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**INDIAN SCHOOL SALALAH**  
**SECOND TERM EXAMINATION –MARCH 2018**  
**ENGLISH**

**CLASS VIII**

**Time : 3 hrs**  
**Max.marks : 80**

Name ..... Section ..... Roll No.....

SECTION	A READING	B WRITING	C GRAMMAR	D LITERATURE	TOTAL
MAX.MARKS	20	20	20	20	80
MARKS AWARDED					

**Section –A – Reading (20 Marks)**

**Q – 1** Read the following passage and answer the questions given below: [12]

*If I could be useful to another human being, even for a day, that would be a great thing. It would be greater than all the big thoughts I could have had at the University.*

- Muhammad Yunus

- 1) Professor Mohammad Yunus of Bangladesh won the 2006 Nobel Peace Prize for helping to lift millions out of poverty by lending tiny amount of money directly to the poor people. He was born in 1940 in Chittagong. He was the third of fourteen children of whom five died in infancy. Educated in Chittagong, he was awarded a Fulbright scholarship and received his Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, USA. In 1972, he became the head of the Economics department at Chittagong University.
- 2) In 1974, Professor Mohammad Yunus, led his students on a field trip to a poor village. They interviewed a woman who made bamboo stools and learnt that she had to borrow the same amount to buy raw bamboo for each stool made. After repaying the middleman, sometimes, at rates as high as 10 percent a week, she was left with almost no profit. Had she been able to borrow at cheaper rates, she would have been able to save some amount.
- 3) Realizing that, there must be something terribly wrong with the economics he was teaching, Yunus took matters into his own hands and from his own pocket lent money to

42 basket weavers. He found that with this tiny amount it was possible not only to help them survive, but also to pull themselves out of poverty.

- 4) Against the advice of banks and government, Yunus carried on giving out micro loans and in 1983, formed the ‘Grameen bank’ meaning ‘village bank’ founded on principles of trust and solidarity. Today, Grameen bank has 2568 branches in Bangladesh.
- 5) Of the borrowers, 94 percent are women and over 98 percent of the loans are paid back, a recovery rate higher than any other banking system. Grameen methods are applied in projects in 58 countries, including the U.S, Canada, France, The Netherlands and Norway.
- 6) Muhammad Yunus is that rare thing- a genuine visionary. His dream is the total eradication of poverty from the world. ‘Grameen’ he claims, ‘is a message of hope, a programme for putting homelessness and destitution in a museum so that one day our children will visit it and ask how we could have allowed such a terrible thing to go on for so long’.
- 7) The World Bank acknowledged that ‘this business approach to the removal of poverty has allowed millions of individuals to work their way out of poverty with dignity’.
- 8) It is this struggle and the extraordinary methods he invented to combat poverty with humility and conviction that Muhammad Yunus has earned global recognition. It is also the view of a man familiar with both Eastern and Western cultures –it is an appeal for action. We must concentrate on promoting the will to survive and the courage to build in the first and most essential element of the economic cycle -Man.

1.1. Answer the following questions:

- 1) Why has Muhammad Yunus of Bangladesh been awarded the 2006 Nobel Peace Prize? [2]

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- 2) Which incident prompted Muhammad Yunus to take matters in his own hands? [2]

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3) What do you think is the meaning of ‘Micro-loans’? [1]

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4) How many branches does Grameen bank have in Bangladesh? [1]

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5) Has the World Bank accepted this approach? Which other western nations follow this approach? [2]

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6) What is Muhammad Yunus’s dream? [2]

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1.2. Find words from the passage that are the synonyms of these words: [½ x4=2]

a) Early childhood (Para 1)– .....

b) To remove (para 6) – .....

c) A state or quality of being worthy of honour or respect (para 7) – .....

d) A firmly held belief or opinion (para 8) – .....

**Q – 2** Read the following poem carefully and answer the questions given below: [8]

Every one that flatters thee  
Is no friend in misery  
Words are easy like the wind  
Faithful friends are hard to find.  
Every man will be thy friend  
Whilst thou hast wherewith to spend  
But if stores of crowns be scant,  
No man shall supply thy want.  
If that one be prodigal,  
Bountiful they will him call  
And with such like flattering;  
'Pity but he were a king.'  
But if fortune once do frown  
Then farewell his great renown,  
They that faw'n'd on him before  
Use his company no more.  
He that is thy friend indeed,  
He will help thee in thy need  
If thou sorrow, he will weep,  
If thou wake, he can't sleep.  
Thou of every grief in heart  
He with thee doth bear a part.  
These are certain signs to know  
Faithful friend from flattering foe.

-William Shakespeare.

