

INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT
FIRST PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2017-18
ENGLISH CORE
MARKING SCHEME

CLASS: XII
DATE : 29 /11/2017

TIME: 3 HOURS
MAX MARKS: 100

- a) (i) smarten up a person 1
- b) (ii) in Rome 1
- c) (iii) are not very different 1
- d) (iv) race, religion, and culture stereotypes 1
- e)
 - no one to plan things out for you 1
 - have to tackle situations requiring immediate decisions where no amount of prior research can help
- f) Due to high costs involved previously, travel was by and large a rich man's indulgence. Today anybody can travel by saving a certain amount from one's allowance to save for a trip once a year. 1
- g) Even when travel plans are made meticulously, they may get upset. The best way out of a bad situation is to remain calm, when faced with such a calamity and learn to be flexible and to roll with the punches. 1
- h) When one travels one discovers the romance within oneself. As a tourist one enjoys the beauty of simple everyday life all around. One also becomes aware of nature all around and sharpens one's power of observation and appreciation. 1
- i) While travelling, it is most important to be smart and take some basic precautions during the journey, while at the same time one must learn to trust good people. This habit increases your faith in humanity. 1
- j) There are better roads, swifter communications and plenty of ticketing options that give people the confidence of not having to cope with last minute changes to travel plans. Therefore, travel is no longer a bogey. 1
- k) **Find words from the passage which mean the same as:** 2
- (i) sulking
- (ii) prior
- 2.a) (iii) iconic Indian table maestro 1

- b) (iv) he wants them to be better than him 1
- c) Every Indian knows how to live peacefully in India 1
- d)by not giving any opportunity to pit us one against the other and need to hold on to this harmony. 1
- e) In Mumbai. He lived with his parents at Mahim and went to school at St. Michael's School 1
- f) Music is universal and has no boundaries of religion or nation as harmony is within all of us. 1
- g) To overcome staleness in art. Since the table is about spontaneity, and at times mental block creeps up, when the challenge of overcoming them is difficult. 1
- h) His father introduced him to Lord Ganesha's pakhawaj and Lord Shiva's dumroo. 1
- i) (i) inspirational 2
(ii) rendition
- 3.a)** Title 1 mk Content / indenting 3 mks abbreviations (minimum four) 1 **5**
Complete sentences not to be accepted as notes. (In such cases ½ - 1 may be deducted from marks awarded to content.
- b) Content 2 mks Expression/ accuracy 1 mk **3**
- 4.** Content 2 mks Expression/ accuracy – 2 mks **4**
- 5.** No marks are to be awarded if only the format is given. **6**
Content 3 mks Expression/Accuracy – 2 mks Format - 1 mk
- 6.** Content 4 mks Expression – 3 mks Accuracy 3 mk **10**
- 7.** Content 4 mks Expression – 3 mks Accuracy 3 mk **10**
- 8.** a) The poet mentions three types of wars, i.e. green wars that man wages against nature and environment. He also mentions wars with gas and wars with fire meaning that man kills other human beings with the help of biological and nuclear weapons. 1
- a) 'Green wars' refers to the environmental degradation caused by man's mindless activities. 1
- b) Apart from the death of thousands of innocent people, war would not leave anyone victorious because there would be no survivors. 1
- c) An ideal situation would be one in which human beings would be seen happily walking arm in arm with others hence depicting a feeling of oneness, unity and brotherhood. He would be cool and calm and not concerned about harming anyone. 1

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- (a) Prancing tigers are a symbol of the spirit of freedom within Aunt Jennifer which remains subdued. They also symbolise her fear of her male counterpart. **1**
- (b) The tigers are seen jumping around on the screen fixed on the wall. They look like shining yellow topaz (a precious stone). **1**
- (c) They live in green forests. They are fearless and are not afraid of the men under the tree. **1**
- (d) The movement of the tigers is sleek, stealthy, majestic and elegant. They are sure of their purpose. Gallant and confident, they move ahead undeterred by any obstacles or hindrances. **1**

9. FOR ALL ANSWERS – CONTENT 2 MKS AND EXPRESSION – 1 MK

- a) He smelled awful... nobody befriended... nobody played.... got rid of the bad smell with the help of wizard who cast a magic spell to change the smell into that of roses. **3**
- b) The children inherit their parents' poverty and disease. A boy has twisted bones like his father. The slum children inherit the diseases as they are subjected to inhuman dirty cramped conditions. **3**
- c) Saheb's full name is Saheb-e-Alam meaning the 'Lord of the universe'. But Saheb is a poverty stricken, barefoot, homeless rag picker who scrounges the garbage dumps of Delhi for living. His name is in total contrast to his very existence and is thus deeply ironical. **3**
- d) Mr Lamb means to say that different people have different view-points to look at the same thing- what one find beautiful others may find it ugly- depends on one's attitude and outlook- the point is what you look like is not so important as what you are inside just like the Princess Beauty who loved the monstrous Beast in the fairy tale **3**
- e) Our own acts of unkindness, cruelty and malice towards others, make our days sad and gloomy- We also get disappointed due to the lack of human values and nobility around us. **3**
- f) By putting her heart and soul in studies and being ahead of her peers- Bama won the hearts of her friends- many befriended her because she stood first in class- understood that education is the key to gaining respect. **3**

10. CONTENT – 3 MKS EXPRESSION / ACCURACY – 3 MKS **6**

- Rajkumar Shukla and Gandhiji –opposed to injustice and believed in truth and honesty
- Gandhiji's fearless crusade to fight the injustice emboldened the farmers
- The solidarity and unity demonstrated by the Indians led to the British being

defeated for the first time in a legal battle in the Indian soil.

