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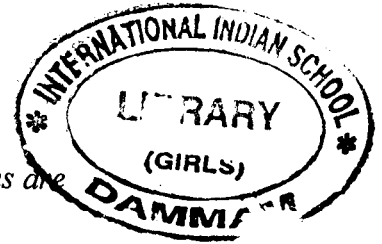
CLASS: XII
SUBJECT: ENGLISH

MM: 100

SET A

General instructions:

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



Section A: (Reading) 20 marks

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions which follow: 12marks

1 In spite of all the honours that we heaped upon him, Pasteur, as has been said, remained simple at heart. Perhaps the imagery of his boyhood days, when he drew the familiar scenes of his birthplace, and the longing to be a great artist, never wholly left him. In truth he did become a great artist, though after his sixteenth year he abandoned the brush forever. Like every artist of worth, he put his whole soul and energy into his work, and it was this very energy that in the end wore him out. For to him, each sufferer was something more than just a case that was to be cured. He looked upon the fight against hydrophobia as a battle, and he was absorbed in his determination to win. The sight of injured children, particularly, moved him to an indescribable extent. He suffered with his patients, and yet he would not deny himself a share in that suffering. His greatest grief was when sheer physical exhaustion made him give up his active work. He retired to the estate at Villeneuve Etang, where he had his kennels for the study of rabies, and there he passed his last summer, as his great biographer, Vallery Radot, has said, "practicing the Gospel virtues."

2 "He revered the faith of his fathers," says the same writer, "and wished without ostentation or mystery to receive its aid during his last period."

3 The attitude of this man to the science he had done so much to perfect can be best summed up in a sentence that he is reputed once to have uttered, concerning the materialism of many of his contemporaries in similar branches of learning to his own: "The more I contemplate the mysteries of Nature, the more my faith becomes like that of a peasant."

4 But even then in retirement he loved to see his former pupils, and it was then he would reiterate his life principles: "Work," he would say, "never cease to work." So well had he kept this precept that he began rapidly to sink from exhaustion.

5 Finally on September 27, 1895, when someone leant over his bed to offer him a cup of milk, he said sadly: "I cannot," and with a look of perfect resignation and peace, seemed to fall asleep. He never again opened his eyes to the cares and sufferings of a world, which he had done so much to relieve and to conquer. He was within three months of his seventy-third birthday.

6 Thus passed, as simply as a child, the man whom the French people were to vote at a plebiscite as the greatest man that France had ever produced. Napoleon, who has always been considered the idol of France, was placed fifth.

7 No greater tribute could have been paid to Louis Pasteur, the tanner's son, the scientist, the man of peace, the patient worker for humanity.

1.1 Answer the following questions:

- a. Even accolades and honours did not change the simple man that Pasteur was. Why? 2
- b. How did Pasteur view those who suffered from diseases? 1
- c. How did Pasteur engage himself in the estate? 2
- d. What advice did he always give to his pupils? 2
- e. How did France, the country of his birth, honour this great scientist? 2

1.2 Find the words from the passage which mean the same as: 3

- a. To give up (para 1)
- b. People belonging to the same period (para 3)
- c. Vote by the people of the country to decide a matter of national importance (para 6)

2. Read the passage given below: 8 marks

Residents of the Bhirung Raut Ki Gali, where Ustad Bismillah Khan was born on March 21, 1916, were in shock. His cousin, 94-year-old Mohd Idrish Khan had tears in his eyes. Shubhan Khan, the care-taker of Bismillah's land, recalled: "Whenever in Dumaraon, he would give rupees two to the boys and rupees five to the girls of the locality".

He was very keen to play shehnai again in the local Bihariji's Temple where he had started playing shehnai with his father, Bachai Khan, at the age of six. His original name was Quamaruddin and became Bismillah only after he became famous as a shehnai player in Varanasi.

His father Bachai Khan was the official shehnai player of Keshav Prasad Singh, the Maharaja of the erstwhile Dumaraon estate, Bismillah used to accompany him. For Bismillah Khan, the connection to music began at a very early age. By his teens, he had already become a master of the shehnai. On the day India gained freedom, Bismillah Khan, then a sprightly 31 year-old, had the rare honour of playing from Red Fort. But Bismillah Khan won't just be remembered for elevating the shehnai from an instrument heard only in weddings and naubatkhana to one that was appreciated in concert halls across the world. His life was a testimony to the plurality that is India. A practicing Muslim, he would take a daily dip in the Ganga in his younger days after a bout of kusti in Benia Baga Akhada.

Every morning, Bismillah Khan would do riyaz at the Balaji temple on the banks of the river. Even during his final hours in a Varanasi hospital, music didn't desert Bismillah Khan. A few hours before he passed away early on Monday, the shehnai wizard hummed a thumri to show that he was feeling better. This was typical of a man for whom life revolved around music.

Throughout his life he abided by the principle that all religions are one. What marked Bismillah Khan was his simplicity and disregard for the riches that come with musical fame. Till the very end, he used a cycle rickshaw to travel around Varanasi. But the pressure of providing for some 60 family members took its toll during his later years.

