

GREENLAWNS SCHOOL, WORLI  
Terminal Examination 2018  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Std: X  
Date: 24/09/2018

Marks: 80  
Time: 2 hrs

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You will not be allowed to write during the first **fifteen** minutes.  
This time is to be spent on 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.**

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Question 1

Write an interesting composition of about 350-400 words on any one of the following topics.  
(Do not spend more than **25** minutes on this question.)

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- 1) On your way to a movie on a bicycle, you notice a celebrity stuck in a heavy traffic jam, unable to reach the venue of the premiere of his/her latest movie. Describe the chaos and how you helped him/her to reach the venue in time, the aftermath and your feelings regarding the same.
- 2) 'The use of mobile phones and gadgets has led to a decline of true, heart warming social relationships' ; Give your views for or against the statement.
- 3) Narrate a humorous account of an unforgettable incident during the annual school concert . Mention the relevant details that made it memorable.
- 4) Write an interesting story ending with the following statement:  
' I was thrilled beyond words the moment I held the trophy, I burst into tears on receiving the National Award for Bravery from the President of India'.
- 5) Study the picture given below. Write a story or description or an account of what it suggests to you. Your composition may be about the subject of the picture or you may take suggestions from it, however, there must be a clear connection between the picture and your composition.



Question 2

[10]

- a) Write a letter of complaint to the Chief Passport Officer as your renewed passport had your misspelt name, along with the wrong details. You must mention the distress due to the delay in receiving the passport too.

OR

- b) Write a letter to your grandmother thanking her for her help, as you won the 'The Best Chef ' competition in an interschool event.

Question 3

[10]

- a) As a student of the Interact Club of Greenlawns School, Worli, you have been entrusted with the task of organizing an art exhibition and sale, as the proceeds would go to 'Goonj' a charitable organization, located in Bandra, Mumbai. Write a notice to be put up on the school notice board, encouraging maximum participation and donation of the articles. This event is for the students of standard V to X.
- b) Write an email to the Principal of a neighbouring school, requesting him/her to encourage the students to participate and send the students' articles at the earliest.

Question 4

Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

[20]

Last year, I was at the Heathrow International Airport in London about to board a flight. Usually, I wear a sari even when I am abroad, but I prefer wearing a salwar kameez while travelling. So there I was—a senior citizen dressed in typical Indian apparel at the terminal gate. Since the boarding hadn't started, I sat down and began to observe my surroundings. The flight was bound for Bengaluru and so I could hear people around me chatting in Kannada. I saw many old married couples of my age—they were most likely coming back from the US or UK after helping their children either through childbirth or a new home. I saw some British business executives talking to each other about India's progress. Some teenagers were busy with the gadgets in their hands while the younger children were crying or running about the gate.

After a few minutes, the boarding announcement was made and I joined the queue. The woman in front of me was a well-groomed lady in an Indo-Western silk outfit, a Gucci handbag and high heels. Every single strand of her hair was in place and a friend stood next to her in an expensive silk sari, pearl necklace, matching earrings and delicate diamond bangles.

I looked at the vending machine nearby and wondered if I should leave the queue to get some water. Suddenly, the woman in front of me turned sideways and looked at me with what seemed like pity in her eyes. Extending her hand, she asked, 'May I see your boarding pass, please?' I was about to hand over my pass to her, but since she didn't seem like an airline employee, I asked, 'Why?'

'Well, this line is meant for business class travellers only,' she said confidently and pointed her finger towards the economy class queue. 'You should go and stand there,' she said. I was about to tell her that I had a business class ticket but on second thoughts, held back. I wanted to know why she had thought that I wasn't worthy of being in the business class. So I repeated, 'Why should I stand there?' She sighed. 'Let me explain. There is a big difference in the price of an economy and a business class ticket. The latter costs almost two and a half times more than . . .'

'I think it is three times more,' her friend interrupted, continued the woman. 'So there are certain privileges that are associated with a business class ticket.'

'Really?' I decided to be mischievous and pretended not to know. 'What kind of privileges are you talking about?' She seemed annoyed. 'We are allowed to bring two bags but you can only take one. We can board the flight from another, less-crowded queue. We are given better meals and seats. We can extend the seats and lie down flat on them. We always have television screens and there are four washrooms for a small number of passengers.'

Her friend added, 'A priority check-in facility is available for our bags, which means they will come first upon arrival and we get more frequent flyer miles for the same flight.'

'Now that you know the difference, you can go to the economy line,' insisted the woman. 'But I don't want to go there.' I was firm.

The lady turned to her friend. 'It is hard to argue with these cattle-class people. Let the staff come and instruct her where to go. She isn't going to listen to us.'

I didn't get angry. The word 'cattle class' was like a blast from the past and reminded me of another incident.

