

**INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT**  
**FIRST PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2017**  
**ENGLISH Class X (Suggested Answers)**

1 a.	The father had heard of the prodigy Mozart, and the money he had brought his parents; and he conceived the notion of exploiting his own son in the same way.	1
b.	He kept him slaving at the piano/ thrashed him when he did not practice long enough/ dragged him out of bed late night ( <i>any one</i> )	1
c.	He began to appear in public as a player and in 1796 played before the King in Berlin.	1
d.	It was said that never before had anything so incoherent, coarse, wild, and ear-splitting been heard!	1
e.	Beethoven, like all really great composers, was simply before his time as his music was not understood by them.	1
f.	It turned him into a wretched misanthrope, and caused him to almost end his life.	1
g.	In the theatre he had to lay his ears close to the orchestra in order to understand the actors, and the higher notes of the instruments and voices he could not hear when only a little distance away.	1
h.	coarse	1
i.	Playing / playing music.	
2.1	<b>Any four</b>	
i)	Soaps and shampoos contain a chemical sodium lauryl sulphate which is carcinogenic. Most of the toothpastes have high sugar content and is not good for people with diabetes.	2
ii)	Herbal products whether it be shampoo or toothpaste do not contain any chemical so do not harm the hair and teeth. There is also no fear of any of these being carcinogenic in nature. One can use them regularly.	2
iii)	Home made products are eco-friendly ie. home-made detergents that do not have harmful chemicals. Food cooked at home is healthier than ready-made fast food.	
iv)	When one is not using appliances it is better to turn them off. Also while downloading things like movies from the internet it is better to download when one is awake as after downloading as one can switch off the computer and the internet. This will save power as well as make the appliance work efficiently.	2
v)	Certain simple precautions such as keeping the Bluetooth switched off while not sharing files, keeping brightness to the minimum, switching off the charger after charging the phone help increase life of a mobile phone.	2
2.2	<b>Any two</b>	2
i)	Ingredients.	
ii)	..... each member of the family has his own laptop.	

iii)	They are used without being recycled.	
2.3	<p><b>Any two</b></p> <p>(1) degrade (2) Inclined (3) impairs</p>	2
3	<p>CONTENT- 4 EXPRESSION- 2 ACCURACY – 2</p>	8
4	<p>CONTENT- 4 EXPRESSION- 3 ACCURACY – 3</p>	10
5	<p><b>any four</b></p> <p>(a) ii) into (b) ii) in (c)iii) when (d) ii) through (e) iv) can</p>	4
6	<p><b>any four</b></p> <p>a) animal <u>can</u> perform b) in <u>a</u> very c) series <u>of</u> organs d) way <u>our</u> vocal e) animals<u>cannot</u> do.</p>	4
7.	<p><b>any four</b></p> <p>(a) if she had booked (b) she had asked (c) why she had asked (d) that the view from there was really great. (e) if she had forgotten</p>	4
8.	<p>a) Julius Caesar speaks these words to his wife Calpurnia. Calpurnia expresses her fears about his safety because she has seen and heard about certain unnatural happenings.</p> <p>b) Like a fatalist Caesar says that it is not possible to avoid what has already been decreed by the all-powerful Gods. Then he takes a more logical view and says that these omens apply as much to the world in general and not especially for him.</p> <p>c) Fierce fiery warriors fought upon the clouds/ghosts shrieked and squealed about the</p>	4

