

**COMMON PRE-BOARD EXAMINATION 2017-2018**  
**ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE**  
**MARKING SCHEME**

**CLASS X**

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**Section A – Reading (20 Marks)**

1.
  - a. Europe
  - b. the king
  - c. Chess is like a workout for the brain, which develops skills that are useful in life.
  - d. In chess and life, one needs think about what will happen next.
  - e. In normal chess the players get a lot of time to think whereas in blitz chess each player gets ten minutes for the whole game.
  - f. Blitz chess is a game in which the players don't have lots of time to think before each move.
  - g. 10 minutes
  - h. 1970s
  - i. At first, computers did not play well. But they grew stronger as time went on and the best player in the world was beaten by a computer called Deep Blue in 1997.
  
- 2.1.
  - a. We fall on evil ways when ability is outstripped by power.
  - b. A free India will be judged by the way it will serve the common in the matters of food, clothing, shelter and social activities.
  - c. Jawaharlal Nehru referred to the great contribution which will be made by the country to the promotion of world peace and welfare of mankind.
  - d. India will use its freedom for not only for the wellbeing of India but also for world peace and the welfare of mankind.
  - e. The problem of differences among people can be solved by promoting concord.
  
- 2.2.
  - a. we root out corruption in high places and nepotism, love of power, profiteering and black marketing.
  - b. his message for the healing of discords.
  - c. utilise the opportunities that are now open to us.
  
- 2.3.
  - a. outstrip
  - b. nepotism
  - c. concord

### Section A – Writing

(30 Marks)

3. a. Content: 5 Marks                      b. Format: 1 Mark                      c. Expression: 2 Marks
4. a. Content: 6 Marks                      b. Fluency: 2 Marks                      c. Accuracy: 2 Marks
5. a. into  
b. of  
c. succeeded  
d. a  
e. her
6. a. statesmen                      statesman  
b. respecting                      respected  
c. her                      his  
d. spoke                      spoken  
e. that                      when
7. a. what she was doing.  
b. she was busy helping Ramya.  
c. what work Ramya had there.  
d. she was eating the jalebis that she had made for the guests.

### Section C – Literature & Extended Reading

(30 Marks)

8. i. Lavinia to John  
ii. She is suspecting John of having an affair with Helen, the ghost.  
iii. John wants to tell Lavinia that everything was above-board, but he doesn't have the courage.  
ivd. it means that she is going to her lawyer to get a divorce from John.

**OR**

- i. The wall opposite the mirror.  
ii.. When faces and darkness come between the mirror and the wall.  
iii. The wall and the mirror.  
iv. Small spots or patches of colour.
9. a. - Patol Babu tried to understand different inflections of his dialogue.  
- enunciated the word in various way.  
- worked out how his features would express various feelings.  
- timed excellently well.
- b. – Sebastian was busy playing a psycho-drive game.  
- Accident took place.  
- His `memory got saved in the game and he himself got in a coma.
- c. – Nightingale said that at least her song was her own.

- Frog remarked it was not something to boast about and she needed training.
- After nightingale's death he said everyone should follow their own advice.

d. – Albatross played and ate with the sailors

- Sailors hailed it
- They thought it was God's messenger as it had lifted the fog

e. – The snake was harmless.

- It had come to seek his hospitality.
- He had tried to kill it for no reason.
- Felt that he should not have done that.

**10.**

- A lioness giving birth on the streets.
- Fierce warriors fighting a bloody fight.
- Blood falling on the Capitol.
- Ghosts shrieking and squealing in the streets.
- The dead coming out of the grave.
- Indicated that something ominous was going to happen.

**OR**

- Once powerful king is no more.
- Even his statue has been shattered.
- Everything has to meet its end when time comes.
- Human life is very short.
- Everything that a person makes to immortalize himself is destroyed by time.

**11.**

- Burglary attempt at warehouse.
- Van Daan yelled 'police'.
- Burglars fled.
- Panel of warehouse door replaced.
- A second burglary attempt, failed.
- A man and a woman outside.
- Afraid that they would alert the police.
- A long anxious wait.
- Finally relieved.

**OR**

- Teenage son of Van Daans.
- Anne and Peter became close friends.
- Quiet, timid and honest.
- Romantic attraction between Anne and Peter during hiding.
- Fond of reading books.
- Emotionally detached from parents.