

INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT
FIRST PRE-BOARD EXAMINATION
JANUARY 2021

SET A

CLASS XII
SUBJECT – ENGLISH CORE (301)

Marking Scheme

Q.NO.	ANSWERS	Marks
1.	Any 10 (i) (b) by its rivers, valleys and Himalayas (ii) (b) Finances (iii) (b) b and d (iv)(a) flow of wealth produces its better distribution among the rich and poor (v) (c) numerous (vi)(c) repel (vii)(b) proper distribution of wealth (viii)(b) No (ix)(b) tempted (x)(c) dissuade others from visiting our country (xi)(b) private agencies	1x10=10
2.	Any 10 (i) (c) Both (a) and (b) (ii) (a) Their problem solving and social skills (iii) (d) All of these (iv) (a) Sharks' population will grow (v) (d) All of these (vi) (a) They know how to teach her things by rewarding her. (vii) (b) 700,000 (viii) (d) All of these (ix) (d) All of these (x) (d) 1990s (xi) (a) 1970	1x10=10
3.	Any 2 – A/B/C A. (i) (b) Because of a government order to teach only in German (ii) (b) Regretful (iii) (d) Both (a) and (b) (iv) (a) He feels that they were his friends.	1x8=8

	<p>B. (i) (a) Mukesh and his family. (ii) (b) To become a bangle maker. (iii) (c) Because of the dust from polishing glass bangles. (iv) (c) Profession</p> <p>C. (i) (b) He did not want Evans to disgrace him. (ii) (d) Ordinary (iii) (c) Only c -A happy man (iv) (a) To make sure that Evan does not try to run away.</p>	
4.	<p>Any 1 – A / B</p> <p>A. (i) (b) youthful energy (ii) (c) the thought of her mother's old age (iii) (b) the car was travelling fast in the opposite direction (iv)(c) personification</p> <p>B. (i) (a) a slum school (ii) (a) is ill and exhausted (iii) (b) thin, hungry and weak (iv) (c) Gnarled</p>	1x4=4
5.	<p>Any 8</p> <p>(i) (b) He became fearful of swimming. (ii) (a) He loved meeting Mr. Lamb (iii) (a) It means that Aunt Jennifer is trapped in gender oppression (iv) (c) The poet wanted her mother to be forever young. (v) (c) Its bangles (vi) (d) Because someone was supposed to visit Evan's cell for invigilation (vii) (d) Full of suppression (viii) (b) As an ordinary 31 years old guy (ix) (c) In order to break the deadlock between the landlords and tenants. (x) (d) As late winter's moon.</p>	1x8=8
	PART-B – SUBJECTIVE QUESTIONS	40 Marks
	WRITING SKILLS	16 Marks
6.	Notice/ advertisement - format: 1 / content: 1 / expression: 1	3 Marks
7.	Reply to invitation/ invitation format: 1 / content: 1 / expression: 1	3marks
8.	Letter to the Editor/ Job Application - format: 1 / content: 2 / expression: 2	5 Marks
9.	Article / school magazine report - format: 1 / content: 2 / expression: 2	5 Marks

	LITERATURE TEXTBOOKS	24 Marks
10.	<p>Any 5</p> <p>(i) The lesson 'Lost Spring' talks about how the childhood of so many poor children is being taken away due to poverty and other circumstances. Thousands of Sahebs and Mukesh are condemned to lead a miserable life and face exploitation. The lesson tells us how poverty and traditions compel children to work in the most inhuman and hostile conditions.</p> <p>(ii) Douglas was panic stricken when he was thrown into the pool. He swallowed water instead of air resulting in him choking and suffocating under the water. He tried his best to come up but his body was paralyzed. He felt his head throbbing and started feeling dizzy. Then he fainted.</p> <p>(iii) Prior to the Champaran episode, the condition of the peasants was very bad. They were poor and thus exploited by the British estate owners. They could not raise their voice against them because of their fear. However, after the Champaran episode, the peasants realized that they had their own rights. They also shed their fear and learnt to be courageous to be courageous to demand their rights.</p> <p>(iv) The dim 'class' in the poem 'An Elementary Classroom in a Slum' refers to the classroom which is dark and dingy as nobody cared for the basic facility in a slum school. The word 'dim' here can also be implied to signify bleak future of the slum children.</p> <p>(v) The parting words of the poet are used by her to reassure her mother that they would meet again. It is also a reassurance to her own self. The poet uses her smile to hide her feelings of fear of losing her mother to old age and death.</p> <p>(vi) Aunt Jennifer faced a lot of difficulties in her married life. Now, she wanted to become brave like tigers. But, all of her efforts proved to be futile since she could never be able to realize her dreams. She would die eventually without getting any justice and this reflects that male domination will continue (or, similar views).</p>	2x5=10
11.	<p>Any 2</p> <p>(i) The purpose of the cleverly superimposed photocopies sheet on the question paper and the correction slip was finalize the details of the plan of escape and pass on the information to Evans. Further it also became the means to make the authorities believe that the invigilator was Mc Leery.</p> <p>(ii) By this statement, Mr. Lamb means to say that different people have different view-points to look at the same thing. Some find one thing beautiful, while others find it ugly. It all depends on one's outlook and attitude. It is therefore important to adopt a positive attitude to everything in life just like the princess. Beauty who loved monstrous Beast in the fairy tale.</p>	2x2=4

