

INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT
SECOND PRE-BOARD EXAMINATION

SET B

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CLASS X

Marking Scheme – ENGLISH

Q.NO.	Answers	Marks (with split up)
1.1	a) iv) Both i) & ii)	1X4=4
	b) ii) our thoughts	
	c) good cheer	
	d) iv) all of these	
1.2 a)	What should our thoughts be combined with to achieve success?	
	Our thoughts to blossom into success, should be combined with definiteness of purpose, perseverance and a burning, pulsating strong desire to translate them into action.	
b)	When can one be successful?	
	The goal should be well-defined, clear-cut and specific and should be linked to a fixed timeframe, so that our definite energies and efforts can be focused and forcefully directed towards its attainment. Success is then a sure bet!	
c)	How can we mar success?	
	If your desire is weak and your efforts are erratic, your achievements will also be slight and fleeting.	
d)	What can you rely upon in any venture?	
	Faith in yourself as well as the confidence that you can and will succeed, are the key to your success in any venture.	
2.1	On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions	2x4=8
a)	According to the passage, what are the attributes of a human?	
	According to the passage, grit, curiosity, gratitude, optimism, self-control, social intelligence and zest are the attributes of a human	
b)	What is perceived as grit?	
	If you have a tendency to persevere and keep going, we have what experts call grit.	
c)	How is 'failing' an educational and empowering part of human life?	
	Failing teaches us how to be perseverant and keep going for one's goals. Each failure makes one understand what to do and what not to do.	
d)	In what ways can grit be developed?	
	We should not accept defeat. Instead we should make efforts to overcome our limitations, and not to stay down. Thus, we can develop grit.	
2.2.	On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following.	1x4=4

	a) iii) persevere b) iii) empowering c) agonizing d) mindfulness	
3.	Format-1 mk, Content- 4 mks, Expression-3 mks	8 mks
4.	Title -1 mk, Content- 4 mks, Expression – 5mks	10 mks
5.	a) ii) from b) iii) the c) i) his d) iv) my	1x4=4
6.	a) in into b) your you c) kind kinds d) have has	1x4=4
7.	a) Penicillin is one of the most useful drugs man invented. b) We can heal wounds caused by bacteria with its help. c) In the beginning very few people knew of this wonder discovery and its use. d) It saved the lives of hundreds of thousands of soldiers.	1x4=4
8.	Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow:	1x4 = 4
	a) iv) for nearly a month b) i) a ping - pong ball c) iii) with a selection of toys d) engrossed	1x4=4
	OR	
	a) i) to new born liberty b) iv) racial discrimination c) take its birth that day d) South Africa	
9.	Answer any five of the following questions in 30-40 words each:	2x5 = 10
a)	What did Kisa Gautami do when her only son died? What did her neighbours think about her?	
	Kisa Gautami's only son had died. She was overwhelmed with grief. She carried the dead child to all her neighbours. She asked them for medicine to cure her son. The neighbours thought she had lost her senses. A dead child could never be cured.	
b)	Why was Valli amazed to hear herself 'a child'?	
	Valli did not consider herself a child. She had paid full fare of thirty paise for the trip like others. When an elderly man called her a child and requested her to sit down, she was amazed and said that there was none a 'child.'	
c)	What is the story about the origin of the people of Coorg?	
	It is said that people of Coorg are of Greek or Arabic origin. A part of Alexander's army is said to have settled here. This is clear from their traditions and rites which are different from the Hindus. The theory of Arab origin draws support from the long, black coat worn by the Kodavus, which is known as Kuppia.	
d)	'Horace was no ordinary thief.' Explain.	
	Horace was no ordinary thief because he loved rare, expensive books. So he robbed a safe every year. Each year he planned carefully. What he would do that he stole enough to last for twelve months and secretly bought the books he loved through an agent.	
e)	What is the next thought of the poet in the poem 'The Tiger'?	
	The next thought of the poet is that the tiger should be in the open forest because forest is his natural habitat. There he would lurk in the shadow to hunt a deer.	
f)	Why was the narrator sent Lutkins back to New Mullion? Who went with him?	
	Lutkins was to be produced in the court as a witness the next day. The narrator had failed to serve summons on him. Therefore he was sent back to New Mullion. A man who had worked with Lutkins went with him	
10.	Answer any one of the following questions in about 100-150 words.	1x8=8
	Write a character sketch of Natalya Stepanovna. (100- 150 words)	
	Natalya Stepanovna is the only daughter of Stepan Stepanovich	

	<p>Chubukov. She is about twenty-five. She is a well educated woman and can serve as a good housewife. She possesses all the good traits of head and heart. She is very much attached to her household belongings and does not want to part with them.</p> <p>At this age, she has become love-sick. There visits Lomov and both have a hearty-talk. There arises a long controversy over the Oxen Meadows since both are the claimants of the said property. Till then she does not know that Lomov has come for her. Her father calls Lomov a blind hen who has come with a proposal for her. Immediately she softens and asks her father to call back Lomov.</p>	
	OR	
	Peggy's questions to Wanda embarrasses Maddie, why? How is Maddie different from Wanda?	
	<p>Peggy's remarks to Wanda in a derogatory manner embarrasses Maddie. The ire of Peggy on Wanda is more due to her wearing faded and unfitting dresses and on top of it is never ironed. Maddie too comes from a humble background but economically a little better than Wanda.</p> <p>Maddie resides at a place better than that of Wanda. Maddie resides at a place better than that of Wanda. As such her feet are not muddy like that of Wanda. Maddie's outgoing nature helps her to make friends with almost all the girls of her class. Whereas, Wanda's an introvert which keeps her isolated from others.</p> <p>The difference between them is that Maddie, for fear of being scorned by others, never tells any lies about the dresses she had. But Wanda in order to protect her self- respect would not mind telling lies.</p>	
11.	Answer any one of the following questions in about 100-150 words.	1x8 =8
	Describe Anil's qualities as a man and as an employer.	
	<p>The narrator met Anil when he was watching a wrestling match. During this match, the narrator started talking to him to make him his friend. Anil was a very kind-hearted fellow. Although he didn't need to have a servant because he was not in a position to pay him, yet he became ready to have him in his room on his request. He told him that he would have to cook.</p> <p>But the narrator did not know how to cook food. He taught him the art of cooking. He also started to teach him how to read and write. Many times Anil himself made tea and cooked food and served it to Hari Singh. He knew that Hari Singh saved rupees from the daily purchasing, but he didn't say him anything. Thus Hari Singh found Anil very kind-hearted and generous as an employer.</p>	
	OR	
	<p>After seeing the books, Think Tank jumps to a strange conclusion. He says that the books are sandwiches. He asks Omega to eat it. At last, Oop bites the corner of the book and reports that it is not delicious. Noodle guesses that the books are communication devices. Noodle again suggests that they are perhaps for eye communication and not for ear-communication. Nursery rhymes.....</p>	