide whether I should speak to her or not. I did not have the guts to tell her that her mother (b) \_\_\_\_\_ (die) before the doctor (c) \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive). She (d) \_\_\_\_\_ (turn) her eyes towards me. She (e) \_\_\_\_\_ (anxious) to know about her mother. I(f) \_\_\_\_\_ (collect) courage and informed her about her mother.

**Q8) Rearrange the following words or phrases to form meaningful sentences.** **1 x 3 = 3 Marks**

1. one of/ that of reading/ known to/is/greatest /the / pleasures/man
2. a rich variety / adventure and wisdom/ the / world of books /has / of
3. own/ you / book / convenience /can enjoy /a/at your / you

### **SECTION C: LITERATURE AND LONG READING TEXT [ 30 MARKS]**

**Q9) Read the lines given below and answer the questions, choosing the best options.** **1 x 3 = 3 Marks**

*Silence surrounds us. I would have  
him prodigal, returning to  
his father's house, the home he knew,  
rather than see him make and move  
his world.*

- 1. The father wants his son to**
  - a) return
  - b) go away
  - c) get punished
  - d) stay silent
- 2. Silence surround them because**
  - a) they are father and son
  - b) they are unknown to each other

- c) there is no communication between the two
- d) they are friends

**3. The word 'prodigal' means**

- a) Miser
- b) extravagant
- c) pleasant
- d) philanthropist

**Q10) Answer the following questions briefly.**

**3 x 3=9 Marks**

- 1 Who was John Byro? How did he react when he saw the beautiful white horse with Mourad and Aram?
- 2 Comment upon the criteria of selection of the wisest man and the quality of the counsel he offered?
- 3 What are the earth's four principal biological systems? How are they the foundation of global economic system?

**Q11) 'We're not Afraid to Die....' is a story of extreme courage and team spirit exhibited by all. They were able to succeed because of their sheer determination and hope.**

**Write a paragraph on 'success achieved through effort, determination and perseverance'.**

**6 Marks**

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**Q4) As Manish Batra, the Sports Secretary of ApexModel School, Janakpuri, New Delhi, write a letter of complaint to M/s Champion Sports, 237 Fatehpuri, Delhi for supplying defective/damaged sports goods. Ask for replacement. 6 Marks**

**Q5) Children usually come to school without taking breakfast in the morning and eat junk food from the school canteen. This habit affects adversely the performance of students in academics and sports. Write a speech in 150-200 words to be given in your school assembly about 'How health is affected by lifestyle'. 10 Marks**

**Q6) The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each of the lines. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet. ½ x 8 = 4 Marks**

	<b>Incorrect</b>	<b>Correct</b>
In a move for curb pollution <b>Example -</b>	<b>for</b>	<b>to</b>
the Delhi government in Friday	a) _____	_____
proposed the odd/even number	b) _____	_____
formula for cars. The move	c) _____	_____
is plan to be rolled out in Jan 1, 2016.	d) _____	_____
According to a proposal, cars by odd	e) _____	_____
number plate or even number plate will	f) _____	_____

ply in roads on alternate days.

g) \_\_\_\_\_

If implemented, Delhi will become

the first city in India to has such a scheme. h) \_\_\_\_\_

**Q7) Read the following paragraph and fill in the blanks with correct forms of the verbs given in brackets.  $\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$  Marks**

A bus driver (a) \_\_\_\_\_ (crush) to death by a speeding truck near Seernapur Depot on Saturday night. The police (b) \_\_\_\_\_ (say) that the incident (c) \_\_\_\_\_ (take) place around 8 p.m. when the victim (d) \_\_\_\_\_ (stand) near his bus. A speeding truck (e) \_\_\_\_\_ (pass) that way. The driver (f) \_\_\_\_\_ (lose) control over the vehicle.

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2. are / we enjoy/that/belong to us / than if / much more /they/ borrowed /reading books
3. should begin / everyone /a private library/ youth / collecting/ in

### **SECTION C: LITERATURE AND LONG READING TEXT [ 30 MARKS ]**

**Q9) Read the lines given below and answer the questions, choosing the best options.**

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*And who art thou? Said I to the soft-falling shower,  
Which, strange to tell, gave me an answer, as here translated:  
I am the poem of earth, said the voice of the rain,  
Eternal I rise impalpable out of the land and the bottomless sea,*

**1. Eternal I rise means**

- a) Formation of clouds from vapour
- b) Heaven
- c) Heavenly bodies
- d) None of the above

**2. The 'I' in the third line stands for**

- a) The rain
- b) The poet
- c) The reader
- d) Earth

**3. Name the literary device used in the third line.**

- a) Oxymoron
- b) Similie

- c) Personification
- d) Onomatopoeia

**Q10) Answer the following questions briefly.**

**3 x 3=9 Marks**

1. What method of treatment did Andrew use to save the baby?
2. How does the writer describe his village 'Hosahalli' in the lesson 'Ranga's marriage'?
3. What problems did Carter face when he reached the mummy? How did he resolve it?

**Q11) Do you feel it is proper for students to present their teacher the way Taplow does? What in your opinion should the relation between the teacher and the students be like?**

**6 Marks**

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