

INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT

FIRST PRE- BOARD EXAMINATION –

JANUARY 2020

CLASS X

SET C

Marking Scheme – ENGLISH

Q. NO	Answers	Marks (with split up)
1.1	(i) a skunk	1 x 4=4
	(ii) c 30 degree celsius	
	(iii) b HIT	
	(iv) d winter	
1.2	(i) Hibernation is like a very deep sleep that allows animals to save their energy when there is little or no food available to them.	1x4=4
	(ii) Certain northern animals hibernate to survive long, cold winters.	
	(iii) Bears are able to wake up quickly because their body temperature changes a little bit	
	(iv) Hibernating animals have a special substance in the blood, which is called hibernation inducement trigger or HIT.	
2.1	(i) The house sparrows evoke fond memories of childhood and add freshness to the household through its presence	2
	(ii) Severe changes in the urban ecosystem in recent times have had tremendous impact on the population of house sparrows. Mobile tower radiation and excessive use of chemical fertilizers are increasing the problem. Inadequate insect food for the sparrow chicks is further causing a decline in the number of house sparrows.	2
	(iii) Modern houses lack greenery, there are no courtyards as well. This proves as a major hindrance, since the sparrows are unable to find the tiny nooks and crannies where they could build their nests.	2

	(iv) Mohammed Dilawar is the Sparrow Man of India" He has been successful in drawing the attention of the world towards the declining number of house sparrows. Therefore, he is called the Sparrow Man of India House sparrows are important bioindicators. Their decline is a grim reminder of the degradation of urban environment and the danger from it to the humans in the long run.	2
2.2	(i) (d) declined	1
	(ii) (b) tremendous	1
	(iii) (a) aggravating	1
	(iv) (c) grim	1
3.	Format - 1 Mark , Content - 4 Marks , Expression: 3 Marks (coherence, relevance of ideas (1½ mark) (Accuracy, appropriate words and correct spellings (1½ mark)	8 Marks
4.	Title - 1 Mark Content - 4 Marks Expression - 5 Marks (Coherence, relevance of ideas) (2½ marks) (Accuracy, appropriate words and correct spellings (2½ marks)	10 Marks
5.	a) i with b) iv of c) iii the d) iii on	1 x4=4
6.	Error Correction a) all around b) had was c) on in d) had was	1X4=4
7.	(a) Ashoka tree is a tall evergreen tree. (b) It reaches a height of 15 m and even more (c) It is prized for its beautiful foliage (d)) It is considered sacred throughout the Indian subcontinent/ Throughout the Indian subcontinent, it is considered sacred.	1X4=4
8.i	RTC (a) The animals do not perspire or complain about their condition. (b) Humans lie awake..... (c) Men make the poet sick by discussing their duty to god. (d) Animals do not weep for their sins.	1X4=4
8.ii	(a) Bholi suddenly stood up and threw away the garland into the fire. (b) Because she did not agree to the condition of Bishamber of five thousand rupees. (c) This was because; she never wanted to add to the worries of her parents by her refusal. (d) Her behaviours reflected that she was no longer a timid, tame, dumb-driven	

	cow but a bold, confident and self-respecting girl.	
9.a	Ausable was an intelligent spy. When he found Max waiting for him in his room, he made a story of balcony under his window. He convinced Max about the balcony. When someone knocked at the door, Max fearing it to be the police, jumped out of the window and died	2x5=10
b.	b. The poet equates fire with 'desire' and ice with 'hatred'. Both of these are growing with enormous speed. If we don't check them from growing, the world will perish. So we must restrain our desires and love our fellow-beings.	
c	c. The young seagull had taken the final plunge. Maddened by hunger, he dived at the fish which his mother was carrying in her beak. With a loud scream, he fell outwards and downwards. He was seized with fear and his heart stood still. But the fear lasted only for a minute. He overcame it. The next moment he felt his wings spread outwards. Now he was soaring downwards over the blue sea.	
d	The second rhyme was about the cat and the fiddle, wherein the cow jumped over the moon, the dog laughed to see it and the dish ran away with the spoon. Think-Tank misinterpreted it. He thought that Earthlings had taught their domesticated animals' musical culture and Space Techniques. They might be launching an interplanetary attack on millions of cows!	
e.	e. The theme of the poem is to create humour. The poet creates humour by suggesting dangerous ways of identifying wild animals. You can identify most of the beasts while they are attacking you. Instead of shouting for help or trying to protect yourself, you are busy identifying the attacker—the idea creates humour.	
10.	A . The letter of Wanda to Miss Mason showed that she loved room number thirteen. She had gifted her a hundred drawings to her class. She mentioned that she missed her school and friends and felt that her teacher was not equal to Miss Mason. Wanda had gifted two of her special drawings—a green dress with a red rash to Peggy and a blue dress with colourful trimmings to Maddie. When they discovered that their faces were drawn on their respected dresses, they realised that they were drawn for them and that she liked them in spite of their teasing her In a subtle way Wanda made them realise their mistake.	1X8=8
B	Food is the most essential ingredient that sustains all life — of humans, animals as well as birds. Hunger motivates many of their actions. The young seagull used to sit all alone on his ledge. Whenever he tried to flap his wings to fly, he was seized with fear. He felt certain that his wings would never support him. He had seen his older brother catch his first herring and devour it. It compounded his helplessness even more. He uttered a joyful scream when he saw his mother holding a piece of fish in her beak and flying quite near him. He wondered why she didn't come to him and offer that piece of fish to him. Maddened by hunger, he dived at the fish. With a loud scream, he fell outwards and downwards into space. Then a monstrous terror seized him but only for a minute. The next moment he felt his wings spread outwards. He began to soar downwards towards the sea. The fear left him. He began to float on the sea. His admiring family	

	offered him pieces of fish flying around him.	
11 A	Matilda was exceptionally pretty. By virtue of her good looks, she felt that she was born for all delicacies and luxuries. She wished to be admired and loved and to be married to some rich or renowned person. But she was unlucky. She was born into a family of clerks. Since she had no dowry, she agreed to marry a petty clerk. She was always grumbling. The welt/ of her house tortured her. She dreamt of lavish parties and rich dresses and jewels. Her dreamy, ambitious and vain nature pushed her into trouble. She paid a heavy price for her foolish desires. She borrowed a necklace to wear at a ball. She was intoxicated with joy and success. But the necklace was lost. That ruined her physically as well as materiality from a beauty queen she became a crude, hard shabby woman of a poor family. But she was brave and honest. She worked hard ungrudgingly to pay off her loan	
B	Certainly, both the main characters of the story are totally different. Bill or Lutkins manoeuvres and plots under the garb of friendliness. The narrator is outwitted and deceived due to his gullibility. Bill (Lutkins) knows how to confuse and misdirect the narrator's search for Oliver Lutkins. He befriends the lawyer convincing him that he is the only person in New Mullion who can help him in finding out Oliver Lutkins. He overpowers the narrator's capacity for reasoning and thinking. The narrator becomes a soft target of cunning Lutkins. He allows giving Lutkins all the space and time that he needed to plan out and scheme things. The narrator became just a willing puppet in Bill's hands. Actually, he danced to his tunes. Bill's pretensions clouded the narrator's wisdom and sense of discretion. Bill (Lutkins) was not a crook and fraud but an honest man full of human values for him. The cunning Lutkins had the last laugh. When the narrator served summons, Lutkins and his mother laughed as if he were a seven-year-old boy.	