

INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT
HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION

SET B

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CLASS X

Marking Scheme – ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

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
(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
(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 family.	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
(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
(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=4
3.	Article/ Letter – Content-4; Expression-3 ; Accuracy-1	8
4.	Content-4 ; Plot- 3 ; Expression- 3	10
5.	(i) (b) in	1
	(ii) (a) reduce	1

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| (iii) (c) as | 1 |
| (iv) (c) develop | 1 |
| 6. a. school-had-never | 1 |
| b. heard-about/of-the | 1 |
| c. for-all/different/various-types | 1 |
| d. uses-for/as/since/and-anyone | 1 |
| 7. a. Its outer hard shell is enclosed in a fibrous covering. | 1 |
| b. The water in the tender coconut is highly nutritious. | 1 |
| c. It helps to keep down the heat of the body. | 1 |
| d. Being a delicious drink it quenches the thirst during summer time. | 1 |

SECTION-C

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| 8. (a) The crow and the hemlock tree represent sorrow. The dust of snow that is shaken off the hemlock tree by the crow stands for joy that Frost experiences. | 1 |
| (b) He stopped ruining the day and his mood changed. | 1 |
| (c) The poet was under the Hemlock tree. | 1 |
| (d) abab | 1 |

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| (a) He is walking in his cage slowly and quietly in quiet rage. | |
| (b) He should be in the forest. | |
| (c) At the jungle's edge. | |
| (d) By showing his sharp teeth and claws and by growling. | |
| 9. 1 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 |
| 2. Anil had trusted Hari Singh completely and also taught him how to cook. Anil also started teaching him how to read and write. Thus, when Hari stole money from Anil, his conscience pricked him as he had broken Anil's trust. | 2 |
| 3. 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 |
| 4. The young seagull was alone at the ledge because his family had already flown away. He could not fly with them as he was afraid of the long stretch of sea and its depth. He could not gather courage to attempt his first flight. | 2 |
| 5. She is fed up of instructions and longs to be free. She thinks orphans live a carefree life. There is no one to pester them with instructions. They can wander in the streets and make patterns in the soft dust with their bare feet. They don't have to clean their shoes or room or do homework. | 2 |
| 10. a) 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 | 8 |

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.

OR

The postmaster was a kind, generous, helpful, amiable and God-fearing man. He received a letter from Lencho which was written to God asking for 100 pesos so that he could sow his fields again. The postman felt sympathetic towards Lencho. He decided to help Lencho. He gave up a part of his salary and asked all other employees to help. Even friends were made to contribute for a cause of charity and he managed to collect 70 pesos. He sent the money to Lencho along with a reply. He did so in order to preserve the man's faith in God. This shows the postmaster was a nice man at heart.

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 it's 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.