

INTERNATIONAL INDIAN SCHOOL, DAMMAM

SECOND TERMINAL EXAMINATION – NOVEMBER 2017

Class – XI

Max. Marks : 80

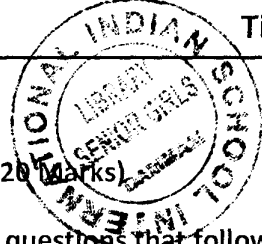
Subject : English

SET - A

Time: 3 Hrs.

SECTION – A

[READING COMPREHENSION] (20 Marks)



Q -1) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (12 Marks)

- 1 As you approach your career goals, you feel the need of having skill in making presentations. These presentations open the door to a brighter, bigger and more prestigious career. This works in two ways: they open the closed avenues and also bigger ones for those who are already in the queue. These will lead them up the pole of success, promotion and prosperity.
- 2 These attempts should not be taken carelessly or casually because they put you on the path of realization of your ambition.
- 3 As in many other spheres, marketing yourself for a job in a career stream too needs your meticulous attention and preparation. This also shows your inner urges; how you look at your job, your long term career perspectives and the ultimate result from it.
- 4 Failing to prepare is preparing to fail! This should be your guideline. There is no reason to fear making a presentation if one is aptly for it.
- 5 Genuine preparation is the first step. This begins with mental readiness and storing the mind with sufficient relevant matter. Fill the mind with ideas, concepts, facts and figures. You will have a lot of material for presentation.
- 6 Add to your information base. When your research base is extensive, you can select the best for the presentation. Conduct research through books, magazines, newspapers and publications, interviews, informal chats and letters exchanged with experts in the field.
- 7 The presentation will be most appreciated when you are able to give the audience something new more than what it already knows. Add some new slants.
- 8 Begin by stating the purpose and providing a preview of what will be created. The preview should be a quick summary of the outline of what is going to follow. Arouse curiosity and anticipation.

9 Go through the outline point by point. Be sure to cover every topic promised in the preview. In the end. Sum up your points briefly, but effectively. Think of some punch lines. Arrange your material in a logical sequence. One technique you can employ is the use of semantic bridges, for example, “ Amazingly, Interestingly” can be put before the sentence runs its own course. The duration is dependent on the nature of the topic, its importance, relevance to a particular situation and audience. The main aim is to express as well as to impress.

1.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions by choosing the best of the given questions. (1 x 6 = 6 Marks)

- a) When do you feel the need of making presentations?
- When we start our working life
 - When we wish to apply for a new job
 - When we are at the senior most level
 - When we wish to improve our current senior position
- b) Why should presentations be taken carefully and not casually?
- Because a presentation is made before many people
 - Because a presentation leads us to realize our ambition
 - Because we cannot afford to make mistakes
 - Because a presentation requires skills and concentration
- c) ‘Marketing yourself for a job in a career stream’ means that..... .
- Demand a high price for your services
 - Make an impressive speech
 - Appear for an interview
 - Present your qualifications and experience in an impressive way
- d) A presentation is appreciated more if it..... .
- Presents a new angle
 - Has a lot of information
 - Has ideas and concepts
 - Refers to many books
- e) The opposite of ‘foolishly’ in para 4 is
- Sluggishly
 - Snobbishly
 - Aptly
 - Meekly

- f) The opposite of the term 'novice' in para 6 is
- I) Simpleton
 - II) Expert
 - III) Inert
 - IV) apprentice

1.2 Answer these questions briefly.

(1 x 6 = 6 Marks)

- a) What are the two most important skills in making effective presentation?
- b) How should a presentation be ended?
- c) What is the main aim of a presentation?
- d) How does a preview help a presentation?
- e) Find the word which means the same as 'showing great attention to details' (para 3)
- f) Find the word which means the same as 'far reaching'. (para 6)

Q- 2] Read the following passage carefully:

(8 Marks)

- 1 The nine letter word "interview" can perspire the most knowledgeable and strong people in the world. That may be one reason, political leaders and corporate giants normally do not agree for an interview, but the popular ones, or those who want to make an impact, willingly give interviews. In modern times, whether you like interview or not, your prospects depend on its success. So you must know what an interviewer expects from you.
- 2 First an academic question. What is an interview? It is a discussion in which an interviewer faces a candidate for a short while and asks questions to probe his knowledge and awareness on the subject. These are done to assess the personality of the interviewee. It is a very formal means of interaction with one person facing a group of persons. Each of whom is a specialist in his or her field.
- 3 Knowledge is an important component of success in an interview. It has two aspects: range and depth. The former implies that you should know a lot beyond your own specialization and the latter means an awareness of the various aspects of the topics under discussion. As in-depth knowledge is gained through reading and listening. Listening is more important than reading. Be a keen listener, store major facts in your mind and use them at the appropriate time.
- 4 Next comes appearance, which means your dress for the interview. You must be elegantly attired for the occasion. Wear a simple outfit that suits your physique and features. Women should wear sarees or any other sober dress. Casuals like kurta-pyjama should not feature in your selection of dresses.

