



**INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT  
MIDDLE SECTION  
FINAL TERM EXAMINATION (2017 - 2018)**

**ENGLISH-ANSWER KEY**

**Code: M8EN0311**

**CLASS: VIII**

**MARKS: 80**

**SECTION 'A' - READING (15 MARKS)**

I. Answer the questions that follow:

(8 marks)

a) On the basis of your reading the above passage choose the most appropriate option and complete the sentences (2x½=1mark)

i. b. about 62 to 72 cm

ii. d. all the above

b. State whether the following statements are True or False:

(2x½=1mark)

i. True. ii. False

c. Complete the following sentences:

(3x1=3marks)

i. in a stick nest in a tree, cliff or on the ground. ii. It prefers open dry habitats

iii. heavily feathered legs and dark markings on the wings especially the flight feathers.

d. Answer the following questions briefly:

(2x1= 2marks)

i. tawny upper parts with pale lower back and blackish flight feathers /heavily feathered legs and dark markings on the wings

ii. large fresh carrion of all kinds ,small mammals like rabbits, reptiles and birds

e. Find one word from the passage which means the following:

(1x1= 1mark)

i. species

2. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

(7 marks)

a) Complete the following sentences:

(2x1=2 marks)

i) vast expanse of water stretched beneath frightened him ii) he could never muster the courage to fly

b) Choose the most appropriate option and complete the sentences:

(1x3=3 marks)

i) The sea-gull's parents tried their best to make him learn to fly by \_\_\_\_\_

a) threatening him that he would be left alone and soon starve

ii) The seagull was forced to fly because he

c) was desperate and hungry

iii) The mother halted just opposite him abreast of the ridge because she \_\_\_\_\_

a) wanted him to fly and take the dead fish

c) The synonym of the word border from the passage is: (1x1=1 mark)

ii) ridge

d) The antonym of the word plunged from the passage is: (1x1=1 mark)

i) soared

### **SECTION 'B'-- WRITING (20 MARKS)**

3. Bio-Sketch: Content—2 /Fluency—1 / Expression-1 (4 marks)

4. Report Completion: hosted /mega cultural event / 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2017, /11<sup>th</sup> edition of the talent hunt /in the school premises/ exceptionally talented one thousand /participants from various Indian schools/exhibited their inherent skills (4 marks)

5. Notice-Writing: Content—2/ Fluency—1 /Expression-1 (4marks)

6. Speech for Morning Assembly /E-mail (Letter of Complaint): Content—4 / Fluency—2 /Accuracy -2 (8 marks)

### **SECTION 'C'- GRAMMAR (20 MARKS)**

7. Editing: (a) for – of (b) more – most (c) this – these (d) a – some/many (e) is – was (f) for – to (6x½=3marks)

8.Omission: a) how many of b) offer these street c)fill their stomachs d) do our hearts e) make an effort f) is more than (6x½=3 marks)

9.Rearrange (3x1=3marks)

i) Discipline is a must whether we are in school or at home.

ii) The best period to inculcate discipline is childhood.

iii) The young mind learns things easily and quickly.

10. Do as directed within the brackets: (6x½=3 marks)

i) He will neither come here nor send a representative.

ii) Flying kites is a good sport but betting on them is bad.

iii) He was given not only a trophy but also a cash prize.

iv) You should take the medicine twice daily

v) May/Could I use your use your pen?

vi)You need the artist's permission to borrow the paint box.

11. Do as directed within the brackets: (4x1=4 marks)

- i) When did you complete the work?
- ii) Let the garbage be thrown in the dustbin.
- iii) Father says, 'Dogs are faithful to their masters.'
- iv) He exclaimed with joy that they had won the match.

12. Rewrite the sentences : (4x1=4marks)

- i) The house is very quiet because the children have gone out.
- ii) The sea being smooth we went for a boat ride.
- iii) Akshat went to visit his friend but he was not at home.
- iv) I joined the Quiz Club when I was in the sixth grade.

