

**INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT**  
**SECOND PRE-BOARD EXAMINATION**

**SET C**

**FEBRUARY 2020**

**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) iv) all of these	
	d) good cheer	
1.2 a)	What should our thoughts be combined with to achieve success?	1x4=4
	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.	
<b>2.1</b>	<b>On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions</b>	<b>2x4=8</b>
a)	What was the purpose of advertising?	
	Advertising was meant to make people aware of the goods available in the market. It was as simple as announcing what you have in your store or the services you offer in your premises.	
b)	What do you discover when you look at advertisement critically?	
	You will discover how persuasive the advertisers are in deciding for us what, when, how much and why to buy. How we strike a healthy balance between the two will definitely have a direct bearing on the future of our country.	
c)	How does advertising affect us?	
	Advertising does influence people. 1. Advertising makes people lavish their own products rather than real people, thereby destroying human relationships. 2. We have become trapped in the web of advertising where products like brands of beer and cigarette take over our minds, doing away with our core family values. 3. Most of the advertisements are filled with images that equate emotional well-being with material acquisition and associate	

	independence and leisure with consumption of alcohol. (any 2 pts)	
d)	How do advertisements make us irrational?	
	Advertising create unnecessary wants and excess consumption in most of us. This is a craving for harmful products that we are better off without. It preys on our minds rendering us completely irrational.	
<b>2.2</b>	<b>On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following:</b>	<b>1×4=4</b>
	a) ii) confirmed    b) iii) craving    c) initially    d) precisely	
<b>3.</b>	Format-1 mk, Content- 4 mks, Expression-3 mks	<b>8 mks</b>
<b>4.</b>	Title -1 mk, Content- 4 mks, Expression – 5mks	<b>10 mks</b>
<b>5.</b>	a) ii) from    b) iii) the    c) i) his    d) iv) my	<b>1x4=4</b>
<b>6.</b>	a) her    his    b) at    in    c) and    but    d) on    in	<b>1x4=4</b>
<b>7.</b>	a) Today the children are born with gadgets in their hands. b) They love to play video games and surf the Internet. c) Their lives revolve only around these wonders of technology. d) Their physical growth is hampered as they do not play any outdoor games.	<b>1x4=4</b>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow:</b>	<b>1×4 = 4</b>
	a) iv) her teachers    b) ii) two women    c) talked so much    d) extra	
	<b>OR</b>	
	a) i) to new born liberty    b) South Africa    c) iv) racial discrimination    d) take its birth that day	
<b>9.</b>	<b>Answer any five of the following questions in 30-40 words each:</b>	<b>2×5 = 10</b>
a)	Why does Anne want to keep a diary?	
	In spite of a family and friends, Anne felt rather lonely. There were thirty persons whom she could call her friends. She could talk only ordinary everyday things with them. She couldn't share most feelings with them. Nor could she confide in them. She wanted the diary to be her friend. She named her friend 'Kitty'.	
b)	Justify the title of the story "The Hundred Dresses".	
	Wanda was a gifted painter. She had drawn exquisite hundred designs of beautiful dresses. If she had the fabric she would have made hundred real dresses. That's why she called them dresses and not designs. She gifts these dresses to the girls. They felt sorry for her. Hence the title is perfectly appropriate.	
c)	'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.	
d)	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.	
e)	Why was Valli amazed to hear herself called '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.'	

f)	What is the next thought of the poet in the poem, 'The Tiger in the Zoo'?	
	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.	
<b>10.</b>	<b>Answer any one of the following questions in about 100-150 words.</b>	<b>1x8=8</b>
	Peggy's questions to Wanda embarrass 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>	
	<b>OR</b>	
	Overcoming fear is the first step to success. How does this saying stand true in context of the story 'His First Flight'?	
	<p>The story is about a young seagull who is yet to learn to fly. Unlike his younger brothers and sisters he is unable to overcome the fear of falling down to the sea, hence remained sitting on the cliff. His younger siblings despite having shorter wings overcame fear and took a plunge as directed by their parents.</p> <p>The seagull continues to be left in isolation without any sympathy from his parents. No amount of his cries, arising out of starvation, is able to melt his parents hearts.</p> <p>Finally the seagull undergoes a mental transformation which helps him to muster courage. By flapping his wings and overcoming fear he takes a plunge. In the process discovers his ever presented talent to fly which till now was not known to him. Hence the seagull proved that overcoming fear is the important key to success.</p>	
<b>11.</b>	<b>Answer any one of the following questions in about 100-150 words.</b>	<b>1x8 =8</b>
	How does the 'lady in red' outsmart Horace Danby at Shot over Grange?	
	<p>Horace Danby as usual had planned the robbery at shot over Grange meticulously. At the place of the robber, unexpectedly, he confronts a lady dressed in red attire.</p> <p>She carries herself with an air of authority giving the impression as if she is the lady of the house. She threatens Horace to call police. Horace keep pleading to be let off and admits that he steals only rich people for a good reason to which the lady laughs.</p> <p>She finally agrees to let go Horace only if he opens the safe for her as she needed the jewels for the night party. The lady besides being smart is cool and composed, takes advantage of Horace's mental state. She takes out a cigarette and instantly Horace in his eagerness to please her takes of his gloves before offering her his lighter.</p>	

	While breaking the safe Horace forgets to wear his gloves. He hands over the jewels to the lady before walking out of the house. But Horace's freedom is short lived as he is caught by the police on the basis of the fingerprints found at Shot over Grange. No doubt the lady in red had totally outwitted Horace hands down.	
	<b>OR</b>	
	The course of the Loisel's life changed due to the necklace. Comment.	
	<p>Matilda lost Mrs. Forestier's necklace while she was dancing at the ball. Matilda and her husband had to return the necklace after borrowing eighteen thousand francs from money- lenders. They handed the jewel box to Mrs. Forestier who did not open the Jewel Box. After that Matilda and her husband spent a life of misery. A tremendous change came in the life style of Matilda after this incident. She started living in a rented house, sent away the maid, and also started doing all the household work.</p> <p>She led a wretched, poor and humble life for ten years. Matilda's desire to show off and one little act of negligence or one small error led to the utter ruin of their life which was full of pleasures. They suffered poverty for ten years, due to the debt they incurred to buy a diamond necklace, she'd lost.</p>	