- 5 Conducting yourself in an apt way is equally significant. The way you move yourself sit on the chair, place your hands and your briefcase and talk to the members reflect your behavior. Walking sloppily, talking loudly or inaudibly, getting irritated easily, and showing documents insistently are symptoms of bad behaviour. A better way is to enter the room smartly, move forward with dignity, greet the board, sit when asked to, and thank at the end before you leave.
- 6 Expression is the most important aspect of the interview, you may be asked questions where you have either agree or disagree. Whatever your approach, convince the board that it is unbiased. The board may not agree with your view. Even if you disagree, let not your face show it. Create an impact through your expressions. Give an impression of being a leader. Show that you cooperate and get cooperation that you can share views and get people to accept your authority to reach decisions and implement them.
- 7 Finally, never consider yourself to be a perfect man. Being a human being makes you susceptible to flaws. However, try to confirm to the highest standards and reach as close to perfection as possible.
- a) Make notes on the above passage in any suitable format. Use recognizable abbreviations wherever necessary and give a title to the passage. **(5 Marks)**
- b) Write a summary of the passage based on your notes. **(3 Marks)**

SECTION - B

[WRITING SKILLS AND GRAMMAR] (30 Marks)

Q-3) You want to sell your car as you are going abroad. Draft a suitable advertisement in not more than 50 words to be published in classified columns of 'Indian Express'. Give necessary details of the car. You are Vishal residing in Mayur Vihar, New Delhi. **(4 Marks)**

Q-4) You are Sameer, a resident of A/2, Kalyani Apartment, Hyderabad. You read an advertisement in The Evening Times for the post of PGT Physics in ABC School, Hyderabad. Write an application to the Principal and attach your bio-data with the covering letter. **(6 Marks)**

Q-5) Owning a car has become a status symbol these days. However, increase in the number of cars has added to various types of pollution and other problems. Write an article in not more than 200 words highlighting the urgent need for reducing these man-made problems, giving suitable suggestions. You are Armaan. **(10 Marks)**

Q-6) The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet. ($\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$)

		<u>Incorrect</u>	<u>Correct</u>
I first saw the leopard when I am crossing	e.g.	am	<u>was</u>
the small stream. As I cross the stream and	(a)	_____	_____
begun climbing the hill, the grunting and	(b)	_____	_____
chattering increases, as though the	(c)	_____	_____
langurs was trying to warn me of some	(d)	_____	_____
hidden danger. The tiger was not look towards	(e)	_____	_____
me, but it must have sense my presence. It	(f)	_____	_____
slowly turned its head and look down at me.	(g)	_____	_____
I have disturbed the animal in its quest for	(h)	_____	_____

Food and I felt sorry.

Q- 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 in your answer sheet against the corrected blank number. ($\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$ Marks)

		<u>Before</u>	<u>Missing</u>	<u>After</u>
It was not new emotion. Doubt was my	e.g.	not	a	new
oldest enemy. I know well. Yet I	(a)	_____	_____	_____
had never expected it to come way, to	(b)	_____	_____	_____
arrive so suddenly. There was feeling	(c)	_____	_____	_____
that I would be free from it. But was	(d)	_____	_____	_____
not so. More I tried, more I	(e)	_____	_____	_____
felt confused. But way had to be	(f)	_____	_____	_____

found at any cost.

Q- 8) Rearrange the jumbled words to form meaningful sentences. (3 Marks)

- 1) a lot / learn / from / children / playmates / their
- 2) us / as much / let / as / can / rejoice / we
- 3) house / yesterday / a thief / at night / broke / into / our

SECTION - C

[LITERATURE AND LONG READING TEXTS] (30 Marks)

Q- 9) Read the lines given below and answer the questions that follow: (1 x 3 = 3 Marks)

He speaks: I cannot understand myself,

Why anger grows from grief.

We each put out an empty hand,

Longing for something to forgive.

- a) Who are 'he' and 'I'?
- b) What do the first two lines say about their relationship?
- c) What are they both trying?

Q- 10) Answer the following questions in about 30 – 40 words. (3 x 3 = 9 Marks)

- a) What did Howard Carter do to separate the mummy from its solid gold bottom?
- b) What reasons the head teacher give for expelling Albert from school?
- c) Why does Taplow say that Mr. Crocker Harris cannot be a sadist?

Answer the following question in about 120 – 150 words.

Q- 11) The narrator of 'The Address' thinks that the best way to forget her things was to forget the address. Why does she think so? What would have been your attitude in place of the narrator. (6 Marks)

Q – 12) What impression do you form of the Twins after reading the novel 'The Canterville Ghost'? (6 Marks)

Q – 13) Describe the conversion that took place between Virginia and the ghost in the chamber? (6 Marks)