



THE INDIAN PUBLIC SCHOOL, KOCHI

Topic- Prose Comprehension

GRADE –IX

MARK SCHEME-3

ANSWERS

(a)

- He was offered fizzy drinks / sweets / there would be a party.
- To see the school.
- He wanted a job.

1 mark for any point. Maximum 1 mark.

(b)

- They were both in their best party clothes / presentable.
- The boys soon become scruffy; the girls did not.

1 mark for each point up to a maximum of 2.

(c) (i)

- They had not seen him before.

(ii)

- They were too taken up / preoccupied (1 mark) with the thoughts of the end of term celebrations (1 mark).

2 marks for a clear explanation; 1 mark for a partial understanding.

Complete lift of 'preoccupied...morning' = 1 mark.

(d)

- Setswana and English (both required).

(e)

- By singing very loudly / drowning out the singing of the others.

(f)

- He was moved by the seriousness with which it was sung.
- He was involved in the experience.
- He found himself standing to attention.
- He found it a serious / moving occasion (despite the piano player's singing).

2 marks for a clear explanation in own words; 1 mark for a partial understanding or straight lift of 'found myself standing straight-backed and solemn' without further explanation.

(g)

- It was a very long way to travel.

(h) Using your own words, explain what the writer means by:

(i) 'a wide range of ethnic groups' (line 14)

- From a number of different countries and cultures.

2 marks for a clear explanation in own words; 1 mark for a partial understanding.

(ii) 'impressively numerous' (line 34)

- Noticeably very many.

2 marks for a clear explanation in own words; 1 mark for a partial understanding.