

INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT
MIDDLE SECTION
FIRST- TERM EXAMINATION: 1 (2017 - 2018)
ENGLISH- ANSWER KEY

Std: VIII

SECTION 'A' - READING (15 MARKS)

I. Passage-1

I. (5 marks)

- a) i. c. their wings make a humming sound
- ii. a. they move their wings very fast.
- iii. a. they need enough nectar to live
- iv. c. can fly backward.
- v. a. spreading pollen from flower to flower.

II. Passage -2 (5 marks)

- a) 1.... trained the children to be in their places on her arrival, greet her and extend a warm welcome to her.
- 2. the children greeted her with “shining morning faces” and bright, curious eyes.
- 3. frightened, foolish, nervous.
- 4. with a speech..... sat up till twelve the previous night ,drafted a speech and learnt it by heart.
- 5. mutual help and earnest striving for knowledge.....could not remember a word of it.

Passage-III

i) On the basis of your reading the passage complete the following sentences: (2 marks)

- a) a kite to hoist his camera into the skies, which dangles in mid-air .
- b) photography and kite –flying.
- c) tying a cradle containing the photography equipment to the string of the kite and then flying it.
- d) an air to ground video-link

ii) State whether the following statements are True or False: (2 marks)

- a) True b) False c) False d) True

iii) Vocabulary

- a) ordinary b) harsh (1 mark)

SECTION 'B'-- WRITING (20 MARKS)

IV. Message writing-	Accuracy -1.5	Content-1.5	Fluency- 1	(4 marks)
V. Précis -	Accuracy -1.5	Content-1.5	Fluency- 1	(4 marks)
VI. Notice writing--	Accuracy -1.5	Content-1.5	Fluency- 1	(4 marks)
VII. Long writing skill-	Accuracy- 3	Content- 3	Fluency-2	(8 marks)

SECTION 'C'- GRAMMAR (20 MARKS)

VIII. a) Re-ordering - (3marks)

- i) The Earth will be destroyed if we do not take care of it.
- ii) We should plant more trees and protect nature.
- iii) We should strive for a safe and healthy environment

b) Editing - (4 marks)

a) open – opened b) are – is c) needed - need d) have- having e) have - has
f) making – make g) misses –miss h) activity-activities.

c) Conversion-Reported Speech- (4marks)

a) how her day had been. b) that it had been very tiring and asked her how her day had been. c) she had been chosen for the school basketball team. d) that it was certainly good news.

d) Omission - (4 marks)

a) have been waiting b) there are others c) who have come d)receptionist has written
e) been waiting since f) there is no

e. Do as directed - (3marks)

- i) I expect you to return the books.
- ii) Seeing the eagle the girl screamed.
- iii) their assignment or any suitable object.
- iv)The wounded man was taken to the hospital.
- v) has landed
- vi) Hunting wild animals is prohibited in India

f. Conversion of Speech- (3 marks)

- i) He will say that he is happy with his new assignment
- ii) The old man requested the boy to help him carry the basket of fruits.
- iii) My friend said, “I am not feeling well now”.

SECTION ‘D’-- LITERATURE

(25 MARKS)

IX. Poem- RTC- (4marks)

- (i) village schoolmaster
- (ii) write....use numbers/do mathematics/ calculate
- (iii) love for learning /his yearning to impart knowledge/maintain discipline
- (iv) humorous/ cracked jokes ...made students laugh/good store of jokes/ mentioned in poem that he was kind.

X. Prose- RTC- (3 marks)

- i. c) Grandmother
- ii) a) ‘I’ disliked reptiles.
- iii) a) there was a snake in the house.

XI.SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS- (12 marks)

- i) petted Uncle D’s children..... would give away his secret hiding places.... complained to his mother that he was noisy did not behave well ...visitors around
- ii) thanking the gods.....for giving him an unconquerable soul...which helps him to bear sufferings.
- iii) when his eyes were plucked out ...became blind.....he plucked leaf by leaf of fine gold ...gave to the poor....

- iv) even after being defeated he could continue arguing with the parson who was skilled in itvery adept in using lengthy words....
- v) ...large cage arrangedwith mirror at one end....juicy chicken....other delicacies....opening fitted up with trap door...
- vi) Aunt Mabel....frightened ...fit of hysterics...packed bags ..left...
- vii) narrator realized Aachchi was a victim of circumstances... hurt her by not touching her feet... wanted to undo the wrong.....feared he would lose Aachchi....

XII. Answer ONE of the following questions in about 120 words.

(6 marks)

XII. i) Narrators attitude towards his grandmother changed.....she fell sick he rarely went to her room..... he was in her room.....the worried expressions on the faces of mothersiblings...instilled fear ..he would lose Aacchi...he looked around..... eyes caught a framed photograph.....with a beautiful smile.....he looked at her silver hair.....and wondered for the first time...how difficult it must have been to live all alonein the big old mansion...he realized circumstances had changed her she forgot to smile and became stern...after her husband's death.. she lived all alone ...had a dog as a constant companion for some years...after his death she became more lonely... her loneliness' made her stern....the narrator had failed to understand her but when realization dawned he regretted his behaviour and wanted to make amends..touch her feet....

OR

ii) After death the Happy Prince learnt about the ugliness and misery of his citydejected and upset he wanted to help his people.....the little swallow became his messenger ...and together they reached out to the needy and poor... Prince.....decided to give away ... the gems and precious stones....with which he was decorated....swallow...his messenger carried the ...ruby...seamstress....whose boy was ill...swallow laid ..ruby on table...fanned boy's forehead...and made him feel better...helped the young man in garret who was hungry rare sapphirefrom his eyes...flew to the young man ...left it on withered violets...match girl who had lost all her match sticks....given the other sapphire...thus the Prince became blind ...it was then swallow's turn to fly over the city..and report about the miserable state of his people...Prince requested swallow to pluck....every leaf made of fine gold that covered himto be given to the poor.....the Prince and swallow sacrificed their lives ...served the poor ...made them happy...