

INDIAN SCHOOL SALALAH
THIRD TERM EXAMINATION 2018-2019
ENGLISH CORE
CLASS XI

TIME: 3HRS

MAX.MARKS: 80

General Instructions:

- This paper is divided into three Sections: A, B and C. All the Sections are compulsory.
- Separate instructions are given with each section and questions, wherever necessary. Read these instructions carefully and follow them faithfully.
- Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.
- Attempt all questions in each section before going on to the next section.

SECTION-A (READING) - 20 MARKS

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

1. In this jet age, everyone is interested in making easy money. Thanks to the advancement in science and technology, these days life has become more easy and comfortable than earlier with a lot of domestic gadgets as well as instantaneous food recipes available in the market. This has resulted in making the people develop a mindset to have anything immediately without waiting for – even at the traffic signals.

2. A piano teacher described an interesting encounter she had with a young lady who came to inquire about music lessons. The young lady asked her, “How long will this course take?” My father tells me that it is in fashion now to be able to play musical instruments and that I should learn one quickly, I WANT SOMETHING THAT WILL BE QUICK, FAST AND EASY LIKE, LIKE...” When the amused teacher explained that it would take a lifetime of meticulous practice to learn music, her face fell and, needless to say, she never came back.

3. The single most important factor that distinguishes those of us who succeed in any venture from those of us who don't is this 'instant coffee' attitude. Most of us want results quickly. We want to reach the top immediately and get worked up when things go wrong. Perseverance and patience are forgotten words. We get upset, frustrated and angry when a skill or activity requires us to put in a lot of effort and time. We get dejected and want to give it up.

4. Life is too short and there is not enough time to do all the things we want to. We tend to compare with others and get upset when they seem to be doing well-dismissing their achievement as pure luck-or think that they have support, help, approach ... that God is being too kind to them and not to us. And so we give up.

5. But such thinking serves no purpose. For it doesn't solve the problem. Life is tough for those with the 'instant coffee' attitude.

6. Success, real success and happiness come to those who have a ‘bread-making’ attitude. Those who are willing to knead the dough, wait for hours for it to rise only to punch it down and knead some more, wait for another couple of hours for it to rise again, then bake it before it is ready to be eaten. Nothing is instantaneous. For every endeavour- whether in the area of career, academics, music, sports, relationships, physical fitness or even in spirituality-it is a long arduous journey.

7. Only if we are willing to spend time, put in painstaking effort and have faith, can we get results. If we don’t accept this difficult but true fact of life, our lives will be far from being happy and fulfilling. For we may not make that extra effort which can change the course of life dramatically, for our benefit.

8. The major problem with these ‘instant-coffee’ solutions is that they are invariably shortlived. If we stubbornly refuse to give up this search for quick solutions, all we do is end up on the wrong track.

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

(4 Marks)

a) Life has become much easier because of.....

i) education

ii) jobs

iii) gadgets

iv) healthy food

b) Instant coffee attitude consists of.....

i) to want good taste

ii) quick results

iii) easy solutions

iv) good aroma

c)is an integral part of the ‘instant coffee attitude’

i) hard work

ii) perseverance.

iii) impatience

iv) modesty

d) ‘Bread Making Attitude’ consists of

i) patience and efforts

ii) intelligent planning

iii) support from family

iv) skills and talent.

1.2 Answer the following questions briefly: (5 Marks)

- i) What causes a person with instant coffee attitude to get upset or dejected?
- ii) Mention a major problem with instant coffee solutions.
- iii) What qualities do people with 'bread making attitude have?
- iv) What are the reasons that we consider, for others achievements?
- v) Why did the young lady wishing to learn piano not go back to her teacher?

1.3. Find words/phrases in the passage that mean : (3 Marks)

- i) painstaking (Para 2)
- ii) project (Para 3)
- iii) laborious (Para 6)

2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Environmental pollution is one of the key problems faced in our modern world. Though there have been massive technological advancement in these recent days, it has also invited negative effects to the environment. By doing a simple thing like planting a tree, we shall be making the world a better place and for sure we shall always live to be proud of our achievement.

Saving the environment is not just an issue anymore. It is a survival truth. Individuals, organisations and governments need to come together and join hands to protect what is left of our planet so that the future is not wiped out before it's time for a curtain call. Experts say that proper handling of waste materials, such as reusing or disposing of them properly, should constitute an important part of our efforts to preserve energy and protect the environment. Countries worldwide should use less coal and more reusable power like hydro or solar power.

