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**INTERNATIONAL INDIAN SCHOOL, DAMMAM**

**FIRST TERMINAL EXAMINATION – JULY 2017**

**Class : XI**

**Time: 3 hrs**

**Sub: English**

**SET - A**

**Max. Marks : 80**

**General Instructions:**

**This paper consists of THREE sections A, B and C.**

**All the three sections are compulsory.**

**Separate instructions are given with each section question, wherever necessary.**

**Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.**

**Write the serial number of each question before attempting it.**

**SECTION A (READING)      20 MARKS**

**(8 marks)**

**1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions:**

1. Leadership is a very unique chemistry which happens when the best of everything get together to create magic. The New Testament says: “As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man named Mathew sitting at the tax office and said to him, ‘Follow me’. So he rose and followed him. “No questions, no arguments, no hesitation. What is that mysterious, intangible, electric quality known as leadership? The inevitable million – dollar question that keeps cropping up is “Are leaders born with a natural capability to lead or do they learn to do so?” And the surprising answer is –both. Organisational capabilities and individual brilliance are something they are born with. But fine points such as patience, humility and appreciating opinion different from one’s own, are all acquired in time.
  
2. The true qualities of a person emerge in the face of adversity. So is it with leaders. Look at any person who has the rare ability to lead, the first thing you find is how cool and self-composed he is even in times of crisis. In the midst of chaos, he sets out in right earnest setting things right, restoring normalcy and soon things are back to normal. A leader has to be visionary; he must be able to draw inspiration from the past and envision a future brighter than the present, however difficult that might seem. He has to be very clear about his vision-what he is serving and the mission-what he must achieve.
  
3. Another distinguishing trait of leaders is their organizational ability, the ability to coordinate together individual efforts into a single one. A leader has the capability of bringing rather than taking it on single-handedly. He has to communicate very well so as to gain the confidence of others, so that they feel they are on the right track and then they



would be ready to lay down their lives. He has to be patient, to listen to others' grievances and hence half the battle is won.

4. A leader has to be highly efficient manager as well as a coordinator. He might have to set an example before the rest. His individual work has to be flawless. The success of leaders is finally measured not only in terms of how capable they appear, or how well they are able to perform as individuals but how successful they are in leading their team to perform. A leader has the capacity and will to rally men and women to a common purpose.

**(5 Marks)**

- a) On the basis of your reading of the above passage, make notes on it, using headings and sub-headings. Use recognizable abbreviations and give an appropriate title.

**(3 Marks)**

- b) Write a summary of the passage based on your notes.

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

**(12 marks)**

**Learn to be free to be joyous**

1. Each day is a chance to invest in life; a chance to renew yourself. To shed yesterday's skin. To unburden yourself. To get rid of yesterday's hurt. Be glad of life each day as it gives you a chance to work, love and play; to look at the sun. And then when the sun sets, don't cry- the tears will make you miss the beauty of the stars. Life moves on and if you don't stop and look at the wonders already present in your life, you will miss life altogether. Think of big thoughts but relish the small joys life offers you each day. Maybe it's as simple as smiling at someone. For, that could be the last day of life- for you or for her.

2. A small genuine act from you will cost you nothing but it could mean everything to somebody that day. Life is a succession of moments. Live each moment. Life has no romance without risk. Any action carries some amount of risk, may be less or more, but the element of risk is always present. If there is no wind, row. Make things happen rather than let things happen. One can give nothing whatsoever without giving oneself, risking oneself. The most important thing in life is not what you get but what you give.

3. Once a preacher called at the home of a very poor family. When he came out, he found one son admiring his new car, so the preacher explained that he had received it as a gift from his brother. Most lads would say, "I wish I had a brother like that." But this one said, "Mister, I wish I could be a brother like that."

4. If you are not enjoying this journey, for sure you won't enjoy the destination. It will become a moment to dread, not a moment you can actually look forward to. It's not what happens that

determines our future, but what you do about what happens that counts. Conquer the mind and you conquer the world. Looking back strains your neck muscles. Similarly, living in the past strains your life. Don't dwell on the past, have faith in yourself and you will have faith in others. Fulfil your destiny. Remember, no one can make you unhappy without your consent.

5. The way you cope with life, is what makes the difference. Even peace of mind is not the absence of conflict but the ability to cope with it. You have to reach out to other people. That will teach you to forgive people and also forgive yourself. Forgiveness means letting go of the past. Compassion is about stepping outside yourself. A kind compassionate act is often its own reward. Live your life without complaining, just like a tree.