One day, I had gone to an upscale dinner party in my home city of Bengaluru. Plenty of local celebrities and socialites were in attendance. I was speaking to some guests in Kannada, when a man came to me and said very slowly and clearly in English, 'May I introduce myself? I am . . .'

It was obvious that he thought that I might have a problem understanding the language. I smiled. 'You can speak to me in English.' 'Oh,' he said, slightly **flabbergasted**. 'I'm sorry. I thought you weren't comfortable with English because I heard you speaking in Kannada.' 'There's nothing shameful in knowing one's native language. It is, in fact, my right and my privilege. I only speak in English when somebody can't understand Kannada.'

The line in front of me at the airport began moving forward and I came out of my **reverie**. The two women ahead were whispering among themselves, 'Now she will be sent to the other line. It is so long now! We tried to tell her but she refused to listen to us.'

When it was my turn to show my boarding pass to the attendant, I saw them stop and wait a short distance away, waiting to see what would happen. The attendant took my boarding pass and said brightly, 'Welcome back! We met last week, didn't we?'

'Yes,' I replied.

She smiled and moved on to the next traveller.

I walked a few steps ahead of the women intending to let this go, but then I changed my mind and came back.

'Please tell me—what made you think that I couldn't afford a business class ticket? Even if I didn't have one, was it really your **prerogative** to tell me where I should stand? Did I ask you for help?'

The women stared at me in silence.

'You refer to the term "cattle class". Class does not mean possession of a huge amount of money,' I continued, unable to stop myself from giving them a piece of my mind.

'There are plenty of wrong ways to earn money in this world. You may be rich enough to buy comfort and luxuries, but the same money doesn't define class or give you the ability to purchase it. Mother Teresa was a classy woman. So is Manjul Bhargava, a great mathematician of Indian origin. The concept that you automatically gain class by acquiring money is an outdated thought process.'

I left without waiting for a reply.

Q1 Give the meaning of each word as used in the passage. One word answers or short phrases will be accepted. (3)

i) flabbergasted

ii) reverie

iii) prerogative

- a) Why does the writer remark on her choice of traditional wear? What is the significance of this remark? (3)
- b) What did the writer notice about her surroundings? (2)
- c) How has the writer described the two women? (2)
- d) What kind of 'privileges' are enjoyed by the passengers of the business class? (2)
- e) In not more than 50 words of your own, describe the condescending attitude of the two women and how the writer tackled the same. (8)

Question 5

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

On my first day at school, I did not speak a word of English. I \_\_\_\_\_1\_\_\_\_\_ (feel) \_\_\_\_\_2\_\_\_\_\_ (loss) and terrified in the classroom. Luckily, my teacher \_\_\_\_\_3\_\_\_\_\_ (be) Ms Collins that year. I \_\_\_\_\_4\_\_\_\_\_ (cannot) speak English. The other students ate meat sandwiches in school and I had \_\_\_\_\_5\_\_\_\_\_ (gobble) tortillas. The students \_\_\_\_\_6\_\_\_\_\_ (mock) at my accent. Ms Collins told me that I \_\_\_\_\_7\_\_\_\_\_ (have) an ear for languages. She cheered me on. I gained confidence and my language skills improved. The \_\_\_\_\_8\_\_\_\_\_ (persevere) spirit instilled in me by her guided me through challenges in life.

- b) Join the following sentences without using 'and' 'but' or 'so' [4]
1. Answer the first question. You proceed further.
  2. I must go to the doctor. The condition might worsen.
  3. Shruti is late. Ali is late too.
  4. I have got the visa. My father does not have the visa.

- c) Fill in the blanks with appropriate words: [4]
- 1) I looked ..... my nephew while his parents went out.
  - 2) We should not look ..... upon the poor.
  - 3) Farmers look ..... to a better standard of living.
  - 4) The principal promised to look ..... her case.
  - 5) I am trying to look ..... my key.
  - 6) Being a doctor is hard work, especially if you are \_\_\_\_\_ call all the time.
  - 7) He will be dropped \_\_\_\_\_ the team if he does not score well.
  - 8) Compare your answers \_\_\_\_\_ your partner.

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

1. He was a poet as well as a statesman. (Combine to make a negative sentence)
2. As soon as the awards were announced, the winners walked to the podium. (Begin: No sooner...)
3. The thought of being alone terrified her. (change the voice)
4. Put your books aside, people may fall over them. (Use: lest)
5. As soon as the storm began, the boat capsized. ( Begin: Hardly.....)
6. Everybody would like to be rewarded. ( Add a 'question tag')
7. Nothing excites me more than the thought of a visit to the hills. ( Begin: The thought.....)
8. Passengers are forbidden to cross the line. (Use: forbid)

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