

INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT

HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION

SET C

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CLASS X

Marking Scheme – ENGLISH

Q.N	Answers	
O.		
1.(i)	(d) It has many rooms	1
(ii)	(b) painter	1x4
(iii)	(b) rooms	1x4
(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 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 4
B.	(i) (a) punctiliousness (ii) (c) intellectual (iii)(a) fundamental (iv) (c) immortal	1x4=4
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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	4
	(iii) (c) as	1

	(iv) (c) develop	1
6.	a. school-had-never	1
	b. heard-about/of-the	4
	c. for-all/different/various-types	1
	d. uses-for/as/since/and-anyone	1
7.	a. Life is a precious gift to us from God./from God to us.	4
	b. We should be thankful to God for it.	1
	c. Some people remember God only in distress.	1
	d. Unfortunately some do not believe in God.	1
	SECTION-C	
8. (a)	The boy's eyes are desperate.	1
(b)	Because he has lost his ball.	4
(c)	The boy is learning the meaning of loss.	1
(d)	The boy is going to know that all me lose something and they have to compromise with their loss.	1
	OR	
(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)	Tiger in the Zoo by Leslie Norris	
9. 1	The young seagull's family was very excited about the successful attempt of his first flight. They commended his efforts. Praised him and offered him scraps of dog fish.	2 2x5 =10
2.because the first democratic non-racial govt elections were held on this day in the country. Nelson Mandela was elected and he became the first black President of the country.	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.	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
5.	Horace Danby was a good person. He made locks. He was very successful in his business. But he was not completely honest because he robbed a safe every year.	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 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	8 8

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. 8

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.