

**INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT**  
**HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION**  
**SEPTEMBER 2019**

**SET A**

**CLASS X**

**Marking Scheme – ENGLISH**

1.(i)	(d) It has many rooms	1
(ii)	(b) painter	1
(iii)	(b) rooms	1
(iv)	b.Bible	1
II. (i)	To all of them in the family, it is known as la casa de Mama. It is the place of their origin; the stage for their memories and dreams of island life.	1 1
(ii)	There was the monstrous wardrobe Mama kept locked with a little golden key she did not hide. This was her test of her dominion over them.	1 1
(iii)	According to the narrator, the wardrobe was the place where she kept jewels, satin slippers, and elegant silk, sequined gowns of heartbreaking fineness.	1
(iv)	The narrator had heard that Mama had been a great beauty in her youth.	1
2. A (i)	We enjoy reading books that belong to us much more than if they are borrowed because a borrowed book is like a guest in the house. It must be treated with punctiliousness, with a certain considerate formality.	2 2 2
(ii)	A good reason for marking favourite passages in books is that this practice enables you to remember more easily the significant sayings, to refer them quickly.	2 2
(iii)	One should have a bookshelf which should not have doors, glass windows, or keys. The books should be free and accessible to the hand as well as to the eye.	2 2
(iv)	Books are the best mural decorations because they are more varied in colour and appearance than any wallpaper. They are more attractive in design.	2
B.	(i) (a) punctiliousness (ii) (c) intellectual (iii)(a) fundamental (iv) (c) immortal	1x4 1x4 <u>4</u>
3.	Article/ Letter – Content-4; Expression-3 ; Accuracy-1	8
4.	Content-4 ; Plot- 3 ; Expression- 3	10
5.	(a) (iii) depends	1
	(b) (i) in	4
	(c) (ii) in	1
	(d) (iv) of	1
6.	a. was-at the	4
	b. most of the	1
	c. there were traders	1

	d. rich they were	1
7.	a. He taught me algebra and geometry twice a week.	4
	b. Earlier I was very poor in these subjects.	1
	c. Now I have become very proficient in them.	1
	d. Thanks to his persistence and my hardwork.	1
SECTION-C		
8. (a)	The falling of dust of snow on the poet had changed his mood.	1
(b)	He had felt sad about that day.	1
(c)	He stop ruing the day and his mood changed.	1
(d)	abab	1
OR		
(a)	The boy's eyes are desperate.	
(b)	Because he has lost his ball.	2X5
(c)	The boy is learning the meaning of loss.	=10
(d)	The boy is going to know that all me lose something and they have to compromise with their loss.	
9. 1	Anne Frank was in the habit of talking the class. Mr Keesing was her maths teacher. He was annoyed with Anne as she talked too much in the class. He gave her several warnings, but it had no effect. One day he punished her by giving extra homework.	2
2.	Lencho's crops were ready for harvest. As raindrops would have helped in getting a better harvest resulting in more prosperity, so Lencho compared them with new coins.	2
3.	Tricki was not eating anything for the past few days. He had bouts of vomiting. Moreover he was spending his time lying on a rug panting. He was not going for walks.	2
4.	Mrs Hall found the scientist eccentric because he had an uncommon appearance. He responds rudely to Mrs Hall's friendly behaviour. He told her that he had no desire to talk, and that all he wanted was solitude. The arrival of a stranger at an inn in winter was in itself a strange occurrence.	2
5.	The poet says that the tiger should be in the jungle. It is his natural habitat. In the jungle he moves in the long grass near a water hole. He hides in the shadow to hunt the deer for his food.	2
10. a)	The writer of this story is a pilot. One night he was flying his old Dakota aeroplane over France. It was a starry night. He was going to England. He hoped to spend his holiday with his family. It was an easy journey and he was in a joyful mood. He looked at his watch. It was one thirty in the morning. Through his wireless, he contacted the Paris Control. They told him to turn twelve degrees west. He did as he was advised to do. He was 150 kilometres from Paris. Suddenly the writer saw huge black clouds before him. It was not possible to fly up and over the clouds. He had not much fuel with him. So it was not possible to fly around the big mountains of clouds to the right or left. He decided to take the risk	8

and flew his aeroplane straight into the clouds.

OR

In his endeavour to get freedom for his countrymen from the rule of Apartheid, Nelson Mandela had to undergo many hardships and suffered a lot. This great patriot had to sacrifice the comfort of his home and loving family. He was declared an outlaw for demanding equality for all his fellow black Africans. He was punished, isolated and put into jail. He and his comrades were oppressed and tortured beyond tolerance. He suffered hunger, oppression and injustice but kept the flame of independence burning in his heart. His undaunted courage, persistent struggle and unparalleled sacrifice bore fruit and South Africa got freedom from the rule of Apartheid on 10 May 1994.

11. At the beginning of the story, Fowler felt disappointed with Ausable because he did not at all look like a secret agent of his imagination. He found him quite boring. He did not want to be with him any more. But when he found Max in his room with a gun, he was thrilled. He found that Ausable was not at all perturbed. He cocked-up a story about the balcony outside his window. When the waiter knocked at the door, Ausable told Max that it would be the police. He told him that he had called the police for the security of that important paper. Hearing this Max jumped outside the window to the balcony. But there was no balcony. He fell down from the sixth floor and died. Thus, Fowler was thrilled to see all this. So towards the end of the story, he was not disappointed with Ausable. 8

OR

Horace Danby was about fifty years old and unmarried. Everyone thought him a good and honest citizen. He was otherwise very well and happy except for attacks of hay fever in summer. He made locks and was fairly successful at his business. Horace Danby was good and respectable — but not completely honest. He used to rob a safe every year. He did so because he needed money to buy books. Horace had a passion for buying rare and costly books. With that money, he secretly bought the books he loved through an agent.

Like a professional thief, he made a lot of preparations. He made it sure that every year's robbery was going to be as successful as all the others. He studied the location of the house at Shotover

Grange—its rooms, its electric wiring, its paths and its gardens in details. He also came to know that the two servants of the house were out to the movies. He also knew where was safe and its key. He befriended the little dog by calling his right name.

In spite of all his professionalism, Horace Danby proved a novice in judging the lady in red. The lady in red behaved with so much confidence and authority that Horace became totally a puppet in her hands. Easily passing off as the lady of the house, she made Horace open the safe without wearing his gloves. While the lady in red decamped with the jewels, Horace was sent to prison.