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INTERNATIONAL INDIAN SCHOOL, DAMMAM

SECOND TERM EXAM – 2014

CLASS – XI

MAX. MARKS – 80

SUB: ENGLISH CORE

TIME – 3 HOURS

SET A

General Instructions:

- The Question paper has been divided into 3 sections : A, B & C
- All sections are compulsory
- Separate Instructions have been provided with each section or question wherever necessary. Follow the instructions carefully
- Do not exceed the prescribed word limit

SECTION A : READING { 20 MARKS }

1. Read the passage and answer the following questions:

(12 Marks)



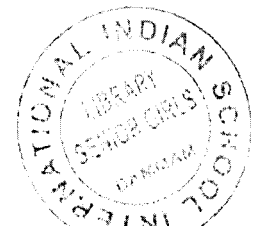
1. A bookshop is not something you will find in every *gali* or street these days. Books, which were once a staple diet for youngsters in their formative years, are fading out of their list of engagements. Ask any youngster, which is the latest book he has read, and he will be baffled. Apart from a few consistent readers, others just befool themselves with a best seller's name or lament about the curriculum load to justify themselves, like this seventeen year old school goer who says, "I just read my Physics book."

2. Television has been blamed much for this calamitous situation, which is producing square faced people and a bookless society. Furthermore, today's children are under pressure to be smart and popular: to succeed on a social level, among family and friends. Moreover, the internet, computer games, networking sites, along with yoga, swimming, dance, music and karate lessons, eat up all their leisure time.

3. A child who is constantly under pressure to live up to his parents expectations, many a times – unreasonable, doesn't want to throw himself into another set of books, after the laborious school work: unless he comes from a family of readers, where intoxicating works of Shakespeare and Dickens are just a matter of pulling them out from the shelves.

4. Many parents argue that today's children demand a logical reasoning for everything. They are no longer captivated by fairy tales or animal stories, as they have seen no animals except the old tired ones in the city zoo. This has made them more receptive to a Shahrukh Khan movie, than to a turtle talking to a rabbit or a frog turning into a prince.

5. But a visit to the capital's leading bookstores present quite a contrasting picture of the youngster's reading habits. These bookshops claim they are doing a very healthy business and have many regular buyers from this age group. Though works of Shakespeare, Charles Dickens, Jane Austen, or Mark Twain may no longer fascinate today's teenagers, popular authors like Danielle Steele, Sidney Sheldon, Jeffrey Archer, Dan Brown, Stephanie Meyer, Rick Riordan, Christopher Paolini, to name a few, are in the list of



all reading teens. Self – help books, on personality development and relationship management, are also picked up by many.

6. What seems to be the case is that parents have surrendered to others what was their most precious right of spending quality time with their children. With old techniques of child rearing losing ground, modern parents must consciously find time for their children. Taste and enthusiasm for literature can be artfully communicated to children by reading to them bedtime stories and spending a couple of minutes discussing their favourite character and by giving good books as birthday gifts.

7. Family reading, which is popular in the west, could be well adopted here. Reading aloud by parents to children, create a strong bond between the two, and inspire young minds to take their first exploratory steps into the vast treasure troves of books.

1.1 Answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate option: 1x 6 = 6 Marks

1. The books of Mark Twain and Jane Austen belong to the category of

- (a) Mystery books
- (b) Romance novels
- (c) Classics
- (d) None of the above

2. Youngsters are not interested in fairy tales as

- (a) They don't have time
- (b) Their heavy school bags prevent them from doing so
- (c) They've become more logical in outlook
- (d) Their interests have changed

3. Factors that keep children away from books are

- (a) Heavy school work
- (b) Television and the Internet
- (c) Hobby classes
- (d) All the above

4. Self help books are those which

- (a) Develop a person's personality
- (b) Teach to manage relationships
- (c) Help to deal with stress
- (d) All the above

5. A synonym of the word '*baffled*' is

- (a) Curious
- (b) Irritated
- (c) Confused
- (d) Angry

6. A synonym for the word '*calamitous*' is

- (a) Calmly
- (b) Climatic
- (c) Disastrous
- (d) Disappointing

1.2 Answer the following questions briefly :

1x6 = 6 Marks

- 1) How do the youngsters of today usually spend their leisure time ?
- 2) Why do fairy tales no longer seem to interest the young ?
- 3) Mention some of the popular authors among the youth ?
- 4) How can parents help in developing reading habits in their children ?
- 5) Which word in Para 1 is an antonym for '*irregular*'?
- 6) Which word in Para 5 is a synonym for '*intrigue*'?

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

(8 Marks)

Much before Medical Science advocated it, Reader's Digest had come out with the prescription, – *Laughter is the Best Medicine*. Newspapers, magazines, and even television are therefore doing their bit to keep readers and viewers in good health, by regularly running humour columns and comedy shows. Reading light articles, whether they be satirical, comic or just humorous, relieves the tedium after a stressful day at work. Some pieces may even tickle one's grey matter.