	<p>streets/ graves yawned, and yielded up their dead/ lioness whelped in the street etc.</p> <p>d) The speaker seems to be overconfident that no harm can come to him. He believes in the inevitability of fate. He tries to rationalize.</p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>a) The albatross had brought a lot of ill luck to the sailors in the poem, ‘the Rime of the Ancient Mariner’, after it was killed, and the poet did not want the same to happen to him.</p> <p>b) He wished that the snake would come back for it seemed like a king to be honoured.</p> <p>c) The snake seemed to have come from the underworld, moving majestically, seemed to the poet like a king in exile, who now is due to be crowned again, as it appeared to be one of the lords of life.</p> <p>d) The poet has to make amends for his sinful, mean and vulgar action of throwing a stick at the snake in order to harm it.</p>	
<b>9.</b>	<p>(a) The death of the albatross brings misfortune on the sailors as the breeze that once carried the sails had halted. They were stranded in the middle of the sea without water to drink. Slimy creatures could be seen emerging from the rotten sea. They believed that the spirit of the bird was following them. The crew burdens the Mariner with the weight of the albatross as a sign of guilt for their plight, condemning him for the act.</p>	<b>2</b>
	<p>(b) All those monuments, memorials and statues built by the princes and rulers will face the ravages of the times. People will ignore and tarnish them with their unclean and immoral practices. However, the words written in this poem in the praise of the poet’s friend and patron will survive and outlive all those monuments. Poetry will not diminish or fade with the passage of time.</p>	<b>2</b>
	<p>(c) When the accident occurred, Sebastian was using his laptop to play one of the same psycho-drive games that Michael had got. Sebastian was plugged into the computer when he banged his head in the accident. The computer saved his memory in its own. In this way Sebastian had entered the games which were later bought by Michael from the computer fair.</p>	<b>2</b>
	<p>(d) The narrator was very desperate for inspiration. Helen found his mind soft enough to accept impression and helped him. She was going on strike because the new fad of Ouija boards had people calling up on ghosts to answer questions all the time. She was exhausted and needed rest. She wanted the narrator to exert his influence and get all his acquaintances to stop using the Ouija board.</p>	<b>2</b>
	<p>(e) Decius interpreted Calpurnia’s dream to be fair and fortunate. Caesar’s blood pouring out of many spouts meant that creative energy will bring new life and strength to Rome. Decius tells that Rome will derive sustenance from Caesar. Roman’s washing their hands in Caesar’s blood signified that Caesar influence would increase and people would keep the handkerchief stained with Caesar’s blood as memento and token of remembrance and respect for him.</p>	

10	<b>Diary/ Letter</b> <b>Value based content - 4 Expression - 4</b>	8
1.	<p>Ans. Helen weathered her first public controversy at the age of 12, in the winter of 1892. After learning to speak Helen wrote a short story “The Frost King”. She felt a sense of joy in the composition. She related the story to her teacher, Mr. Anagnos. She sent the story to Mr. Anagnos and he published it in one of the Perkins Institution reports.</p> <p>Helen was very happy. But her happiness didn’t last for long. It was discovered that a story similar to “The Frost King” called “The Frost Fairies” by Miss Margaret T. Canby had appeared in a book called, Birdie and His Friends. The two stories were similar in content and it was presumed that Miss Canby’s story had been read to Helen and that her story was - plagiarism.</p> <p>Helen was astonished and grieved. She was questioned and cross-questioned by a court of investigation. Although Mr. Anagnos believed her at first, he was eventually convinced that Helen had deceived him and their friendship came to an end. When Helen realized that she had inadvertently plagiarized the story, she was deeply regretful. Earlier also Helen persisted on confusing the words mug and water. Miss Sullivan renewed her effort to make her distinguish between the words. Helen became impatient. She seized the new doll and dashed it up on the floor. After doing this, she felt delighted. The cause of her impatience was in fragments and she was happy to inflict injury on her enemy. Neither sorrow nor regret followed her passionate outburst.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <p>Helen Keller could never forget the contribution of Dr. Alexander Graham Bell in shaping her life. He had advised her parents to send Helen to the Perkins Institute for the Blind. Helen mentions his sympathetic and tender nature that made her love him from her first visit itself. It was on his suggestion that Helen’s father wrote to Mr. Anagnos and subsequently found Miss Sullivan as a teacher.</p> <p>Until Bell’s death on August 2, 1922, the bond that he and Keller had established early on would only strengthen. She was a frequent guest in his home, and he remained her constant supporter, both personally and financially. She had spent many delightful hours listening to him about his experiments. He appears to be a wonderful and patient teacher who could instill enthusiasm and interest in his students through his delightful explanations. Helen also visited him at his home and laboratory. He frequently sent her money to pay for living expenses or vacations,</p> <p>Helen and Miss Sullivan were accompanied by Dr. Bell on their visit to the Worlds Fair in 1893. He had a humorous and poetic side and loved children passionately. She even learned to use a braille typewriter so they could correspond more directly. Keller used the braille typewriter to write her first autobiography, The Story of My Life, which she dedicated to him, writing, “To Alexander Graham Bell, who has taught the deaf to speak and enabled the listening ear to hear speech from the Atlantic to the Rockies.”</p>	10