

INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT
 SECOND MID TERM EXAMINATION 2017
 ENGLISH (Marking Scheme)
 Class IX

1 a.	Computers are taking over. Typing is considered as good as writing.	1
b.	Because she was used to typing on the laptop and had no cursive writing practice.	1
c.	Cursive writing was originally developed to make it easier for children to write with a quill. By joining up the letters, it kept the quill on the parchment and minimized ink blots.	1
d.	It's a better way to store the skills for written language in a child's brain than pressing keys.	1
e.	When children are left with their devices the bad habit of neglecting writing sets in.	1
f.	It shows that in future sending a handwritten letter will be a display of affluence and class.	1
g.	they discontinue writing practice/ they are left with their devices.	1
h.	learning to type.	1
2. a)	Rajat approached Dr Mishra because he had put on six kgs. while preparing for the Class X Board examinations.	2
b)	In lieu of snacking, Rajat was advised to take small meals at frequent intervals.	2
c)	Rajat was advised to partake of sprouts and salads in place of snacks.	2
d)	Rajat was advised to munch on carrots and cucumber whenever he felt the urge to have biscuits and namkeens.	2
e)	keep up his metabolism / concentrate for longer hours.	1
f)	a metabolic booster.	1
g)	to imbibe Vitamin D.	1
h)	taking breaks frequently instead of sitting for long hours	1
3.	CONTENT- 4 EXPRESSION- 2 ACCURACY – 2	8
4.	CONTENT- 6 EXPRESSION- 3 ACCURACY - 3	12
5	(a) took (b) was viewed(c) was (d) covered (e) populated(f)began	3

6. a) for – of 4
 b) are– is
 c) sharp – sharper
 d) it – them
 e) world – worlds
 f) instant – instance
 g) little – less
 h) could – can
7. Similar sounding words are known as homophones. 3
 Words opposite in meaning are known as antonyms.
 A word having the same or nearly the same meaning as another is synonym.
8. (a)The poetess paved the way for cavities in her teeth by eating a large amount of sweets, 4
 gobstoppers, follies, candies and by not brushing her teeth properly.
 (b) 'Murder of fillings' means that when the filling is done it is very painful for her.
 (c) The poetess had not known that in eating all kinds of sweets she was causing tooth decay and
 would need fillings in her teeth.
 (d) Pamela Ayres. Oh, I Wish I Looked After Me Teeth.
- OR**
- (a) Man is very old, feeble and dependent in the last stage of life.
 (b) His memory becomes weak and cannot recall things of his life.
 (c) It means 'without'. In this stage man has no teeth. His eye sight deteriorates and he loses his sense
 of taste.
 (d) It means that man is helpless like a child who needs to be cared for.
- 9.(a) Mrs. Bramble was waiting for the last fight her husband would have with Murphy. Even if Mr. 2
 Bramble would lose he was to get a hundred and twenty pounds. That amount, Mrs. Bramble
 thought, would end all her worries and enable them to lead a comfortable life.
- (b) He concluded the song to be a melancholic one. He further guessed that the reason of the sad songs 2
 of the Solitary Reaper to be the deceased kinsmen in the battle. The poet also hinted at natural
 disasters and diseases which might have become the reason for the end of many lives.

- (c) The poet decided that he would walk down the first path on another day. He thereafter realized that we seldom return as we follow the diversification leading on the path on which we are walking. 2
- (d) Juliette was very proud of her villa. It was also very close to Joinville, the French Hollywood. Hence, she expected that the entire world would be interested in the property. She imagined people fighting with each other to buy such a lovely villa at such a reasonable price. 2
10. Hooper displayed phenomenal courage, endurance, perseverance, faith and determination. It was a miracle that he recovered from paralysis. The accident had been quite fatal. Generally, people, who are rendered paralytic by brain injuries, have very bleak chances of coming to normalcy. However, Hooper was a very strong character. Not only he survived the brain injury, he worked very hard to be on his feet. Duke, his wonder dog was an angel sent from heaven for him. He motivated Hooper to start making efforts to revive his atrophying limbs. The daily walks with Duke, helped Hooper a lot. It was sheer determination and fixed purpose that Hooper rejoined his work. Finally Hooper's determined efforts to regain control over his motor movements made the impossible possible. Chuck was appointed assistant National Sales Manager and succeeded in his objectives. 8

OR

Private Quelch was a soldier without rank. He appeared lanky, stooping and frowning through his horn-rimmed spectacles. Due to his display of knowledge and reading habit he was nicknamed the Professor. Those who had any doubts on the subject, lost them after five minutes conversation with him.

The greatest aim of the Professor was to get a commission. In pursuit of his ambition he really worked very hard. He borrowed training manuals and read them late at nights. He drilled with enthusiasm and remained miraculously tireless even after route marches. Technical definitions, the parts of the rifle, its use and care, he had them all by heart. But his exhibitionism and sense of superiority made him an unpleasant character. Each time any of his colleagues made a mistake, the Professor would publicly correct him. They could not stand this exhibition of knowledge and fled when he was near.

Private Quelch knew too much about things and knew too little about people. He could never win the hearts and sympathy of his instructor and colleagues. The Professor badgered the instructors with questions. Similarly, he tried to correct Corporal Turnbull when he was describing the outside of a grenade. Corporal Turnbull was not a man to be trifled with. He showed the Professor his right place. Quelch was sent for the permanent cookhouse duties. He became a stock of laughter for others. Turnbull proved to be more than a match for the Professor.

11. A lot of restrictions were imposed on Gulliver in Lilliput. Gulliver was neither allowed to leave Lilliput nor visit the capital without the king's formal order. He was supposed to keep to the principal roads of Lilliput only, avoiding the fields and meadows. While walking he was neither to tread upon either any Lilliputian, nor their horses and carriages. He was also not allowed to take any Lilliputian in his hands without his consent. In the event of some urgent message that the king wishes to be delivered, Gulliver was expected to carry the messenger in his pocket and take him safely back to the king after the message was delivered. The most important clause in the list required him to support the Lilliputians against Blefuscu's invasion and destroy its entire army. Gulliver would also have to lift huge stones and help the workmen to mend the parks and royal buildings. He was also asked to walk around the kingdom and calculate its circumference. Gulliver was required to take an oath that he would abide by these conditions. In lieu of it, he was to have an adequate daily allowance of meat and drink, sufficient to support 1,724 Lilliputians.

OR

Glumdalclitch, was the little daughter of the farmer who acted as the nurse of Gulliver and took very good care of him.

She made dresses for him, washed his clothes and helped him dress and undress. She was faithful and loyal towards him. She informed Gulliver what her father wanted to do with him i.e. show him around the city and earn money.

Glumdalclitch was really concerned about his safety and feared some mischief would happen to him from rude and vulgar people, who might squeeze him to death, break his limbs and dishonor him.

She tried to make everything as convenient as possible by lining the box with a soft material in which he was carried by his father. She often took him out of the box so that he could breathe fresh air and show him the country.

She acted as his instructor and taught him alphabets and words at home and during their journey to metropolis. It was due to her efforts that he was able to call for whatever he wanted. She carried a little book in her pocket which contained a short account of their religion.

Thus we find that she was intelligent, caring, warm-hearted, smart girl who tried to make Gulliver's life less miserable.