**INTERNATIONAL INDIAN SCHOOL, AL JUBAIL**

**MIDTERM TEST -OCTOBER 2022**

**CLASS: X** **SUBJECT: ENGLISH**

**MAXIMUM MARKS : 50 TIME ALLOWED: 2 Hrs**.

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| **General Instructions:**   1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE. 2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each. |

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| **Section A: READING SKILLS (10 Marks)** |

**1. Read the passage given below. (1X5=5 MARKS)**

1. It is rare to find someone with a 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 form by repeating both good and bad forms of communication, learn to observe great communicators 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 realize that the wise speak less. Speak when you have value to add, else refrain. Poorly constructed emails 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. 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.

3. 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.

**Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below. (Any five)**

1. Why is it necessary to have good communication skills?
2. **How can communication skills be developed? List any two ways.**
3. **What according to the writer should be avoided while communicating? (Mention any two points)**
4. Substitute the word **‘haunt’** with one word similar in meaning , in the following sentence from paragraph 2. Choose the right word from the options provided.

*‘If you utter an unnecessary word at the wrong time or place, you should immediately apologise, else it may* ***haunt*** *you for life.’*

(a)flatter (b) speak (c) trouble (d) avoid

**v)** The writer says that “We should \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ before speaking.” (Paragraph 3)

**vi)** It is common to find someone with a good technical and communication skills. State True or False.

**2. Read the passage given below. (1X5=5 MARKS)**

**A Purpose in Life**

A noble purpose gives meaning to one’s own life and is of benefit to others. I realised this while researching on and writing about the life of Jamshedji Tata. What gave one man living in a colonised country the vision to advance it in the community of nations? He not only gave India the power to steel and hydroelectric energy, but also an institution of research.

He sent an educationist to Europe and the United States to report on what should be the best model for India. The John Hopkins University in Baltimore was recommended as the model. But Jamshedji Tata made it a point to see that his name was not associated with the university. After his death, his dream came true with the establishment of the Indian Institute of Science in Bengaluru. It was to be fountain head of science in the decades to come.

One’s purpose is shaped over a period of time, but every noble purpose is based on a feeling for the suffering of others and a desire for alleviating that condition. Some years ago, in Kerala, a young man saw his father join Gandhiji and fight for opening temples to the Harijans. When he grew up, the boy decided to take up agricultural studies, because he had seen the havoc caused by the Bengal famine. He went to Europe and studied agriculture. On his return to India, Dr. M.S. Swaminathan spearheaded the Green Revolution. He demonstrates how purpose intensifies with time.

**Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below. (Any five)**

1. Bring out the unique character traits of Jamshedji Tata? (Paragraph 1)
2. Why did he send an educationist to Europe and the USA?

iii ) **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  brought Green Revolution to India.

iv)A noble purpose is based on the desire to \_\_\_\_\_\_ the sufferings of others.

1. Indian Institute of Science does not bear the title of Tata.\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (State True or False.)
2. The Bengal famine had created havoc in the state. (State True or False)

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| **SECTION B-- GRAMMAR** |

1. **Complete the following statements by filling in the blanks with the help of given options: (Attempt any three ) (1 x 3 = 3marks)**
2. Puppets are among the oldest man-made objects in \_\_\_\_\_world.
3. a b) the c) an
4. Effective speaking \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on effective listening.
5. depends b) depending c) depend

1. The Atacama Desert in Chile \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the driest spot on earth.
2. Are b) is c) were

1. My family \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Chennai for six years now.
2. Had lived b) lived c) has been living
3. **Identify the error in the given passage and supply the correction.(2 marks)**

**Error Correction**

Thousands of year ago, oil lamps Ex. year years

were used by man. This lamps used a) \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_

animal fat and vegetable oil for burnt. b) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_

1. **Report the dialogue between Savita and Rajesh, by completing the sentences. (1 x2= 2 marks)**

**Savita:** I have invited Ranveer and his wife for lunch.

**Rajesh:** We should also invite their parents.

Savita informed Rajesh that a) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Rajesh said that b)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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| **SECTION B---CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS** |

1. **Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. ( 5 MARKS)**
2. You are Rajveer / Rani Singh of 18/4 , Karol Bagh, Delhi. You bought a new mobile phone and in a few days of purchase, it has stopped working. Write a letter to the dealer ‘Nickson Avenue Store’, M.G.Road, New Delhi mentioning the complaints and asking for a replacement.

**(OR)**

1. You are S.K.Aggarwal, General Manager , Aggarwal Enterprises, Mumbai. You need various items of furniture for your newly constructed head office. Write a letter to Kubal Furnitures , L.B.S Road, Mumbai placing a bulk order for the supply giving all details of the items ordered.

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| **SECTION C---LITERATURE** |

**7. Reference to the Context. (1 x10 =10 mks)**

**(A) Attempt ANY ONE of the extracts given.**

a) **“ I’ll take the risk.”**

i) Who is the speaker of the given line?

ii) What is the ‘risk’ mentioned here in this context ?

iii) Why does the narrator take the risk?

iv) What kind of difficulties does the narrator face on account of taking the risk? (mention any 2 difficulties)

v) Name the lessonfrom where the given extract is taken.

**OR**

**b)’Suspicion grew stronger when he suddenly produced some ready cash, though he had admitted not long before that he had no money.’**

i)Name the lesson from where the above extract is taken.

ii) People suspected \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the burglary at the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ house.

iii)Why did the suspicion grow stronger?

iv)The word opposite of ‘admitted’ is \_\_\_\_\_ (accepted, denied, supported)

v)Who was secretly sent for because of the growing suspicion?

1. **Attempt ANY ONE of the extracts given.**

**a) But he’s locked in a concrete cell,**

**His strength behind bars,**

**Stalking the length of his cage,**

**Ignoring visitors.**

**He hears the last voice at night,**

**The patrolling cars,**

**And stares with his brilliant eyes**

**At the brilliant stars.**

1. The poem ,’A Tiger in the zoo’ is written by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE.

The tiger’s ‘brilliant eyes’ reveal that he hopes to be free and in the wild someday.

**iii)** What is the ‘last voice’ mentioned in the extract?

**iv**) How does the tiger react to the visitors and why?

**v)** These stanzas bring out the contrast between

a) zoos and cities

b) freedom and captivity

c) visitors and patrolling cars

**OR**

**b)He stalks in his vivid stripes**

**The few steps of his cage**

**On pads of velvet quiet**

**In his quiet rage.**

**i)**The poem ,’A Tiger in the zoo’ is written by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**ii)** Mention any two qualities of the animal under reference.

**iii)**Why does he move only a few steps?

**iv)**Why is he in a quiet rage?

**v)**The rhyme scheme of the given stanza is \_\_\_\_\_ ( abcb, abcd, aabb)

1. **Answer ANY FOUR of the following questions in about 40-50 words each.**

**(4x3=12 marks)**

1. Why was the young seagull afraid to fly?
2. Why does Anil not hand the thief over to the police?
3. Hari Singh did not catch the train deliberately while he could catch it easily. Why?
4. What are the ‘twin obligations’ that Nelson Mandela talks about in his speech?
5. ‘The sight of food maddened him.’ What does this suggest? What compelled the young seagull to finally fly?
6. How does Nelson Mandela define the meaning of courage?
7. **Answer ANY ONE of the following questions in about 100-120 words. (6 marks)**
8. ‘Griffin was a brilliant scientist but was rather a lawless person.’ Comment.

**OR**

1. ‘Love for freedom is the natural instinct of every living being.’ Discuss with reference to the poem ‘A Tiger in the zoo.’