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SET A



**INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT
SECOND PRE - BOARD EXAMINATION
ENGLISH CORE (301)**

CLASS: XII

TERM 2

Max. Marks: 40

MARKING SCHEME

SET A	Qn .No	VALUE POINTS	Marks
		SECTION A – READING (14 marks)	
	1.	<p>(i) Auroras are referred to as ‘nature's theatre’.</p> <p>(ii) During the medieval times, people thought of auroral displays as harbingers of war or famine.</p> <p>(iii) While the Menominee Indians of North America believed the light indicated the location of giants who were spirits of hunters. Alaskan people believed that they indicated spirits of hunted animals.</p> <p>(iv) Auroras are actually collisions between electrically charged particles from the sun that enter the earth’s atmosphere.</p> <p>(v) The auroras in the North Pole are called ‘aurora borealis’ and the auroras in the South Pole are called ‘aurora australis’.</p> <p>(vi) They can be seen over the southern tip of Greenland and Iceland, the northern coast of Norway and over the coastal waters north of Siberia.</p> <p>(vii) Auroral displays occur in shades of red, yellow, green, blue, violet and pink. (viii) The variations in colour are due to the type of gas particles in the Earth’s atmosphere that is colliding with charged particles released from the sun’s atmosphere.</p> <p>(ix) Aurora’s are classified on the basis of their appearance as diffuse or discrete. While diffuse aurora is a featureless glow in the sky, a discrete aurora has very sharply defined features.</p>	1x8=8
	2.	<p>(i) The first most important step to cope with headaches is to identify the type of headache one is suffering from.</p> <p>(ii) Common reasons or sources of a headache can range from prolonged stretches of driving, sitting, typing or working on computer screens, etc.</p> <p>(iii) Migraine headaches affect one side of the head whereas a normal headache affects the whole area of the head OR In a headache, pain originates from the brain but in a migraine the pain originates from the irritated nerves of muscles, blood vessel and bones</p> <p>(iv) Migraines are triggered by chocolates, caffeine, smoking, or even by certain food items OR A shift in the level of body hormones, chemicals, certain foods and drinks and environmental stress can trigger migraine.</p> <p>(v) A “headache diary” will provide the statistics of how often and what the headaches are</p>	1x6=6

	<p>about. It is a record of the headache and how often it emerges, and help the doctor in determining the best solution for it.</p> <p>(vi) The term “sensation overload” is used to refer to the ‘extreme’ or excessive sensation that results in a headache.</p> <p>(vii) Migraine symptoms may include nausea, vomiting, irritation, excruciating pain, and bright spots of flashes of light.</p>	
3	<p>Invitation - Reply: Acceptance Content – 2 (Value Points: i) Reference to invitation, ii) Acceptance of invitation, iii) Confirmation of date, iv) time and venue -1/2 x 4= 2).</p> <p>Expression – 1 (use of appropriate functional language to show: (i) acknowledgement/ gratitude for invite- thank you, (ii) acceptance- would love to / delighted to/nothing can stop me from attending etc. (iii) confirming assistance- gladly/ goes without saying/ just let me know how I can help/ goes without saying etc.</p> <p>Accuracy - Deduct ½ mark from total marks if all or either one of the following apply: The reply is formatted correctly / has a few inaccurate spellings and grammatical structures / has a fair number of format inaccuracies/ has a total of 3 or more spelling/ grammatical errors.</p>	3
4.	<p>Job Application: Content -2 marks: Expression-2 marks: Accuracy -1 Covering Letter / Reference to the advertisement / Conveying suitability for the position / Submission of application.</p> <p>Resume / Bio data as separate enclosure / Profile of self / Educational Qualifications / Any other relevant information / References.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Report: Content – 2 (All points included, well-developed and sustained quality),</p> <p>Expression – 2 (Highly effective style capable of conveying the ideas convincingly with appropriate layout of a newspaper report - headline, byline, place, date, etc.)</p> <p>Accuracy – 1 (Spelling, grammar and punctuation consistent)</p>	5
5.	<p>(i) Roger Skunk had asked the wizard to make him smell like roses. The wizard took a magic wand and chanted a spell and all of a sudden, the wizard’s whole house smelt of roses and so did Roger Skunk. This is how the wizard helped Roger Skunk.</p> <p>(ii) Derry’s mother did not have a good impression of Mr. Lamb for she thought that he was not a good man. She did not want Derry to get acquainted with him or see him for any purpose.</p> <p>(iii) Aunt Jennifer expresses her bitterness and anger against male dominance through her art; by knitting tigers on the panel which symbolise freedom, strength and chivalry.</p> <p>(iv) In spite of troubles and sufferings, human beings love life because one is able to derive</p>	2x5=10

	<p>pleasure from the nature as well as one's surroundings. The 'things of beauty', which nature provides take away all the gloom and fills one with hope.</p> <p>(v) Gandhiji said in the court he was involved in 'conflict of duties'. On the one hand, he didn't want to set a bad example as a lawbreaker; on the other hand, he wanted to render humanitarian and national service for which he had come to Champaran</p> <p>(vi) When the peddler took bath and changed into fresh clothes, the ironmaster realized that he was not his friend from his old regiment. Edla also told him that she did not find anything in the guest which could assure that he was an educated man</p> <p>.</p>	
6.	<p>(i) Value Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The poorly dressed, starving peddler, selling small rattraps, begging and stealing. • has never been treated with kindness, he has a grudge against world. • Imagines others ensnared in the giant rattrap that the world • the crofter and then Edla, show kindness towards him, affects his conscience • The old crofter's loneliness, he invites the peddler into his house • amazed by the old man's hospitality, Crofter finds a companion in the peddler, shares his food, tobacco and some of his secrets as well • The ironmaster and his daughter think - is an old friend, Christmas Eve. stay for the Christmas feast. • peddler's real identity, threatens to inform the sheriff, asks him to leave. • Edla treats him like a guest, like the regimental officer, She offers food, clothes and shelter, a total transformation in the peddler • resolves to pull himself up, live a life of respect and dignity. • a story focusing on human loneliness and the need to bond with others. <p>(ii) Value Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'massive weight of uncle's wedding band' - the burden of an oppressive marriage • Aunt Jennifer felt suffocated and trapped. • The wedding band - symbol of bondage • Aunt is bound to her dominating husband by marriage - wedding vows • She can't escape this male dominated society even after she is dead. • As a dutiful wife, she must continue to be devoted to her husband. • The society has seen many cases of women oppression in marriage, like Aunt Jennifer. <p>(iii) Value Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An 'injured' Mc Leery - fool the prison officers - he was actually Evans dressed as parson • Evans was nicknamed 'Evans the Break' - had been able to escape prison thrice. • requested to appear for O-Level German Exam. • one who came to invigilate carried pig blood in a rubber tube. • 'Mc Leery' pretended to be bleeding. • pretended to cover his 'bleeding wound' • an opportunity for him to hide his face – he could not speak. • avoid being taken to the hospital- Evans (as Mc Leery) offered to help the officers track 	4x2=8

		<p>‘Evans’, whom they thought had escaped.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • told them that ‘Evans’ had gone towards Elsfield Way. • Governor ordered Mc Leery to accompany Carter. • Evans (as Mc Leery) managed to leave the premises with Detective Superintendent Carter • unsuspecting Carter dropped ‘Mc Leery’ at the Radcliffe hospital • when the Governor called the hospital - was told that the injured Mc Leery had escaped. 	
		End of Marking Scheme	