Let us plan our cities according to the available water resources and not avail water for too many homes that have been crammed into development. Saving energy reduces air pollution and greenhouse gases. The less we pollute our environment, the more we prevent global warming. Let us check the seas from rising and submerging our lands. Increasing number of organisations are being formed to prevent the planet from premature extinction. More and more corporates have joined the race to save the planet. We can simply begin by buying recycled products for our office, home or school. The greater the demand for recycled

products, the more these companies will be encouraged to add recycled material to their products.

We can also make simple changes, like using reusable bags and containers. We should try and conserve electricity by turning off the lights, TV, or other electrical appliances when not in use. Use cold water in the washer whenever possible. Buy less disposable products. Ban plastic. Buy more fuel-efficient cars (such as a hybrid or electric) and recycle your engine oil. Use public transit whenever possible. Let us walk more and drive less to conserve fuel and prevent auto-emission.

We should avoid littering our roads and highways. And prevent others from doing so. Always dispose your litter properly. Littering is not just bad for the environment; it is also an offence carrying heavy fines. We use more organic fertilisers. Our farms need less pesticides and more organic methods. Plant trees to improve air quality. Take a stand against deforestation. Losing our rainforests means losing millions of trees that would otherwise be cleaning the air for us. Let's teach our children to respect Nature.

- (a) On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes of it using headings and sub-headings. Use recognizable abbreviations, wherever necessary, and give it a suitable title. (5 Marks)
- (b) Write a summary of the passage in your own words. (3 Marks)

SECTION-B (ADVANCED WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR) - 30MARKS

3. A reputed soft drink company is launching a new product this summer. Prepare a display advertisement. (4 Marks)
4. The canteen of your school is supplying oily and sweet food. Write a letter to the canteen incharge of your school requesting him to improve the quality of the food sold by the canteen. (6 Marks)
5. Gautam Buddha taught, "We are what we think". A positive attitude is needed to ensure happiness, health and success. You are Krish/Kanika. Write an article on: 'Advantages of a positive attitude.' (10 Marks)
6. In the following paragraph, 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 against the correct blank number in your answer sheet. Underline the word that forms your answer. (4 marks)

- Ten months I decided to leave (a)
 my native country and went the United (b)
 States of America. When reached there (c)
 I suddenly found labelled (d)
 as foreign student. Gradually (e)
 I discovered a foreign student (f)
 had problems whether he was Japan (g)
 like me or from other country. (h)

7. Fill in the blanks with the correct words. (3 Marks)
 Lord Brougham said, ‘Blessed is the man who a).....hobbies.’ The pursuit of hobbies is not a waste b).....time. Rather it prevents us c).....wasting our time d)..... other frivolous pursuits. Hobbies fill our vacant hours with amusement e).....interest. My favourite hobby f).....gardening.
8. Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences (3 Marks)
 a) Blood/school/a/was/our/last/camp/ organized/in/donation/week
 b) organised/with/was/it/in/India/of/collaboration/Red/Society/Cross/the
 c) was/accomplished/it/a/mission

SECTION- C (LITERATURE) - 30MARKS

9. Read the stanza given below and answer the questions that follow it : (3 Marks)
The laburnum top is silent, quiet still
In the afternoon yellow September sunlight,
A few leaves yellowing, all its seeds fallen
- a) How does the poet describe the laburnum tree?
 b) Who enters the tree? What happens after her entrance?
 c) Name the poet.
10. Answer any **THREE** of the following questions in 30-40 words: (9Marks)
 a) Why does the father feel that he and his son are like strangers to each other?
 b) What efforts did Andrew make to revive the child?
 c) What did Mr. Koch think of Albert?
 d) What is the difference in the nature of Eastern and Western painting?

11. Describe the difficulties and disillusionment faced by Nick Middleton during his journey to Mount Kailash? (6 Marks)

12. Sooner or later, we will have to recognise that the Earth has rights, too, to live without pollution. In the light of the statement, justify the Title ‘The Ailing Planet’. (6 Marks)

13. How did the accused try to shift the blame on others in the poem ‘Tale of the melon city’? How far did they succeed? (6Marks)