**(1x 6 = 6marks)**

**2.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions by choosing the best of the given choices.**

**(a) Why should we be glad of each day?**

- (i) we are more mature each new day                      (ii) we have more energy
- (iii) we are free of yesterday                              (iv) we can live life, work and enjoy each new day

**(b) What is meant by 'make things happen'?**

- (i) Take initiative, take risks, start things    (ii) If you are in a boat, you must row.
- (iii) Give whatever you wish to give              (iv) Do not try to get things

**(c) 'A small genuine act' (para 2) could mean .....**

- (i) an act of kindness and love                      (ii) a heroic act
- (iii) a good piece of acting                              (iv) a short scene in a play

**(d) We should not dwell on the past because .....**

- (i) we should learn from our mistakes in the past              (ii) the past does not allow us to progress
- (iii) our mistakes and failures in the past can depress us              (iv) the past will never come back

**(e) 'Succession in para 2 means .....**

- (i) achievement                                      (ii) inheritance
- (iii) happiness                                      (iv) series

(f) 'Relish' in para 1 means .....

- (i) charm
- (ii) enjoy
- (iii) envy
- (iv) danger

**2.2 Answer these questions briefly: (1x 6 = 6 marks)**

- (a) Why should we not dwell on the past?
- (b) What is meant by 'peace of mind'?
- (c) What is the word 'compassion' stands for?
- (d) How can we appreciate the wonders of life?
- (e) Find the word which means the same as 'the place where we want to reach' (para 4).
- (f) Find the synonym of the word 'discord' (para 5)

**SECTION B  
WRITING SKILLS AND GRAMMAR 30 MARKS**

**(4 Marks)**

3. You are the Secretary of Creative Club of your school. Design an attractive poster for an 'On the Spot Painting Contest' at your school.

**(6 Marks)**

4. You are Ashutosh/ Ashika, a resident of No. 235, Ambedkar Nagar, Noida. You are deeply troubled by the discrimination practised against the girl child even in urban areas, among well-educated, wealthy families. Write a letter to the Editor of Times of India, New Delhi, strongly condemning such practices. (120-150 words)

**(10 Marks)**

5. You are Jacob / Janet. You have noticed a drastic increase in violence among today's youngsters. Write an article for the school magazine in about 150 – 200 words highlighting the role of the media and the cinema.

**( ½ x 6 = 3 Marks)**

6. In the following passage , one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the words that come before and after it.

	<u>Before</u>	<u>Missing</u>	<u>After</u>
The use of water as agent in the treatment	a) .....	.....	.....
of various diseases is known hydrotherapy.	b) .....	.....	.....
The beneficial effects of water be used in curing	c) .....	.....	.....
diverse diseases. The Egyptian heating cooling	d) .....	.....	.....

baths were used various treatments. It helps e) .....  
 us to remove toxins the body. f) .....

( 1/2 x 8 = 4 Marks)

7. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correct word in your answer sheet.

	<u>Incorrect</u>	<u>Correct</u>
Louis Braille, on 1825, developed a special	a) .....	.....
script for the blind. It has known as	b) .....	.....
Braille script. The letters in it is formed	c) .....	.....
for raised dots on thick paper. Blind	d) .....	.....
people might read these dots by running	e) .....	.....
his fingers on them, across the page.	f) .....	.....
Today, thousands of books with almost	g) .....	.....
every subjects is available in Braille.	h) .....	.....

(3 Marks)

8. Rearrange the jumbled words to form meaningful sentences.

- i) the/Indian/ English/exploited/farmers/the
- ii) pay/the/had to/ poor farmers/high taxes/very
- iii) natural disasters/farmers/share of taxes/even/their/ in times of/the/ had to pay

**SECTION C**

**LITERATURE AND LONG READING TEXTS**

**30 MARKS**

9. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow

(1x3 = 3 Marks)

All three stood still to smile through their hair  
 At the uncle with the camera. A sweet face,  
 My mother's, that was before I was born.  
 And the sea, which appears to have changed less,  
 Washed their terribly transient feet.

1. Name the poem and the poet.
2. Who are the three mentioned in the first line?
3. What poetic device is used in the above lines?

**10. Answer the following questions briefly**

**(3 x 3 = 9 Marks)**

1. Why has Amenhotep IV's reign been described as one of the strangest periods in the history of ancient Egypt?
2. Why was Ranga's homecoming a great event?
3. Mention the ways in which the author's grandmother spent her days after he went to University.

**Answer the following questions in 120 – 150 words**

**(6 Marks)**

- 11.** 'Our optimistic attitude helps us to face extremely dangerous situations.' Discuss with reference to the story, 'We're not afraid to die.....'

**(6 Marks)**

- 12.** Describe the second appearance of the ghost after the arrival of the Otis family.

**(6 Marks)**

- 13.** Mr. Otis is quite practical and modern in his beliefs and views. Discuss.

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