

INDIAN SCHOOL SALALAH
ANNUAL EXAMINATION 2019

ENGLISH

CLASS IX

Time: 3 Hours

Max.Marks:80

General Instructions:

This paper consists of three Sections:

Section A – Reading

Section B – Writing and Grammar

Section C – Literature and Supplementary Reading Text

All sections are compulsory.

SECTION A: READING

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: 1x8=8

1. Anger is usually defined as a strong feeling of hostility, displeasure, indignation, rage or annoyance. It is an emotional state that is accompanied by physiological and biological changes including an increase in heart rate and blood pressure, as well as increase in the levels of one's energy hormones and adrenaline. An angry mind often loses its capacity to think properly.
2. Anger can be caused by both external and internal events. You could be angry at a specific person or event or your anger could be caused by worrying or brooding about your personal problems. Memories of traumatic or enraging events can also trigger angry feeling.
3. Anger in a limited quantity is considered to be good as it gives one an opportunity to unleash negative feelings. Anger is a natural, adaptive response to threats. A certain amount of anger is needed to fight, defend and justify ourselves in society. Hence anger in small quantities is needed for our survival, like it is justified to get angry when one feels that one's rights have been denied. But excessive anger can lead to destructive results including violent actions.
4. Anger can range anywhere from mild irritation to wild, uncontrollable fury. Anger leads people to behave in an impulsive and rash manner which in turn can lead to strained relationships in the public as well as private sphere.
5. One of the most commonly used anger management methods includes breathing exercises. A number of anger management courses are available nowadays to help one control one's anger. It always helps to have someone from whom one can seek

help and talk. It is important to learn how to express one's anger assertively rather than aggressively. One can also substitute the thought that makes one angry with more pleasant thoughts. Nowadays mental health professionals and psychologists are also available to help people control their anger.

1.1 Answer the following questions.

- a) Define anger.
- b) How can anger lead to strained relationships?
- c) Why is anger needed in small quantities?
- d) What does an angry mind often lose?
- e) Anger can be caused by and events.
- f) Which is the most commonly used anger management method?
- g) Find a word in the passage which conveys similar meaning as the following.
 - i) set off(Para 2)
 - ii) replace (Para 5)

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: 12 Marks

1. It is rare to find someone with good technical and communication skills. You can get far ahead of your colleagues if you combine the two early in your career. People will judge, evaluate, promote or block you based on your communication skills. Since habits are formed by repeating both good and bad forms of communication, learn to observe great communications and adopt their styles and traits – in written and verbal forms. The art of listening and learning from each and every interaction is another secret recipe. Develop the subconscious habit of listening to yourself as you speak and know when to pause.
2. Learning what not to say is probably more important than learning what to say. As your career develops, you will realise that the wise speak less. Speak when you have value to add, else refrain. Poorly constructed e-mails with grammatical errors are acceptable between friends, but they should be seriously avoided while communicating formally with your seniors. Avoid any communication in an emotional state when you might say things you will regret later.
3. One unnecessary word uttered at the wrong time or place can ruin a relationship, career or even your life. Such is the power of words. If such a thing happens, you should immediately apologise, else it may haunt you for life.
4. Another problem to overcome is speaking too fast. Since our minds are working faster than our speech, we are inclined to speak fast. This does not necessarily mean that the person hearing it will get it any faster: On the contrary, it is always the reverse, so slow down and think before you speak. “When I get ready to people,” Abraham Lincoln said, “I spend two-thirds of the time thinking what they want to hear and one – third thinking what I want to say.” Adding humour and wit is also essential. But realise that not all jokes are funny and observe certain boundaries. Never say anything that could offend. Remember you are not a comedian who must offend as many people as he can to be witty.

2.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage answer the following questions.

- i. What is the above passage trying to convey?**2x4=8 Marks**
- ii. How can communication skills be developed?
- iii. Why should one be careful when he tends to be humorous?

iv. What can ruin a relationship?

2.2 Find out the words from the passage which convey similar meaning as the following

- i. annoy (para 4) **1x4=4Marks**
- ii. destroy (para 3)
- iii. stop oneself from doing something (Para 2)
- iv. repent (para 2)

SECTION B – WRITING AND GRAMMAR

3. You stayed at your friend’s house on a weekend and were surprised to see his collection of books. You discovered the magic of books and realized how they opened up window of knowledge. You now believe that the habit of reading books should be encouraged among students. Write an article on the ‘Importance of Books’ in about 100-150 words.

8 Marks

4. Develop a story in about 150-200 words and also give a suitable title.

‘My younger sister was playing hide and seek with me. I saw her hiding behind the dressing mirror. When I tried to find her she was inside the mirror and behind it. I was scared and confused.....’ **10 Marks**

5. Complete the paragraph given below by filling in each of the blanks with the help of options that follow. 4 Marks

Our sun and (i) ----- planets, including the earth, (ii)----- into existence at the same time and from a common source. Evidence suggested that the solar system (iii) ----- formed about 4.5 -5 billion years ago. It is thought to have arisen from a huge, spinning cloud of cosmic dust and gas (iv)----- solar nebula.

- i. (a) their (b) its (c) it’s (d) these
- ii. (a) come (b) coming (c) came (d) will come
- iii. (a) became (b) was (c) is (d) will
- iv. (a) termed (b) term (c) terming (d) terms

6. 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 it in your answer sheet. 8x1/2 =4 Marks

Corporate initiatives in field of	e.g. in	<u>the</u>	field
education increasing. The effort	a) -----	-----	-----
is not only understand the issue	(b) -----	-----	-----
of the local population but in use	(c) -----	-----	-----
of education as tool to address such	(d) -----	-----	-----
issues. Such efforts provided the	(e) -----	-----	-----

neglected sections society with (f) -----

opportunities grow. There are about (g) -----

200 million children today between ages of (h) -----

6 and 14 years who have not completed
the elementary education.

7. Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. 4 Marks

- the spiders/ are / not /most of / dangerous
- every/ found / spiders / are / continent /on / almost / Antartica / except
- very /helpful / they are/ eat /they / because / flies /and / other insects
- don't / get/ caught /spiders /own /in / their/ webs

SECTION C- LITERATURE AND SUPPLEMENTARY READING TEXT

8. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow: 1x4 = 4 Marks

Now in memory comes my mother,
as she used to in years ago,
to regard the darling dreamers
Ere she left them till the dawn:

- Name the poem and the poet.
- What did he remember about his mother?
- Who are the 'darling dreamers' in the above lines?
- Who comes alive in the poet's memory?

OR

- "This is dishonesty, my dear sir!" he cried angrily. "This is swindling – I shall send the police for you, damn you!"
 - Who is the speaker?
 - Why does he call the beggar dishonest?
 - Why did he decide to call the police?
 - What reason does Lushkoff give to the speaker for his telling lies?

9. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each. 2x5=10 Marks

- What was Johnsy's illness? Was her problem more psychological than physical?
- What were the circumstances that led to the narrator getting 'Bruno' home?
- What are the values that Kalam inherited from his parents?
- What does the poet appeal to the wind to come softly?
- What was the worst experience that Bill Bryson ever had on a plane?

10. Answer the following question in 100-150 words. (Any one) 8 Marks

- Describe the role played by the narrator's friends in rebuilding his life in the lesson, 'A House is not a Home.'

OR

b. What trick does the guru play to save his disciple's life?

11. Answer the following question in 100-150 words. (Any one)

8 Marks

a) Both Santosh Yadav and Maria Sharapova reached the top of the world in their respective fields. How are they alike and different?

OR

b) Kezia's father was actually different from what he appeared to Kezia. Justify.