It is said that if you laugh for ten minutes, you will be in a better position to put up with pain for almost two hours. According to U.S. researchers, laughter is a good antidote to stress and helps to 'tone up' the nervous system. Facial laugh muscles instruct the brain to 'feel good' regardless of your emotional state. According to doctors, laughter deepens breathing, improves blood circulation, speeds up tissue healing, and stabilises many body functions. In short, it acts as a power drug with no side effects. Researchers state that deep laughter stimulates beta endorphins, which are natural pain killers and digestives. Those who laugh are less prone to digestive disorders and ulcers.

Some people in France have made it a career. You can hire a 'jovialist' who cracks jokes and one-liners, and promises to make you forget all your worries in helpless laughter.

A word of caution though : Laughing is a good exercise, but doing so at the expense of others, particularly poking fun at their disabilities or idiosyncrasies is in very bad taste and should not be entertained. Secondly, laughing while having a meal is not advisable as you may choke on your food, and this may prove to be embarrassing and sometimes even extremely dangerous.

Laughter comes best when it is free of encumbrances, uncontrollable, and originates from the bottom of our bellies.

2.1 On the basis of your reading, make notes of the above passage. Use recognizable and appropriate abbreviations. Supply a suitable title.

5 Marks

2.2 Summarise the above passage in about 80 words.

3 Marks

SECTION B : WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR { 30 MARKS }

3. A well established manufacturing group, *Debra Apparels*, is seeking agencies, franchise, and distributorship for the northern regions. Draft a suitable advertisement for them in not more than **50 words**. **4 Marks**

4. You are Maya / Mohan , a resident of Anupam Apartments, Saket, New Delhi. There is no bus stop within a radius of one kilometre from the Apartments. Write a letter in not more than **150 words**, to the Chairman, Delhi Transport Corporation, drawing attention to the problem and requesting extension of the existing bus routes. **6 Marks**

5. Each day, newspapers carry various advertisements on ways and means to lose weight. Expensive health clubs have mushroomed all over the city to cater to this fad, which is greatly influencing the youth today. Write an article for your school magazine, expressing your views on the topic in not more than **200 words**. **10 Marks**

<p align="center"><i>Lose 5 Kilos in 15 Days !!</i> <i>Lose 20 inches in 18 Days !!</i></p> <p align="center">Enroll Today ! <i>Slim'n Trim Health Club</i></p>
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<p align="center">Surest way to lose weight! Enhance your looks & Thereby your Confidence! Join Now !!</p> <p align="center"><i>Perfection Health Centre</i></p>

6. Fill in the blanks with appropriate forms of the verbs given in the brackets : $\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$ Marks

There (a)..... (*be*) a great rush at the counter yesterday. I (b) (*want*) to get a ticket for the movie. It (c)..... (*be*) the first day show. Suddenly (d) (*appear*) on the scene, the manager (e) (*announce*) that the show (f)..... (*cancel*) for reasons beyond his control

7. In the following passage, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word as illustrated in the example: $\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$ Marks

A miser a teacher how much	e.g. miser <u>asked</u> a
he charge for teaching his son.	(a)
The teacher replied that he would Rs 800.	(b)
The miser said that he could buy slave	(c)
for less. The teacher told him that he bought	(d)
a slave and saved on the education his son,	(e).....
he would two slaves.	(f).....

8. Rearrange the following to make meaningful sentences : **1 x 4 = 4 Marks**

- Only 26 / of relativity, which / Albert Einstein is / for his / when he was / best known / he first advanced / theory
e.g. *Albert Einstein is best known for his theory of relativity, which he first advanced when he was only 26.*
- 1) theory of relativity / influence / of a / according to / bends / light / Einstein's / under the / massive body
- 2) during / prediction / the total / his / put / was / to test / of 1919 / eclipse / solar
- 3) one was / because / a total / least likely / to observe / solar eclipse / sunspots / it / had been
- 4) light was / also predicted / the deflection / of surface / by Einstein

SECTION C : LITERATURE & LONG READING TEXT { 30 MARKS }

9. Read the lines given below and answer the questions, choosing the best option : 1 x 3 = 3 Marks

*The seed I spent or sown it where
The land is his and none of mine ?
We speak like strangers, there 's no sign
Of understanding in the air.*

1) 'I' refers to

- (a) the father
- (b) the son
- (c) the poet
- (d) the stranger

2) The father is in a mood

- (a) happy
- (b) sad
- (c) angry
- (d) irritated

3) The 'seed' refers to

- (a) the father
- (b) the poet
- (c) the son
- (d) the child

10. Answer the following questions :

3 x 3 = 9 Marks

- 1) How did Taplow try to express his liking for Mr Crocker-Harris? What was the outcome?
- 2) Why did the narrator of 'The Address' want to forget the address?
- 3) Why does the rain say, "I give back life to my own origin" ?

11.

1 x 6 = 6 Marks

- In spite of the humour involved, 'Mother's Day' highlights the plight of women, which is relevant even today. Write a paragraph in not more than 150 words, on the position and plight of women in India's rural and urban families.

12.

1 x 6 = 6 Marks

- The twins are very versatile in their planning of ways and means of troubling and humiliating the ghost. Illustrate

13.

1 x 6 = 6 Marks

- What was the ghost's desperate wish and what was preventing him from fulfilling it ?

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