



**INDIAN SCHOOL DARSAIT
HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION
ENGLISH MODEL QUESTION PAPER 2**



Class: VII

Date:

Name:

Max. Marks: 80

Time: 3 hrs

General Instructions:

i. All questions are compulsory.

ii. You may attempt any section at a time.

iii. All questions of a particular section must be attempted in the correct order.

Section A : Reading 20 marks

Section B : Writing and Grammar 30 marks

Section C : Literature 30 marks

SECTION-A

Reading-20 Marks

Read the following passages and answer the questions that follows

1

A

Venice is a strange and beautiful city in the north of Italy. It is not one island but a group of one hundred and seventeen islands. These small islands are near one another. There are about four hundred old stone bridges, joining the islands of Venice. In this city, there are no motor cars, no horses and no buses. This is because Venice has no streets. Everyone must go by boat from one place to another. The boats sail on one hundred and fifty canals or waterways. The water touches the walls and steps on the buildings.

(8 marks)

The men of Venice are good sailors. They have long boats with flat bottoms, called 'gondolas'. But today we can also see plenty of motorboats in Venice.

- a) What is strange about the natural formation of Venice?
- b) Why does Venice not have motor cars?
- c) How many bridges are there in Venice?
- d) What are the men of Venice good at?
- e) What are 'gondolas'?
- f) Find one word from the passage which means, 'odd and peculiar'.
- g) Find one word for "more than enough"
- h) Find the antonym of "ugly."

B

The three major effects of viewing TV violence are: children may become less sensitive to the pain and suffering of others, they may be more fearful of the world around them, children may be more likely to behave in aggressive or harmful ways towards others. Parents can limit the effects of violence happened and how painful it is. They may ask the child how conflicts can be solved without violence and explain to the child how violence on an entertainment programme is actually "fake." Parents must restrict violent videos. Encourage your child to watch

(12 marks)

programmes with characters that cooperate, help and care for each other. These programmes have been shown to have a positive influence on children.

- a) Mention any two major effects of watching TV.
- b) How can parents limit the negative effects of TV?
- c) What type of videos should parents restrict?
- d) What type of programmes have positive influence on children?
- e) Which is the word in the passage which means “false”?
- f) Find from the passage, the synonym of the word, “disagreement”
- g) Find the synonym of the word “amusement”
- h) Find the antonym for the following words from the passage.
- a) Peace
 - b) Negative
 - c) Insensitive
 - d) Discourage

SECTION B
WRITING SKILLS AND GRAMMAR

30 MARKS

2. Write a letter to your dad in the US about your preparations for the upcoming examinations and how you feel about the exam. **6 marks**
3. Describe a memorable incident that happened to you during the summer holidays. **8 marks**
4. As the Cultural Secretary of your school write a notice announcing the Inter House Competitions. Mention the day , date , venue and time of the event. **4 marks**
5. **State whether the verbs in the following sentences are transitive or intransitive.** **3 marks**
- a. The students are writing a test.
 - b. Ravi goes to school by car.
 - c. The cat is eating.
 - d. The car stopped abruptly.
 - e. You must speak the truth.
 - f. You must speak loudly.
6. **Fill in the blanks using the right conjunction** **1 ½ marks**
- a. I could not get a seat, _____ I came early.
 - b. Sam likes orange _____ apple.
 - c. The musicians performed well _____ they practiced hard.
7. **Choose the right conjunction from the brackets and fill in the blanks** **1 ½ marks**

- a. She's honest _____ everyone trusts her.(if, so, when)
- b. Pay attention to your work _____ you will not make mistakes. (unless, or, so that)
- c. We are leaving Wednesday _____ or not it rains. (if, though, whether)

7. **Rearrange the following words and phrases to make meaningful sentences** **3 marks**

- a. is/ good/ both / for / and / early / rising / old / adults
- b. was / clever / Birbal / extremely / witty / and
- c. Place / our lives / music / important / has / in / an

8. **Fill in the blanks with the correct order of adjectives** **3 Marks**

- a. The museum showcases a _____ (old, wonderful, Italian) at the entrance.
- b. He ate a _____ (chicken, soft, big) burger.

SECTION C: LITERATURE

30 MARKS

9. **Reference to context**

A "Last night I saw the draft posters,
The Khan is calling many troops,
The army list is in twelve scrolls,

On every scroll there's Father's name."

- a. Who is 'I' in the above lines?
- b. Who is calling the troops?
- c. Whose name is displayed on the scrolls?

3 marks

B "George made no answer and we found, on going over, that he had been asleep for sometime;"

- a. Who is the speaker in the given context?
- b. Who is referred to as "we"?
- c. What were they telling George ?

3 marks

10 **Answer any six of the following questions in 20-30 words.** **12marks**

- a. Mr Keesing allowed Anne to talk in the class. Why?
- b. What were the two major achievements that got Wangari Maathai worldwide recognition?

- c. What were the wishes of the father and the son in the story “When Wishes Come True”?
- d. What did Wangari Maathai do with the Nobel Peace Prize money?
- e. “Climb the mountain within.” What does Major Ahluwalia mean by this?
- f. What was the driving force behind the decision made by the narrator to climb the Everest?
- g. What does the Happy Prince send for the seamstress? Why ?
- h. What conclusion did the mother and the daughter come to in the story “The Umbrella Man”?

11. Answer any one of the following in 70-80 words. **6 marks**

- a. What is the moral of the story, “When Wishes Come True”?
- b. What are the two most precious things according to God? Why ?

12. Answer any one of the following in 70-80 words. **6 marks**

- a. How is the chief cause of malnutrition linked to environment degradation? Explain the chief cause.
- b. Why did Swami spent the last half an hour drawing a complicated pattern?