

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

**CLASS X**

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**Section A – Reading (20 Marks)**

1.
  - a. 60% of ozone layer
  - b. it is a reliable source of high quality and durable building material over traditional products.
  - c. it is the fastest growing plant and can be replace easily.
  - d. take 40-50years to regenerate.
  - e. more soil erosion
  - f. unreliable, untrustworthy
  - g. resource depletion, habitat loss, extinction of species and ecosystem pollution
  - h. use of sustainable and easily replaceable resources
  - i. 40-50 years
  
- 2.1.
  - a. She was collecting flowers for a garland for goddess Durga, who she believed that would help her parents to overcome poverty and she had lost her way.
  - b. in an open cave-like place under him.
  - c. The flowers were drying.
  - d. The pine tree made her happy by giving fresh flowers and a bag full of gold coins.
  - e. God doesn't forsake people who keep faith in Him.
  
- 2.2.
  - a. for a garland for goddess Durga, who she believed would help her parents to overcome poverty.
  - b. to see the pine tree standing guard outside the cave.
  - c. a bag full of gold coins which the pine tree took out of a hole in its trunk.
  
- 2.3.
  - a. cluster
  - b. approaching
  - c. withering

**Section A – Writing (30 Marks)**

3. 

a. Content: 5 Marks	b. Format: 1 Mark	c. Expression: 2 Marks
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4. 

a. Content: 6 Marks	b. Fluency: 2 Marks	c. Accuracy: 2 Marks
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5. 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.
6. a. A woman was standing in the doorway.  
 b. She was young and was dressed in red.  
 c. She was waiting for her friend.  
 d. The most remarkable feature of time is its preciousness.  
 e. We must not allow such precious time to slip away.
7. a. statesmen                      statesman  
 b. respecting                      respected  
 c. her                                  his  
 d. spoke                              spoken  
 e. that                                when

**Section C – Literature & Extended Reading      (30 Marks)**

8. 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.

**OR**

- i. The speaker was afraid of the snake because in Sicily gold snakes were believed to be venomous.  
 ii. He had respect for all forms of life.  
 iii. The voice of his education told the poet that he was afraid.  
 iv. because the snake had sought his hospitality.
9. a. Jacopo and Nicola displayed a rare spirit of sacrifice  
 - Hardworking and caring  
 - Diligent  
 - Helped the narrator by buying cigarettes, reserving seats for the Opera, suggesting names of good restaurants
- b. - Albatross played and ate with the sailors  
 - Sailors hailed it  
 - They thought it was God's messenger as it had lifted the fog
- c. - Transmission of experience into innocence  
 - First cold and indifferent  
 - Changed into a touchy, mild, sympathetic father  
 - Understood the fatherly pain Ali had gone through

- d. – Time is not loyal to anyone
  - Everyone gets forgotten with the passage of time, like a slut who loses charm and beauty
  - Monuments erected by the rich to perpetuate themselves are destroyed
  - Minds and morals of people change with changing times
- e. - 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

- 10.** – Mrs. Slater says that grandfather has died
- He is not dear to them though they pretend he is
  - They are eager to divide his belongings between them.
  - They can't even wait for his funeral
  - Their husbands too don't love him.
  - No one is grieved at his departure
  - The title I of the play is an ironical statement of dying love.

**OR**

- 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

- 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**

- A practical and kind man
- Born on May 12, 1889
- Worked in a Dutch company before going into hiding
- Good at planning
- Loved his daughters and wanted to give them a good education
- The only member of the family to survive after the war
- Died in 1980