2.1. Tick the correct answers:

- 1) What is this poem about? .....
  - a) true friendship
  - b) love of money
  - c) great leaders
- 2) Everyone who flatters you may not stand by you in .....
  - a) happiness
  - b) misery
  - c) joy
- 3) Really, faithful friends are ..... to come by.
  - a) hard
  - b) easy
  - c) simple
- 4) What does the poet say about the flatterers?
  - a) friends
  - b) enemies
  - c) teachers
- 5) According to the poet, when do people become our friends?
  - a) when we have money to spend
  - b) when we have power to rule
  - c) when we have time to spare
- 6) How will a true friend feel when we are in grief?
  - a) he will feel a sense of relief
  - b) he will feel very unhappy
  - c) he will feel indifferent
- 7) What distinction does the poet want us to understand?
  - a) the distinction between the rich and poor
  - b) the distinction between purity and impurity.
  - c) the distinction between friends and flatterers
- 8) What does the word 'bountiful' mean?
  - a) scant
  - b) scarce
  - c) abundant

**Section- B – Writing (20Marks)**

**Q-3 Design a poster highlighting the importance of planting trees.**

**[5]**

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for the student to draw a poster. The box occupies most of the page below the question.



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**Q – 5** You feel that too much time spent on internet takes children away from the real world and they are not prepared to face the challenges of life. Using the clues given below, Write a letter to the Editor of ‘Muscat Daily’ expressing your concern. (150 words) [7]

Excessive use cuts into time for study-affects performance-gaming sites can be addictive-children become loners-limited attention span-less thorough learning-poor memory-poor eye sight.

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**Section- C- Grammar (20Marks)**

**Q – 6 Do as directed:**

- i. In the following passage, a word has been omitted in each line. Provide the omitted word along with the words used before and after the omitted word. [½x8=4]

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India is a land festivals. Every	a) .....	.....	.....
now then we have a festival.	b) .....	.....	.....
This is because its age-old	c) .....	.....	.....
culture civilization. All the festivals	d) .....	.....	.....
promote the feeling cooperation,	e) .....	.....	.....
love, kindness and humanity.			
We respect and celebrate all	f) .....	.....	.....
our national as well religious	g) .....	.....	.....
festivals. We should not partial	h) .....	.....	.....
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- ii. Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences.[½x8=4]

- a) was / about twenty / childhood / delight / years ago / a  
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- b) the leisure hours / of a child / the TV/ today / are spent / in front of  
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- c) of most / nowadays / the attitude / parents is / different  
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- d) work and play / different things / they see / as / two  
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- iii. Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions [½x4=2]

My elder brother has been living ..... Nairobi .....2005. We reached Nairobi.....14th March .....10 o' clock.

- iv. Rewrite the following sentences into indirect speech. [2x1=2]

- a) The teacher said to the students, ‘Work hard and be regular in your studies’.

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b) My father said to me, ‘ Are you going for a movie with your friends this evening?’

v. Change these sentences from active to passive voice: [2x1=2]

a) Children are painting pictures.  
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b) He will convey my message.  
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vi. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the adverbs given in the brackets : [½x4=2]

a) Karan ran .....(fast) than his classmates in the race.

b) The girl who spoke the .....(well) won in the story telling competition.

c) Sita is dancing .....(gracefully) tonight than she did last night.

d) Jim shouted .....(angrily) at the reckless driver.

vii. Choose the correct verbs from the box and fill in the blanks with its gerund form: [2]

Iron / smoke / swim / cook / know
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a) .....is my sister’s favourite hobby.

b) .....is an activity that helps one to keep fit.

c) Uncle has thankfully stopped .....cigarettes.

d) You must change that shirt as it needs .....

viii. Fill in the blanks with the correct forms of the verbs given in brackets [2]

William Thomson .....(be) responsible for stimulating much of the scientific progress in the latter half of the nineteenth century. He .....(choose) the name Kelvin after a local river. He .....(forward) the unique proposal for an absolute system of temperature measurement called the Kelvin Scale. He .....(have) a profound influence on the growth of electrical engineering, practical mathematics, and navigation.

**Section- D – Literature (20Marks)**

**Q – 7.1**      Tick the correct option: [2x1=2]

1) The young man in the lesson ‘The Last Stonemason’ was working in a temple in

- a. Srinagar                                      b. Sripuram                                      c. Srilanka

2) Koki’s great grandfather had served in the

- a. Indian Administrative Service.      b. Indian Forest Service      c. Indian Foreign Service

**7.2**      Annotate the following: [2x2=4]

1) ‘In my world of fantasy and imagination

I performed such wonderful deeds  
A hero of all the nations  
I was the one that did succeed.

a) Why did the poet’s life become interesting?

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b) What do you mean by the phrase ‘such wonderful deeds’?

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2) ‘Show friendship to all for it conquers hearts

Look down upon the world as your family.  
Give up war  
Give up rivalry  
Give up greed’

a) Who invited Mrs. M.S.Subbulakshmi to sing at the UN? When did she sing at the UN?

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b) What does Jagadguru Chandrashekarendrasaraswathi wish to convey through the above benediction?

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**Q – 8** Answer the following questions

[2x4=8]

1)What did great grandfather mean when he replied that he was planting a forest for the earth?

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2)In the lesson, ‘The last stonemason, why did the young man leave his father and work?

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3)What did Ashoka do to promote Dharma and spread peace?

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4)What is the message conveyed in the poem ‘Ozymandias’?

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**Q – 9.** Imagine you are Puja in the lesson ‘Advia’. What happened when you were travelling in the car? How did you feel when you realized the meaning of the word ‘Advia’? Describe your feelings in the form of a diary entry. [6]

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