



INDIAN SCHOOL AL WADI AL KABIR

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Revision Worksheet	PRE-MID TERM ASSESSMENT	Note:

Section A: Reading

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

The ship is man's oldest and most important means of transportation. Today, thousands of ships cross oceans; sail along sea coasts and ply inland waterways. Trade among countries depends heavily on ships. Many kinds of ships are used to carry goods and people. Giant tankers haul petroleum, vegetable oil, wine and other liquids. Other vessels carry cargoes such as grain, ore and sand. Passenger liners carry travellers across the oceans. Man's first 'ship' was probably a log that he used to cross a river. He probably used his hands to paddle the log. Later, he learned to build rafts by lashing logs together. In ancient Egypt, the people made their first rafts out of bundles of reeds. Later, they learned to lash bundles of reeds together to make boats. By about 4000 B.C., the Egyptians had learned to build galleys. Galleys were long boats powered by a row of paddles. By about 3200 B.C., the Egyptians had invented sails and therefore, they were able to use the power of the wind to propel their boats. The basic pattern for ships were set with the invention of the sail. Shipbuilders began concentrating on designing bigger and better ships.

The 20th century saw some of the biggest ships in the world. The three largest transatlantic liners launched to carry passengers across the Atlantic during the 1960s were the 'Michelangelo', the 'Raffaello' and the 'Queen Elizabeth II'. The ships of the future are expected to be even more efficient and will cost less to operate.

1. The ship is the most important means of transportation because.....

- a) they carry goods and people
- b) they are the oldest ways of transport
- c) they travel both inland and overseas
- d) people prefer to travel by ship

2. The origin of the ship was when man

- a) learnt to paddle
- b) made a raft
- c) used a log
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3. To use the force of the wind to propel boats...

- a) galleys had to be built

- b) sails were made
- c) paddles were invented
- d) a basic pattern of a ship had to be designed

4. State whether the following statements are True/ False:

- a) Travelling by ship in future is likely to be more economical and efficient.
- b) The antonym of 'efficient' is disefficient.

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

An Encyclopaedia Entry

The Taj Mahal is a famous mausoleum next to the river Yamuna in the Indian city of Agra. A mausoleum is a building where people bury the dead. The name Taj Mahal means 'the crown of palaces'.

The most famous part of the Taj Mahal is the large white dome in the centre. It is 35 metres high and is surrounded by four smaller domes. The rooms inside the building are decorated with beautiful archways and precious stones in the walls. The buildings are surrounded by gardens with pathways, pools, fountains and green gardens.

The construction of the Taj Mahal began in 1632 and finished in 1653. It was built with materials from all over India and Asia, but the main material is white marble. Historians believe that the materials were transported by over 1,000 elephants for the construction.

The emperor Shah Jahan built the Taj Mahal as a burial place for his wife, Mumtaz Mahal. According to legend, he wanted to build another Taj Mahal in black on the other side of the river, but this never happened. During the Indian Rebellion of 1857, many parts of the Taj Mahal were damaged by British soldiers, who took some of the precious stones from its walls. Over the years, the Taj Mahal has suffered from environmental damage, and there have been many government attempts to conserve its beauty.

The Taj Mahal is one of India's most famous landmarks. There are millions of visitors to the mausoleum every year. The Taj Mahal is almost always included in lists of famous buildings to visit and is considered one of the New Seven Wonders of the World. It is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

State whether these sentences are True/ False:

1. There are water features in the gardens of the Taj Mahal.
2. The construction of the Taj Mahal never finished.
3. The materials for the Taj Mahal are not all from India.
4. There was a black Taj Mahal on the other side of the river.
5. The British destroyed the Taj Mahal in the 20th century.
6. The Indian government is trying to protect the Taj Mahal.

Section B: Grammar

III. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb:

1. A pair of trousers _____ washed by the servant. (was/were)
2. Neither she nor her sisters _____ the temple. (visit/visits)
3. A regiment of soldiers _____ marching towards the town. (was/were)

IV. Choose the correct form of the verb from the bracket that agrees with the subject.

1. The man with all the birds (live/ lives) on my street.
2. His clothing (consist/consists) of a bullet-proof jacket, a blue pair of trousers and some other items.

V. Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles. Put X where no article is required.

1. _____ man is mortal.
2. She goes to the temple in _____ mornings.
3. My brother is going to _____ USA for post-graduation.

VI. Complete the sentences using appropriate articles.

1. They're at _____ cinema.
2. Can you give me _____ envelope, please?

Section C: Literature

VII. State whether these sentences are True or False:

1. Due to the fog, boys looked like giants.
2. The fog clutched his throat.
3. The man who helped author to reach his home was deaf.
4. He followed the man like a child.
5. The man rapped the stones in front of him.

VIII. Fill in the blanks:

1. Huck and his friends pretended to be _____.
2. They had enemies which Tom called _____.
3. Tom said that Huck Finn was a _____.
4. The blazing stick was the sign for _____.
5. Tom said Huck Finn should have read a book called _____.
6. _____ don't think twice before pulling a tree up by roots.

IX. Match the following:

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|------------------|---|------------------|
| 1. Protagonist | - | pinhead |
| 2. Strike | - | enchantment |
| 3. Sight | - | scoured |
| 4. a magic spell | - | rapped |
| 5. an idiot | - | ken |
| 6. searched | - | Huckleberry Finn |

X. Choose the correct answer:

1. The street lamps are compared to

- a) car head light
- b) heavenly stars
- c) burning eyes
- d) none of the above

2. Instead of Spaniards and Arabs Huck found

- a) a Sunday-school picnic
- b) caravan
- c) genies
- d) all of the above

3. The poetic device used in the line, 'It clutched my throat' is...

- a) Metaphor
- b) Simile
- c) Personification
- d) Hyperbole

4. 'It made tall men of boys and giants of tall men.' is an example of _____.

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Section C: Literature

VII Say True or False.

1. False
2. True
3. False
4. True
5. True

VIII Complete the sentences with a word from the box.

1. robbers
2. magicians
3. numskull
4. the gang to get together
5. Don Quixote
6. Genies

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