



THE INDIAN PUBLIC SCHOOL, KOCHI

Topic- Prose Comprehension

GRADE –IX

MARK SCHEME-4

ANSWERS

(a)

- It was (really) just a room in his / a house.

(b)

- His voice was very harsh / rough / damaged / grating (1 mark).
- His voice was very loud (1 mark).

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

(c)

- He was a shopkeeper; he owned a vineyard; he made his own wine; he was a landowner; he worked in the open; he grew sweet potatoes (and sold them at the market) / he was a market gardener; he ate Spanish sausage; his wife owned some almond trees; he acted as an estate agent.

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

(d)

- He was dejected / upset (1 mark).
- He was cross / angry / looking to blame us (1 mark).

1 mark for each point clearly made in own words up to a maximum of 2; 1 mark only if direct lift of 'disconsolate and reproachful'. If lift of the whole sentence without selecting, award 0.

(e)

- He thought they had let him down as they had not returned at the time he had expected them to.

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

(f)

- The writer took five o'clock literally; Sebastian used it more generally to mean 'after lunch'.

2 marks for a clear explanation; 1 mark for a partial understanding or a straight lift of 'operating in different time zones' without further explanation.

(g) Explain, using your own words, what the writer means by:

(i) 'miniature fortress' (line 3) [2]

- A very small fortified / well-defended building / castle.

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

(ii) 'we were adopting his style' (line 24) [2]

- We were imitating / copying his way of speaking / method of argument.

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