

INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT
FIRST PRE-BOARD EXAMINATION

SET A

February 2021

CLASS XII- Marking Scheme – English Core

| Q.NO. | PART A- 40 MARKS Answers | Marks (with split up) 1x10 |
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| 1. | (Any Ten) i) b) webinars ii) c) Because the Covid outbreak doesn't allow us to be social iii) a) To be digital-first iv) (d) Only (b) and (c) v) (d) all of these vi) (b) It ensures the attention of the viewers. vii) (a) summary viii) c) Band C ix) b) March 2020 x) (d) Webinars have given a wonderful economy to the country xi) Jeopardise | 1x10 |
| 2. | Any 10 i) (c) The governments have restricted business operations, travelling and people-to-people interactions. ii) (d) It generates foreign exchange, drives regional development and businesses. iii) (a) The countries should lift travel restrictions restoring the travellers' confidence. iv) (d) exceptional measures | 1x10 |

- v) (b) To rebuild it by regaining its position as a provider of decent jobs and stable incomes
- vi) (d) 120 million tourism jobs are at risk, with the economic damage likely to exceed \$1 trillion
- vii) (c) That the potential shock of economy could range between a 60-80 % decline in the international tourism.
- viii) (a) \$910 billion and \$1.2 trillion this year
- ix) (c) If the restrictions on the movement of domestic flights and containment measures are lifted
- x) (d) boosting economies and enabling countries to thrive.
- xi) (c) Compensate

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| 3. | (Any 2) | 4x2= 8 |
| | A(i) b) Charles Freer Andrews | 1 |
| | (ii) d) his lawyer friends | 1 |
| | (iii) c) rely | 1 |
| | (iv) a) self-reliance | 1 |
| | B. i) Edla Willmansson | 1 |
| | ii) b) That we must be nice to the people who are nice to us | 1 |
| | iii) c) Selma Lagerlof | 1 |
| | iv) c) Because he himself was enticed with it as a prey | 1 |
| | C. i) c) Dr Sadao | 1 |
| | ii) a) if the wounded man was full in his senses | 1 |
| | iii) b) Because he was a prisoner of war and enemy of his country | 1 |
| | iv) a) Japan | 1 |

4. Any 1

1X4=4

A Answers

- (i) c The Earth teaches us how silence is productive.
- (ii) (a) It will lead us to introspect and attain tranquility.
- (iii)(a) So that we can have ample time for introspection
- (iv)Antithesis

B (i) b It keeps us rejuvenated

(ii) a) aabbc

(iii) b) That its effect never decreases but increases with the passage of time

(iv) (a) It provides us shade in the scorching heat , giving us relief

5. Any 8

1X8=8

- i) b) Because the peasants had staged a huge protest against the trial
- ii) b) Transferred Epithet
- iii) a) energy and movement that are missing in the lives of the slum children
- iv) c) Traditional Japanese style
- v) b) an unreasonable and aggressive loyal attitude towards one's own language
- vi) a) work very hard all through the day
- vii) c) metaphor
- viii) d) All of these
- ix) c) the following day
- x) c) Deep water

6. Any one

3

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7. **Any one** **3**

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8. **Any one** **5**

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9. **Any one** **5**

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10. **Any 5** **2x5=10**

i) Bangles are a symbol of Indian women's married status and thus are regarded sacred. It was meaningless to Savita as being a very young girl she was unaware of the sanctity of the bangles.

ii) Introspection is required because the poet feels that mankind has no time to be disciplined and organised to think beyond material benefits. A moment of peace would do them good to find out their blemishes.

iii) Franz had counted on the hustle and bustle that was usual when the school began in order to enter there unnoticed. He had thought he could depend on the commotion to get to his desk without anybody noticing that he was late for the class.

iv) Kamala Das is troubled by the thoughts of her ageing mother and tries to console herself by looking outside the car. The sight is full of youthful vigor. She watches the trees 'sprinting' past her speeding car and the children, full of life and activity, running out of their houses to play.

v) The challenge was to overcome his fear of water which was deep rooted in him. Douglas' fear of water made him a determined man and he decided to overcome it. He conquered his fear with determination and grit.

vi) It means that the world is divided based on impulse and fancies. The school children discussed in the poem are restricted to the slum and have no chance to explore the world. The world seems to be meaningless and void to them.

11. **Any 2** **2x2=4**

i) Jack did not like women taking things for granted. Moreover he did not want his daughter to defy the decision of a mother and change it. He defended the decision of the mother who restored the skunk's original smell because he believed that parents know best for their child.

ii) The enemy soldier was under emergency of medical treatment. He was on the brink of death. Dr Sadao was a nice gentleman who knew his duty well that a patient should not suffer in the presence of a doctor. So he decided to operate and save his life.

iii) Initially Sam thought it was just a waking-dream wish fulfilment. Later he believed that the third level actually existed and unconsciously moved into the world which was free from the harsh realities of life.

12. Any 1

1X5=5

-The main reason of the farmers' discontentment and disillusionment was that the British landlords forced all the tenants to plant 15 percent of their holding with indigo and then surrender the entire harvest as rent.

-This increased the misery of the poor tenants. It was already difficult for them to act according to the existing agreement but when synthetic indigo was developed and indigo plantation was no longer profitable, the landlords obtained fresh agreements from sharecropping to pay the compensation for releasing them from the 15% arrangement.

- couldn't voice themselves- lawyers charged a hefty fee

- threatened by the landlords

- The peasants were already paying a heavy price to the Britishers. Gandhiji came in at this time and through nonviolence, he forced the landlords to refund 25 percent of the compensation money to the peasants

OR

-Man is merely a puppet in the hands of his own destiny. Similarly, it won't be wrong to say that it's our deeds that determine our destiny.

- The peddler himself fell in the trap of the thirty kronors and determined his destiny. It dawned upon him when he was given a warm welcome and regard by the iron master. He felt reluctant and cursed himself why he committed such a sin.

-He could have accepted the invitation of the ironmaster, had he not stolen those thirty kronors but it made him realize that he was certainly at fault.

-human beings are prone to fall into the trap of material benefits. It is the human tendency to redeem oneself from dishonest ways.

13. Any 1

1X5=5

-Jack was a strict disciplinarian but a caring and affectionate father who made sincere efforts to satisfy his daughter's creative intellect.

-He was very skilled in imitating the characters in his own way in order to arouse the interest of the listener. He had been doing this ritual for the past two years.

-Jack never allowed his daughter intervene and let the story be narrated as per her choice.

To convince Jo that his ending of the story was the best, Jack told her that a mother's decision should be honoured. This shows how Jack was clear about his point.

-He also disproved Roger Skunk's smelling into roses and upheld it right that the mother wanted her son to be what he actually is.

OR

.Charley's craving for the third level symbolizes man's longingness to get transported from the story when Charley wanted to escape from this humdrum of life. Even his stamp collecting is a 'temporary refuge from reality.

-Had he not been afraid of this world, he would have easily found the level where he once visited in his wants to escape into a wishful world which he himself had created.

-It is evident the world of imagination is an escape from the brunt and harsh realities of life.

-It is a human nature and the efficiency of the human mind that such hallucinations are created to give a relief to cope with the anxiety, fear and hardships of life. It is the subconscious mind which soothes us creating virtual realities, from a simple dream to hallucinations.

-He is under a strong faith that good old times were different where his forefathers did not take any refuge from reality. Things were pretty nice and peaceful in their time but Charley's inhibition reflects that his life in this world is not secure but short, we can say Charley represents modern man.