

**INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT
HALF-YEARLY EXAMINATION
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SET C

**CLASS IX
Marking Scheme – [ENGLISH]**

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	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 style="text-align: center;">OR</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>	5x1=5
7	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 style="text-align: center;">OR</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>	5x1=5
8.	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. ii) What is the central idea of the poem, 'Wind'?	4x3=12

	<p>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.</p> <p>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?</p> <p>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?</p> <p>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>	
9	<p>i) How did the mother distract the child's mind from the toy seller?</p> <p>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?</p> <p>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?</p> <p>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) The poet, W.B. Yeats, had spent many summers during his childhood on the Lake Isle of Innisfree. His memories are so vivid that the sights and sounds seem to have left an indelible impression on his mind. He beautifully portrays the vast, open stretch of land with a very tranquil environment prevailing from morning till evening. The midnight is aglow with the glimmering of the moon and the stars. The noons are bright with a purplish light. In the evening, the linnets, fluttering their wings in flight make a very captivating sight. The Lake Isle of Innisfree echoes with the alluring, soothing music of the insects, birds and waves. The bees sing loudly and the linnets make the evenings energetic with their music. Moreover, there is soft music of the waves striking gently against the shore day and night. Thus, the sights and sounds described by the poet make the island an enthralling and alluring place.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>ii) The relationship between Kezia and her father was a delicate one. He was a conventional disciplinarian and as the head of the family, he asserted his authority over everyone, including his little girl. He often scolded her for her sad looks and for stuttering. She was made to take off his shoes and put them outside when he returned</p>	1x6=6

	<p>home from the office in the evening. He even punished her when she mistakenly tore his important papers. He did not give her even one chance to explain herself and failed to see her loving intention behind the mistake. As a consequence of her father's overly strict behaviour, Kezia developed a strong fear for him. She preferred to stay out of his sight and was relaxed only during his absence from the house. She compared him to be a giant – a dreadful creature for little children. After being beaten by him with a ruler, she even questioned the purpose of God in making fathers.</p> <p>However, this dry relationship undergoes a drastic change towards the end of the story. Father displays his soft corner when Kezia is alone and gets scared by her nightmare. He carries her in his arms to his room, tucks her comfortably in his bed, lies down close to her and gives her the assurance that children seek from parents. This protective, caring and considerate side of her father arouses her sympathy for him. She realises that he has a big heart which is full of love for her.</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) Toto was keenly observant and swift in his actions. He noted closely the manner in which the narrator took bath. He copied every action including testing the temperature of the water with his hand. His physical appearance added to his sharp and active image. Deep-set eyebrows framing his sparkling eyes, pearly white teeth frequently breaking into a grin, quick and wickedly used fingers, and a long tail made Toto look every inch a clever monkey. However, he used his intelligence for doing all kinds of mischievous things. He destroyed the wallpaper of the narrator's bedroom, shredded his school blazer, did not let the other animals sleep peacefully, a bit on the family donkey's ears, made holes in the narrator's aunt's dresses, and ate the <i>pullao</i> and broke the dish afterwards. Thus, Toto certainly was a sharp and active monkey but he was difficult to train and could not be kept as a pet for long and without peril.</p>	1x6=6