

INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT
HALF-YEARLY EXAMINATION
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CLASS IX
Marking Scheme – [ENGLISH]

SET A

Q.NO.	Answers	Marks
1	ANY TEN	10x1=10
1.1	i) – (b) failure and success can affect your emotions ii) – (c) option (3) iii) – (b) optimistic iv) – (d) falling down and getting up v) – (b) light bulb vi) – (d) her grit never made her give up vii) – (c) be in the moment and be aware without judgement viii) – (b) it quietens the noise of fears and doubts ix)– (b) failure can deeply affect our emotions x)– (b) knowing oneself and others xi)– (a) Thomas Edison xii– (c) through mindfulness we can overcome the negative impact of failure	
2	ANY TEN	10x1=10
2.1	i]- a) to explain the rules of chess ii] - b) good chess players take a lot of risks iii]- b) over 500 years iv] - b) India v] - b) this paragraph explains how blitz chess is played vi] - d) one player loses his or her king vii]- a) computers did not play chess well viii] -c) players only have ten minutes to play ix]- d) your clock stops running and the other person's clock begins x] - b) 1997 xi]- a) a sudden effort or attack on somebody/something xii]- a) 2006	
3	CONTENT-3 ACCURACY-1 EXPRESSION-1	5
4	CONTENT-3 IMAGINATION-1 EXPRESSION-1	5
5	ANY TEN i. b) should ii. c) an iii. d) had been playing iv. b) gets v. b) are playing	10x1=10

	vi. b) has been vii. a) left viii. b) was writing ix. c) had left x. a) had been xi. a) will xii. a) have been	
6	<p>i) a) Evelyn was deaf and dumb b) Her mother c) When her mother called, she did not move. d) This line means that when Evelyn was called, she didn't respond e) <i>(iv) by the age of 11</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>ii) (a)The thief's brother makes this plea to the king of the Kingdom of Fools. (b)The 'ancient trade' was the burglary that the thief had committed. (c)The thief, who had broken into the house of the merchant, had been killed because a wall of the old house of the merchant had collapsed and fallen on his head. (d)The wall that led to the thief's death had collapsed because it had become weak after the thief had made a hole in it to sneak into the house of the merchant. Hence, the merchant was not to be blamed for the thief's death. e) <i>(iii) the bricklayer had not built it right</i></p>	5x1=5
7	<p>i) a)Leaves turned yellow because of the autumn season b) He felt like travelling both the roads as both of them looked equally fair and promising. Although they had been worn out equally, that morning both lay untrodden c) thinking to which road to be opted d) can choose only one road e) <i>iv) about the choices made by people</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>ii) a) By "humid shadows", the poet implies the clouds full of rain. b) The phrase "starry spheres" refers to the sky filled with numerous stars shining at night. c) The poet considers it bliss to lie comfortably in the bed pressing his head against the pillow. d) Alliteration as 'I' sound is repeated. e) <i>(iii) 'personification'</i></p>	5x1=5

8.	<p>i) How was Einstein honoured for his achievements? Ans: Honours came pouring in for Einstein after his theories proved him to be a scientist with exceptional abilities. He was awarded the prestigious Nobel Prize for Physics in 1921. Honours and invitations were conferred on him from all over the world. The newspapers too applauded his genius.</p> <p>ii) What is the central idea of the poem, ‘Wind’? Ans. The poet advises us to be strong in mind and body. The wind will be our friend when we are strong. Here the wind represents the difficulties and challenges we face in our life. Therefore, we should face them boldly.</p> <p>iii) Describe the book that Tommy had found in the attic. Ans. Tommy found a real book in the attic of his house. The pages had turned yellow and crinkly because it was at least two hundred years old. Moreover, it was all covered with dust as it had been lying in the attic for ages.</p> <p>iv) What was Kezia’s father’s routine before going to an office and after coming back in the evening? Ans: Before going to an office, Kezia’s father would come to her room, give her a casual kiss and leave for work. He would return in the evening and demand that tea is brought into the drawing room, and ask for his papers and slippers in a loud voice.</p> <p>v) How was Bismillah Khan’s music appreciated and recognized on the international level? Ans. Bismillah Khan’s music was so much appreciated on the international level that he became the first Indian to be invited to perform in the prestigious Lincoln Central Hall, USA. He participated in the World Exposition in Montreal, the Cannes Art Festival and the Osaka Trade Fair. In Teheran, an auditorium was named after him.</p>	4x3=12
9	<p>i) How did the mother distract the child’s mind from the toy seller? Ans: The child’s mother drew his attention to the flowering mustard field to distract his mind from the toy seller. Here he saw colourful dragon-flies with gaudy purple wings, black bee and butterflies. He gazed at them as they flew in the air.</p> <p>ii) What destruction was caused by Toto to the narrator’s room? Ans: Toto tore off the ornamental paper that covered the wall of the narrator’s room and wrenched the peg, to which he had been tied, from its socket. He also tore the narrator’s school blazer into shreds.</p> <p>iii) What did the dancing girl say in her defence? Ans. The dancing girl said that she had given some gold to the goldsmith to make some jewellery. The goldsmith made many excuses. Therefore, she had to walk up and down his house many times.</p>	2x3=6
10.	<p>i) This is an inspirational poem and quite tricky, according to Robert Frost himself. The poem presents an antithesis. The traveller comes to a fork and wishes to take both, which</p>	1x6=6

	<p>is impossible. One of the roads is described as grassy and wanting wear', then he says that both the roads look the same. This poem is a call for the reader to forge his or her way in life and not follow the path that others have taken reinforces the power of independent thinking and sticking to one's decisions. So there is nothing right or wrong about a choice, it is all relative. Whatever direction one takes one must pack it with determination and zest for one can never turn the clock back, or relive that moment. (related points)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>ii) Film director Vijay Bhatt was so impressed after hearing Bismillah play at a festival that he named a film after the instrument called 'Gunj Uthi Shehnai'. The film was a hit, and one of Bismillah's compositions turned out to be a nationwide chartbuster. He also became the first Indian to be invited to perform at the prestigious Lincoln Centre Hall in the U.S.A. He took part in the World Exposition in Montreal, in the Cannes Art Festival and in the Osaka Trade Fair. So well known did he become internationally that an auditorium in Teheran was named after him Tahar Mosque Ustaad Bismillah Khan. National awards like the Padmashri, the Padma Bhushan and the Padma Vibhushan were conferred on him. In 2001, he was awarded India's highest civilian award, the Bharat Ratna.</p>	
11	<p>i) The story 'The Lost Child' is based on child psychology. A child is curious by nature. Beautiful things attract him. He wishes to possess everything, which looks attractive. However, he takes interest in these things only when he is in the company of his parents. However, when he is lost, these things lose their charm for him. In this story, a child goes to a fair with his parents. Different things attract him. He wishes to buy balloons, sweets and garlands of gulmohur. He wishes to enjoy a ride in the roundabout. Nevertheless, suddenly he finds that his parents are missing. Now he starts weeping. A kind man tries to console him. He offers to buy him a number of things. However, the child goes on weeping. He wants only his parents</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>ii) The disciple was brought on the stake for execution. Then he prayed to his guru in his heart. His guru arrived at once. He told something in a whisper to the disciple. Then the guru and his disciple got into a fight. The king got curious. He wanted to know why the guru wanted to die. The guru told the king that whoever died on the new stake first would be reborn as a king. The person who died next would be reborn as a minister. The king and the minister decided to go to the stake themselves. They wanted to be reborn as king and minister respectively. They were taken to the stake and promptly executed. The guru thus saved his disciple by fooling the king.</p>	1x6=6