### **SECTION 'D'—LITERATURE (25 MARKS)**

13. Read the extract given below and answer the questions : (4x1=4marks)

- i) a. King Lear      ii) a. Kent
- ii) a. disown and deprive Cordelia and entrust the Kingdom to Goneril and Regan
- iv) a. Cordelia loved him truly and it would be disastrous to entrust the kingdom to Goneril and Regan

14. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow: (3x1=3 marks)

- (a) the dead leaves at the foot of the trees are dancing merrily.
- (b) the withered grass is shining brightly.
- (c) Poetess –Anne Bronte . The season is Autumn / winter

15..Answer any SIX of the following questions: (6x2=12 marks)

i) Behrman ... considered a failure in art....40 years ...weilded brush ...but never got near enough to touch the hem of his Mistress's robe.... He started ....gave up ...never completed it...he was unable to finish ... though he was very close to it...later .. proved it wrong ...painted such a realistic ivy leaf...that Johnsy never realized it was fake ....and she believed that there was a purpose for the leaf to be still there....instilled in her the will power to leave...made her realize it was sin to die.....recovery from illness became easy ..... it saved Johnsy's life and gave her the will to live...his work became a masterpiece....

ii) At the outset the poet tells his mother to imagine they are ...passing...travelling through a dangerous country....moreover a little boy fighting the bandits and killing them ....can only be imaginative ...it cannot be real...later the poet says that so many useless things happen day after day and why couldn't such a thing come true.

iii) narrator...knew Foyot's ...expensive.....prices were much higher than he anticipated guest assured ... she never eats anything for luncheon...she reiterated she never eats more than one thing....

iv) the withered grass...shining/gleaming ...in sunshine....bare trees tossing ...branches....dead leaves...happily dancing...the white clouds ..moving quickly a..the sky..all elements ...of nature experience ..pleasure ...joy...along with poetess....the breeze ...gives happiness ...to both poet & nature..her spirits soar ... nature and the poet experience extreme pleasure and happiness.

v) Cordelia refused to play Lear's game ....his demand for expression of love in public...She is practical and truthful in her expression for love for her father but Lear fails to realize that his two elder daughters indulged in flattery..he gives her time to mend her speech but she declines...

vi) Foyot's is a restaurant – French Senators eat – too far beyond his means – never thought of going there. Flattered - lady wanted to have lunch with him – too young to have learned to say no to people.

vii) Kent ..says...mad...because..he believes..in the flattery and deceitful words of his elder daughter....without much thought and care he takes a decision...to disown Cordelia..and entrust kingdom..daughters...would later...prove to be disastrous tried....to make Lear ...realize...misjudges ...Cordelia....she loved him.....genuinely .....deprive ..of inheritance...grossly wrong... ....Lear was angered....his ...trying to come between him and his vow.....break his vow...against the law ..of ...land....

16. Answer ONE of the following questions :

(1 x6=6 marks)

i) Lear was wrong in his decision to entrust his kingdom to his two daughters. His

decision was based on the test of love for him from his daughters. In his demand for expression of love publicly, Lear failed to realize that his daughters may not be truthful. Goneril and Regan indulged in flattery in order to get the largest portion of his kingdom. Cordelia refused to use flattery words and was not able to express her love as Lear had expected from her. Her love for her father was real and deep Lear fails to understand. Disappointed by her answer he gives his kingdom to Goneril and Regan and disowns Cordelia. Kent tries to convince Lear to reconsider his decision. Kent is banished. Cordelia marries the king of France and goes to France. King Lear spends his days with Goneril and Regan and soon realizes that his daughters have no love and respect for him. Frustrated, Lear runs away into the wild. The king of France invades Lear's kingdom. Kent sends a message to Cordelia. She finds Lear. Lear apologises and asks for forgiveness. The French army was defeated. Lear and Cordelia are captured. Lear escapes but Cordelia dies. Unable to bear the pain of his dearest daughter's death, Lear too dies.

OR

ii) Reluctant ...to go ...Foyots.....beyond his means....but couldn't say 'no' unable to afford ....his financial condition ...not support ..for both....difficult for him to afford for one....every time guest ...ordered.....expensive items ...he was flustered...entire luncheon preoccupied with the thought whether....pay the bill...was a little reassured... guest claimed....never ate more than one thing for lunch...heart sank ..ordered for caviar...turned trifle pale ...champagne....ordered...asparagus...his heart sank ...horribly expensive..wanted the waiter to say no...when asked for asparagus...at one point of time ...past caring...ordered for ...coffee..ice cream...for..both..says a terrible thing happened ...picked up a peach...very costly ..as unseasonal....as she ordered expensive dishes.....went to the extent ...faking...pocket ...picked...if...unable to pay.