- The battle of Champaran gave Gandhiji the idea to wage a similar battle at the National level
- The magic of Gandhiji was his ability to draw crowds –awakening the conscience of Indians –making them realise their duty to the country
- He tried to mould a new, free and confident Indian who was self-reliant and knew his rights- led to the dawn of freedom

OR

- Sophie and Jansie- class mates and close friends – sharp contrast in their approach towards life –
- Sophie- escaped to the world of make believe on the wings of her imagination – glared defiantly right in the eyes of life and very optimistically aspired to achieve what others considered to be impossible -
- romantic-seemed to have nothing to do with the realistic world- ambitions and her dreams – unrealistic- dreams of owning a boutique- becoming a manager or an actress- all beyond her reach- thought of living a life which is ‘sophisticated’-
- adolescent fantasising and hero worship made her imagine an encounter with the football star, Danny Casey
- Jansie, on the other hand is a practical, down to earth girl- sensible and realistic – did not nurture big dreams – wanted to achieve what was achievable –
- accepted what destiny offered her with a sense of resignation - knew that with their economic background – they were earmarked for the biscuit factory- accepted her destiny –
- quite nose by nature – her habit of gossip mongering made Sophie refrain from confiding - disapproved Sophie for her stories about Danny- wished she could pull her into the realistic world.

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CONTENT – 3 MKS

EXPRESSION / ACCURACY – 3 MKS

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- A conflict of interest arises in a situation when someone like a doctor has conflicting interests- Japanese doctor- dislikes Whites
- as a Japanese patriot –his duty was to hand over the escaped prisoner to the police-
- Sadao risks his safety and saves an enemy- fears the consequences of harbouring an enemy
- overcomes his hatred of the Americans- like a hero stands up for what he believes in and doesn't calculate the repercussions

- in spite of conflicts- is human and lives up to the oath of being a doctor.

OR

- Prison authorities had made foolproof arrangements to foil any escape efforts by Evans – yet – escapes successfully - officers’ vigilance could have checked this jail break –
- hatching of the escape plan starts with – German tutor’s entry – nobody bothers to verify – McLeery credentials also not verified properly
- Examination day – Jackson’s not getting Evans’ bobble hat removed – blunder – had Stephens not been shifted from the cell, the escape could have been foiled – Jackson should have searched properly McLeery –
- rubber ring – closer look –
- thorough examination of the wounded man would have checked
- Superintendent Carter’s complacency and the Governor’s inefficiency and casual approach – unpardonable –
- after recapturing – Governor should have personally accompanied him to jail – rather than entrusting – to van occupants

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CONTENT – 3 MKS

EXPRESSION / ACCURACY – 3 MKS

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- The first step towards invisibility required the consumption of a drug that decolourised his blood.
- Griffin felt sick after taking this drug. The condition made him very irritable.
- As this drug started working on him, physical changes also started setting in. His hands and face started turning white like white stone. He experienced a horrible time.
- He underwent a lot of anguish all through the night. He kept on feeling sick and fainted intermittently.
- His skin seemed to be on fire. His body emitted a lot of heat and it felt like grim death.
- As he was going through this agonising experience, he realised the misery and pain that he had subjected the poor cat to.
- He moaned and groaned, sobbed and talked. He then became insensible and woke up in the darkness of the night.
- Then the painful phase was over, but Griffin felt he was killing himself. By the morning his hands became invisible. By and by, all his body disappeared. He

then felt very weak and hungry. By an effort of will, however, he completed the entire process. He found his strength back by midday. Now he was ready to face the world and enjoy the advantages of invisibility.

13. CONTENT – 3 MKS EXPRESSION / ACCURACY – 3 MKS 6

- Oliver was a professor in the Provincial College at Chiselstowe where Griffin started with his teaching career as well as research to find a formula for invisibility.
- Oliver was a man without principles. When he learnt that Griffin was working on an unusual project, this unscrupulous man tried to grab credit for the research.
- His prying nature caused problems for Griffin and made his life miserable by repeatedly asking him about the time when he would publish his work.
- Oliver, being a scientific and a journalist by instinct, wanted to rob Griffin of his ideas.
- He harassed and victimized this young scientist by posing innumerable difficulties.
- He was a mean, calculating and unscrupulous person who instead of helping out his junior attempted utmost to exploit him and drive him crazy by obstructing his work.