

City International School, Mumbai

SECOND PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2018 – 2019

Date : 03/01/2019

Marks : 80

Std : X

Subject : English Language

Time : 2 hrs

Answer to this paper must be written on the paper provided separately.

You will not be allowed to write during the first 15 minutes.

This time is to be spent in reading the question paper.

The time given at the head of this Paper is the time allowed for writing the answers.

Attempt all five questions.

The intended marks for questions or parts of questions are given in brackets ().

You are advised to spend not more than 35 minutes in answering Question 1

And 20 minutes in answering Question 2.

Question 1

(Do not spend more than 30 minutes on this question.)

(20)

Write a composition (300 - 350 words) on any one of the following:

- Write an original story that begins with the line – ‘Nobody tells me anything anymore...’
- ‘Addiction to social media has led to a decline in social skills’. Express your views either for or against the topic.
- Narrate an incident that made you realize the truth of the proverb – ‘Too many cooks spoil the broth’.
- You were called to the Principal’s office one morning and your heart skipped a beat. You waited nervously outside the Principal’s chamber. Narrate what happened, why you were called and the outcome of the meeting.
- Study the picture given below. Write a story / description or an account of what the picture suggests to you. Your composition may be directly about the subject of the picture or may take suggestions from it; however, there must be some clear connection between the picture and your composition.



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Question 2

(Do not spend more than 20 minutes on this question.)

Select one of the following:

- a. You are studying in a boarding school. Something happened at school that you want to share with our mother. Write a letter to her narrating what had happened and why you are affected by it and why you feel the need to write to her.
- b. You have a couple of months of holidays. You want to intern at an organization you are interested in working with. Write a letter to the director, expressing your wish, describing why you are suitable and how you would add value to the cause.

Q. 3

(5 + 5)

- a. You are the President of your school's Gymnastics club. You have organized various events that students of different classes can participate in. Make a notice to display the necessary information.
- b. Write an email to a well – known gymnast, inviting him or her to be the Chief Guest at the Annual Function of the Club.

Question 4

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

There was but one tree in the street known as Gali Ramnath, an ancient banyan that had grown through the cracks of an abandoned mosque—and little Ali's kite had caught in its branches. The boy, barefoot and clad only in a torn shirt, ran along the cobbled stones of the narrow street to where his grandfather sat nodding dreamily in the sunshine of their back courtyard.

'Grandfather!' shouted the boy. 'My kite has gone!'

The old man woke from his daydream with a start and raising his head, displayed a beard that would have been white had it not been dyed red with mehendi leaves.

'Did the twine break?' he asked. He knew that kite twine was not what it used to be.

'No, Grandfather, the kite is stuck in the banyan tree.'

The old man chuckled. 'You have yet to learn how to fly a kite properly, my child. And I am too old to teach you, that's the pity of it. But you shall have another.'

He had just finished making a new kite from bamboo paper and thin silk, and it lay in the sun, firming up. It was a pale pink kite, with a small green tail. The old man handed it to Ali, and the boy raised himself on his toes and kissed his grandfather's hollowed-out cheek.

'I will not lose this one,' he said. 'This kite will fly like a bird.' And he turned on his heels and skipped out of the courtyard.

The old man remained dreaming in the sun. His kite shop was gone, the premises long since sold to junk dealer; but he still made kites, for his own amusement and for the benefit of his

grandson, Ali. Not many people bought kites these days. Adults **disdained** them, and children preferred to spend their money at the cinema. Moreover, there were not many open spaces left for the flying of kites. The city had swallowed up the open grassland that had stretched from old fort's walls to the river bank.

But the old man remembered a time when grown up men flew kites, and great battles were fought, the kites swerving and swooping in the sky, tangling with each other until the string of one was severed. Then the defeated but liberated kite would float away into the blue unknown. There was a good deal of betting, and money frequently changed hands.

Kite-flying was then the sport of kings, and the old man remembered how the Nawab himself would come down to the riverside with his retinue to participate in this noble pastime. There was time, then, to spend an idle hour with a gay, dancing strip of paper. Now everyone hurried, in a heat of hope, and delicate things like kites and daydreams were **trampled** underfoot.

a. Give the meaning of each of the following words as used in the passage. One word answers or short phrases will be accepted. (3)

- i. disdained ii. severed iii. trampled

b. Answer the following questions briefly in your own words.

- i. Describe the street Gali Ramnath. (2)
ii. Where did the child lose the kite? (1)
iii. What did the old man give the child? Describe it. (2)
iv. Why did the old man still make kites? (2)
v. Why did people not buy kites anymore? (2)

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c. In not more than 50 words narrate the memories of kite flying that the old man had. (8)

Question 5

a. In the following passage, fill in each of the numbered blanks with the correct form of the word given in the brackets. Do not copy the passage but write in the correct serial order the word or phrase appropriate to the blank space. (4)

Example: (0) found

One afternoon Ramu and I (0) (find) a small tortoise in the mud. It was sitting over a hole in which it (1) (lay) several eggs. Ramu (2) (keep) the eggs for his dinner, and I presented the tortoise to Grandfather. He had a weakness for tortoises and was pleased with this (3) (add) to his collection, (4) (give) it a large tub of water to itself, with an island of rocks in the middle. The tortoise, however, (5) (be) always getting out of the tub and wandering about the house. As it seemed able (6) (look) after itself quite well, we (7) (do) not interfere. If one of the dogs bothered it too much, it (8) (draw) its head and legs into the shell, and defy all their attempts at rough play.

b. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate word.

- i. Society puts _____ people, who aren't doing well financially, criticizing them for being irresponsible.
- ii. Do you take him _____ an idiot, just because he is a stand-up comedian?
- iii. Let us do _____ with cooking and order double cheese pizza.
- iv. The printer ran _____ of ink after some time.
- v. Examinations are an incentive _____ diligence.
- vi. Please tell the ambulance to stand _____ in case of emergency.
- vii. The Pacific Ocean separates Asia _____ America.
- viii. Get this spider _____ my blazer, or I'll scream!

c. Join the following sentences without using 'and', 'but' or 'so'.

- i. The boy goes home after school. His friends go home after school.
- ii. The children of this class are interested in Physics. They are more interested in Biology.
- iii. This restaurant is very famous. It serves the best pancakes in town.
- iv. She put her car in reverse gear. She checked the rear - view mirror all the time.

d. Rewrite the following sentences according to the instructions given after each. Make (8) other changes that may be necessary but do not change the meaning of each sentence.

- i. 'Don't watch television now as you have a test tomorrow', said mother to me. (Use warned)
- ii. She was disappointed because her friends did not wait for her. (Begin: If.....)
- iii. The thought of baking a cake never occurred to me. (Begin: It.....)
- iv. The teacher realized that nobody was listening and decided to stop the lesson instantly. (Use: the moment)
- v. Very few parks in our city are as big as this. (Use: biggest)
- vi. No sooner did I read this paper than I thanked my lucky stars. (Begin: Hardly.....)
- vii. If you break the queue while waiting for the bus, there will be disorder. (Begin: Unless.....)
- viii. The watchmen of the building and the Alsatian watchdog were asleep. (Begin: Neither.....)