2.1 On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes using headings and sub-headings. Use recognizable abbreviations where necessary. **5 marks**

2.2 Make a summary of the above passage in not more than 80 words using the notes made and also suggest a suitable title. **3 marks**

Section B: (Advanced Writing Skills) 35 marks

3. A.K International School is looking for a receptionist for the school. Write an advertisement on behalf of the administrative officer in the classified columns giving necessary details. Draft the advertisement in not more than 50 words to be published in a local newspaper. **5 marks**

OR

As Suman/Suresh, Secretary of the History Society of your school, write a notice about a tour to London, inviting the students to join the tour. Invent details. Do not exceed 50 words. **5 marks**

4. You have taken part in an Inter-School Oratorical Contest conducted by National Book Trust under the programme 'Talk your way to Singapore'. You won the first prize and were consequently awarded a trip to Singapore as well as scholarship for higher studies. Write a report on the contest in 100-125 words to be published in your school newsletter. You are Arun/ Aruna. **10 marks**

OR

Your school celebrated Library Week from 11th May to 15th May by organising various contests such as poetry recitation, one-act plays etc. It was an excellent programme and there was an overwhelming response. Prepare a report in about 100 to 125 words. You are Sameer/Samiksha. **10 marks**

5. You are Nitin/Natasha a student of Class XII at Loreto Convent School, Lucknow. The student is required to cope with lot of pressure in today's competitive environment. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily highlighting the increasing stress faced by students and suggest ways to combat the same. **10 marks**

OR

You are Suresh/Smita. You come across the following advertisement regarding a course for training and preparing students for the TOEFL- test of English as a foreign Language. You wish to join the course. Write a letter to the Course Director of 'A to Z in English', 22, Gandhi Nagar, Chennai, inquiring about all the details that you require. **10 marks**

6. Some colleges conduct entrance test for admission to under-graduate courses like English (Hons.) and Journalism (Hons.). Do you think that the entrance test is the right method of selecting students? Write an article in about 150-200 words. You are Rohan/Rachita, a student of class XII at A.P. International School Agra. **10 marks**

OR

Computer games and video games have become popular with children today. As a result outdoor games seem to have no place in their life anymore. You are Satish/Sakshi. You had the opportunity of playing Hide-n-Seek when you visited your cousins in a small town. You decide to write an article on your experiences about the joys of playing outdoor games for the school magazine. Write the article in 150-200 words. **10 marks**

Section C: (Text Books & Long Reading Text) 30 +15 marks

7. Read the stanza given below and answer the questions which follow: 4marks

‘.....but all I said was, see you soon, Amma,
all I did was smile and smile and smile.....’

- a. Why did the poetess say ‘see you soon, Amma? 1
- b. Why did the poetess smile and smile? 1
- c. Which poetic device has been used? 1
- d. Do you think the poetess sincerely believed what she said to her mother? 1

Or

‘And yet, for these
Children, these windows, not this map, their world,
Where all their future’s painted with a fog,
A narrow street sealed in with a lead sky
Far far from rivers, capes, and stars of words’.

- a. What does the map on the wall signify? 1
- b. Who are ‘these’ children? What is their world like? 2
- c. What kind of future does the poet foresee for them? 1

8. Answer any two of the following questions in about 30-40 words. 2x2= 4marks

- a. What does Stephen Spender want for the children of the slums?
- b. Why are the young trees described as sprinting?
- c. What is the significance of the parting words of the poet and her smile, in My Mother at Sixty-six?

9. Answer any six of the following questions in about 30-40 words. 2x6= 12marks

- a. For Franz, what was much more tempting than going to school and why?
- b. Mention any two hazards of working in the glass bangles industry.
- c. How did Douglas overcome *the old terror*?

- d. The crofter can be called as a good host. Why?
- e. Even though the Maharaja lost Rs. 3 lac, he was still happy. Why? (The Tiger King)
- f. Why did Roger Skunk go in search of the wizard? (Should Wizard hit Mommy?)
- g. Comment on the title '*The Rattrap*'.

10. Answer any one of the following in about 100 words. 5 marks

Franz's attitude towards school as well as towards M. Hamel changes when he comes to know about the take over of his village by Prussians. Do you agree? Discuss with reference to *The Last Lesson*.

OR

The life of bangle makers of Firozabad is full of obstacles which force them to lead a life of poverty and deprivation. Discuss with reference to *Lost Spring*.

11. Answer the following in about 100 words. 5 marks

An adult's perspective is different from that of a child. Why? Answer with reference to the story '*Should Wizard Hit Mommy*'.

12. Answer the following in 150 words. 8 marks

Give a brief summary of the first three chapters of '*Lord of the Flies*'.

13. Answer the following in 125 words. 7 marks

Ralph is the athletic, charismatic protagonist of '*Lord of the Flies*'. Discuss his character in the light of the above statement.
