

INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT
MIDDLE SECTION
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
SECOND PERIODIC TEST (2018 – 19) – ANSWER KEY (SET A)

I. 1 d) the closest friend of Susie's grandfather 2 b) a home for the aged 3 a) many certificates
4 c) bulbs of the lily plant 5 b) short, interesting stories about real people or events **(1 x 5 = 5 marks)**

II. 1) Tulips are spring-blooming plants. 2) The flowers are usually large and brightly coloured.
3) Tulips have been cultivated in Asia from the tenth century. / from the tenth century in Asia
(1 x 3 = 3 marks)

III. 1c) column 2a) embroidered 3d) palanquin 4 b) seamstress **(½ x 4 = 2 marks)**

IV. 1) **Grate (contextual)** -frame of metal bars for confining fuel in the recess of fireplace/ furnace
2) **Gilded** – covered with a thin layer of gold or gold paint
3) **Sensible** - having or showing common sense/ practical/ realistic
4) **Curious (contextual)** – odd/ strange/ peculiar **(½ x 4 = 2 marks)**

V.1) Any meaningful sentence of the student's own. **(1 x 1 = 1 mark)**

VI. 1) ... the Happy Prince.....the Swallow.
2) ... to the poor seamstress son ... ill , crying ... nothing to give him except water.
3) ... 'him' – young playwright/ writer/ writer of plays.... wanted to give 'him' ... one of his sapphire eyes.
(1 x 3 = 3 marks)

VII. 1) ... evening ... travelling through Joradighi.... dark... gloomy lonely/ desolate ... barren This
frightened ... mother made this remark.
2) ... a swallow in winter ... wrote a long article about it ... local newspaper... everyone talked about it ...
full of words ... could not understand. **(2 x 2 = 4 marks)**

SET – B

I. 1d) Susie's birthday party 2 b) enthusiasm for life and interesting stories 3 a) electricity connection
4c) a great and eager interest or enjoyment of something **(1 x 5 = 5 marks)**

II. 1) Starlings are small to medium-sized birds. 2) The mynah is also a bird of the starling family.
3) Starlings can imitate sounds like human speech and car alarms. **(1 x 3 = 3 marks)**

III. 1b) furnace 2c) desolate 3a) proclamation 4d) attachment **(½ x 4 = 2 marks)**

IV. 1) **Withered** – dried up (and decayed) 2) **Garret** – a small room at the top of a house
3) **Tossing (contextual)** – moving restlessly 4) **Sculptured** - made by carving or casting
(½ x 4 = 2 marks)

V. 1) Any meaningful sentence of the student's own. **(1 x 1= 1mark)**

VI. 1) ... the Swallow ... poor/ young playwright/ writer/ writer of plays

2) ... help ... playwright ... cold...faint with hunger ... could not finish writing the play.

3) ... rare ... from India ... thousand years ago. **(1 x 3 = 3 marks)**

VII. 1) ... galloped wildly/ high speed... the dacoits fearful fight give his mother a cold shudder if..... many fled a large number killed by him.

2) ... children's faces ... rosier, laughed, played games ... street. Everybody furs Little boys ... caps ... skated on ice. **(2 x 2 = 4 marks)**