

MARKING SCHEME

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How have you been? I hope my letter finds you in best of health and spirits. It has been almost a month since I transferred to the boarding school. I am very happy in my new school. The classes and dormitories are very spacious. There are well

equipped science laboratories and a library with a great collection of books. The school has amazing sports facilities such as swimming pool, horse riding track and archery range.

I believe my life here will be interesting and enjoyable. Although I have made many new friends, I still miss you and the other friends. Please, pay my regards to your parents.

Yours sincerely.

Aakriti/ Abhinav

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Wednesday, 1st July, 20XX

8:30 pm

Dear diary,

Today, I joined my new school. It was a very nice and exciting. My class teacher was very nice to me. She introduced me to the entire class. I sat with Neha, the monitor of the class. She helped me in every way possible. She gave me her notebooks, shared her lunch with me. She even helped me with my classwork.

The best thing I liked about the school was the library. It was big and spacious. I am a passionate reader and I found many books of my favourite authors. The computer lab was well equipped with the latest models of computers.

I look forward to going to school tomorrow. Now, I am not missing my old friends and my old school. Now, I am going to sleep as I have to get up early in the morning to get ready for school.

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a) The Morning Scene In A Village

Life in a village is calm and peaceful. The morning scene in a village is very different from that in a city. In the village, the atmosphere is very peaceful. There is no noise or sound. The air is pure and fresh. Birds are chirping in the trees. Last week I went to one of my friends who live in a village. I spent the night with him. In the morning, we went out for a walk. It was a pleasant experience. The farmers and labourers were going to work in the fields in the early morning. The sight of the crops waving in the wind gave me a lot of pleasure. We went to the river that lies beyond the village. In the morning light, the water of the river looked clean and sparkling. Some persons were taking bath in the river. We also took off our clothes and jumped into the river. The cool and freshwater refreshed our bodies and minds. Indeed the morning scene in a village is very pleasant.

b) A Visit to The Zoo

One day my friends and I went to see the zoo. We bought tickets and went in. First, we saw many water-birds, ducks and cranes in a pond. On one side there were monkeys in different cages. In other cages, lions, tigers, wolves and bears were kept. The lion was sleeping and the lioness was playing with her cubs. They looked very fearful. They roared at us and we moved on. Then we come to the glasshouses. Birds of different kinds and colours were kept in them. They were chirping. The white parrot and the white crow were new for us. Lastly, we enjoyed an elephant ride and returned home.

c) Importance of Sports and Games

Sports and games are very important in our life. They help us to build our body. Sports and games also teach us the team spirit, unity and leadership. They play a very important role in our personality development. Many a time we can even take these sports and games as our profession. Therefore, participation in sports and games should be encouraged. They help us to keep our body fit.

- 6) a). taken b). had prepared c). had gone d). had died
7) a). Festivals bring colours to the life of a human. b). In India, many types of festivals are celebrated.

c). Some of these are Holi, Diwali, Eid, and Christmas.

- 8) a). He must be written to by us. b). The work is being done by them. c). The man was hit by the car.

- 9) a). Buds are nip'd. b). It is the summer season and spring is nearing.

c). Joy

d). Ravindernath Tagore

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a). the voice

b). summer

c). he is never content

d). John

Keats

10) a). When the narrator came to return Connie's letter and the box, she mistook him for her husband Jim, due to memory loss and old age. She thought that Jim had come back home for Christmas. That delusion was Connie's Christmas present. It was the best Christmas present in the world for her because Jim had written in the letter that he would come home on Christmas. She had read that letter several times every day to feel that he was near her. Now that he was finally there with her, she was extremely happy.

10) b). Ignacious was the manager of a cooperative society in Katchall. When his wife told him about an earthquake, he immediately took his television set off its table and put it down on the ground so that it would not fall and break.

10) c). The symbols of reverence left by members of the team on the Everest were: i). a picture of Guru Nanak,

ii). a picture of Goddess Durga, iii). a relic of the Buddha and iv). a cross.

10) d). Firdaus Kanga visited Britain in order to write a book about his travels. He himself could move only in a wheel-chair. On the advice of his guide, Kanga planned to meet the most brilliant and completely paralysed astrophysicist, Stephen Hawking in Cambridge. Hawking was also the author of the book 'A brief History of Time', one of the biggest best-seller.

10) e). The mist in the hills provides privacy. Nothing can be seen. The hills are completely surrounded by mist making them silent. The birds sitting on the tree fly away to different places. As soon as the mist surrounds the hills, birds too fall silent.

11) a). Two bananas and one vada were all that Jaya got from the garbage bin. She gave a banana and vada to Velu. She ate the other banana herself. This was all they ate.

11) b). The other princesses asked Princess September to put the little bird in the cage. They suggested that she would be safe and won't go away.

11) c). Suraj put his arm lovingly around Ranji and said, "we are friends now, yes?" They looked at each other with honest, unflinching eyes, and at that moment, love and understanding were born. "We are friends", said Ranji.

12) The story employs quite a few metaphors. The jalebis, hot and syrupy, stand as a metaphor for various temptations that young children have and which they are unable to resist. The boy is lured by the prospect of buying jalebis with his fees money and pay the fees money with his scholarship money. The four coins, are also metaphors in the story as they tempt the boy in believing that he could give in to temptation now and make plans of paying with the money which he did not have yet. The noises produced by the coins, their jingle and clamour, is representative of the mental conflict going on in the boy's mind. He was unable to

control his temptation. Therefore, coins are referred to as the 'talking coins', on whom he transfers the onus of his temptation.

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In This is Jody's Fawn, Jody's father uses a 'home remedy for a snake bite. What should a person now do if he or she is bitten by a snake? Are all snakes poisonous? Write a short paragraph on – What to do if a snake chooses to bite you.