	(iii) Louisa, like Charley's friends, believed whatever explanations the Psychiatrist friend had given. But later, when she received a mail from Sam himself from the old Galesburg, Louisa believed that Charley was true to his claims and even began to search for the third level with him.	
12.	<p>Any – 1</p> <p>The peddler in the story, 'The Rattrap', used to earn his living by selling small rattraps. Since his business was not profitable, he resorted to petty thefts. Nobody treated him with kindness or respect. But when he was showered affection and respect by Elda, he was highly touched by this act of concern and compassion and left the stolen money at her home. This shows that goodness is latent in the human heart which can be brought out by love, care and understanding.</p> <p>The peddler's instance, thus urges society to change its outlook towards those maligned individuals who can be redeemed by compassion and understanding. Society can help such individuals by being sympathetic and compassionate. It should treat these individuals, particularly juvenile delinquents, with love and kindness and help them from falling prey to petty crimes and bad habits. Society should thus develop an empathetic attitude toward them and try to understand human nature.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>All of us live in a patriarchal society wherein a male is considered as superior to female. As a result, women have always been considered as subservient to men. They have had to suppress their desires and emotions. The poem 'Aunt Jennifer's tigers' is the presentation of all such females. In the poem, the poet expresses the inner feelings of Aunt Jennifer. She is embroidering a motif comprising of energetic, fearless tigers moving freely around the bright greenery.</p> <p>However, her life is the exact opposite of the tigers. She is living the life of submissiveness to her husband's command. Her acts are dominated by him and she fears him constantly. The wedding ring on her hand is a constant reminder that she belongs to her husband. This torments her and it will not end until her death.</p> <p>Even after her death, the ring will remain in her hand she will never be free. Feminism then emerges as a collection of movements and ideologies that advocates women's rights. It seeks to establish equal opportunities for women in all spheres of life. Through this poem, Adrienne Rich is expressing her solidarity with the movement while resenting the pitiable conditions of women all over the world.</p>	5x1=5
13.	<p>Any – 1</p> <p>Yes, I think Dr. Sadao's final decision to save the prisoners life was the best possible decision in the circumstances. When Dr. Sadao came across the prisoner of war, the first thing he did was to save his life. As, a doctor he fulfilled the moral and ethical obligation of saving a human life. Next, he proved himself loyal to his</p>	5x1=5

country by informing the General about the enemy soldier. When the General assured Sadao of sending private assassins to eliminate the American, Dr Sadao felt restless and guilty of betraying the same person whose life he had saved. After spending three sleepless nights waiting for the assassins who never came, he finally worked out a plan to let Tom, the American prisoner of war, escape. By letting him escape, Dr Sadao proves that even if two countries are at war, the religion of humanity does not change. Its basic principle is saving human life, which Sadao does with success. In a way, Dr Sadao echoes the author's views against war and the hatred that it generates between man and man. Through Dr Sadao, the author conveys the message of universal brotherhood, peace and amity.

OR

It is true to say that the same situation can be viewed through different perspectives. An adult's view of life is always different from that of a child. It is more realistic, practical and matter-of-fact due to the numerous experiences one goes through in life. In contrast to this, the child lives in the world of dreams and fantasies. It is perfect world of untouched by the hard realities of life. Thus, a child's view is very innocent as compared to that of an adult.

Jack, the father in the story 'Should Wizard Hit Mommy?' told a story which was similar to one of his own childhood experiences. Through it, he wanted to convey to his daughter Jo that whatever parents say or do for their children is in their best interest. However, Jo thought from a narrow perspective of a child and wanted an ending different from what Jack had narrated.

From the viewpoint of Jo, this was not the appropriate ending as she wanted mommy to be punished. But from Jack's viewpoint, parents are always right and keeping one's originality is very significant. Thus, the story emphasis the point that the same situation can be analyzed through two different perspectives.