

MARKING SCHEME / ANSWER KEY
SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER
2026-27
ENGLISH CORE – CLASS XII

SECTION A : READING SKILLS (15 Marks)

Award 1 mark for the correct answer. There is no partial credit.

1. Unseen Passage (A) 1×10 = 10

- (i) (c) faster
- (ii) (b) learn new skills
- (iii) (a) I true, II false
- (iv) (b) Eye strain
- (v) (c) wisely
- (vi) opportunities
- (vii) reducing
- (viii) social media
- (ix) Because they spend excessive time online and find it difficult to balance online and offline activities.
- (x) By helping in education, innovation, communication and productivity. (any other similar response)

OR

Unseen Passage (B)

- (i) (a) oxygen
- (ii) (b) cutting down trees
- (iii) (a) I true, II false
- (iv) (c) Urban development
- (v) (a) regulate climate
- (vi) valuable
- (vii) Because it reduces biodiversity and worsens climate change.
- (viii) food, medicine and livelihood
- (ix) conservation
- (x) Public awareness and responsible use of resources. (any other similar response)

2. Note Making – 5 Marks

Title – 1 mark Abbreviations – 1 mark Content – 3 marks

Suggested Title: Importance of Sports (Accept any other suitable title)

TITLE : IMPORTANCE OF READING HABIT

1. Benefits of Reading
 - 1.1 Provides knowledge
 - 1.2 Improves lang. skills
 - 1.3 Enhances imagination
2. Academic Advantages
 - 2.1 Better concentration
 - 2.2 Increases vocabulary
 - 2.3 Develops critical thinking
3. Social Development
 - 3.1 Exposure to cultures
 - 3.2 Improves communication
 - 3.3 Develops empathy
4. Challenges in Digital Age
 - 4.1 Excessive device usage
 - 4.2 Reduced reading time
5. Long-Term Importance
 - 5.1 Personality dev.
 - 5.2 Lifelong learning
 - 5.3 Responsible citizens

Abbreviations:

1. lang. – Language
2. dev. – Development
3. conc. – Concentration
4. comm. – Communication

SECTION B : GRAMMAR (10 Marks)

3. Award 1 mark for the correct answer. There is no partial credit.

I. Modals/Auxiliaries $1 \times 2 = 2$

- (i) must
- (ii) ought
- (iii) (b) May

II. Change the Narration $1 \times 2 = 2$

- (i) Ravi said that he was preparing for his examination.
- (ii) The teacher said that honesty is the best policy.
- (iii) (a) Mother advised me to do my homework.

III. Articles $1 \times 2 = 2$

- (i) The
- (ii) an
- (iii) (b) an

IV. Change the Voice $1 \times 2 = 2$

- (i) The project was completed by the students.
- (ii) Let the window be opened.
- (iii) (a) The ball was kicked by the boy.

V. Correct Form of Verb $1 \times 2 = 2$

- (i) has been sitting
- (ii) would work
- (iii) (b) attends

SECTION C : CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS (15 Marks)

4. NOTICE – 5 Marks

Format – 1 Mark

Box, NOTICE, Heading, Date, Signature with Designation

Content – 3 Marks

Suggested Value Points

• Inter-school Debate Competition • Eligibility (students) • Date, time and venue • Registration details • Last date • Contact with undersigned

Accuracy – 1 Mark

Award full marks if there are one or two grammatical/spelling mistakes. Deduct $\frac{1}{2}$ mark if there are more than two mistakes.

OR

Advertisement – 5 Marks

Format – 1 Mark

Box, Heading, Contact Details

Content – 3 Marks

Suggested Value Points

• Car for sale • Model/year • Condition • Price • Contact details

Accuracy – 1 Mark

OR

Poster Making – 5 Marks

Format – 1 Mark

Title, Slogan, Message, Issuing Authority

Content – 3 Marks

Suggested Value Points

• Water conservation • Save water message • Catchy slogans • Public awareness

Accuracy – 1 Mark

5. Report Writing – 5 Marks

Format – 1 Mark

Heading, Place, Date, Reporter

Content – 2 Marks

Suggested Value Points

• World Environment Day celebration • Activities conducted • Participation • Outcome

Expression – 1 Mark

Accuracy – 1 Mark

OR

Article Writing

Format – 1 Mark

Heading, Writer's Name

Content – 2 Marks

Suggested Value Points

• Importance of time management • Better productivity • Reduced stress • Academic success •

Balanced lifestyle

Expression – 1 Mark

Accuracy – 1 Mark

6. Letter to Editor – 5 Marks

Format – 1 Mark

Sender's Address, Date, Receiver's Address, Subject, Salutation, Complimentary Close

Content – 2 Marks

Suggested Value Points

• Increasing noise pollution • Causes • Harmful effects • Suggestions/remedies

Expression – 1 Mark

• Appropriate tone and vocabulary • Coherence and relevance

Accuracy – 1 Mark

OR

Application for Job

Suggested Value Points

• Reference to advertisement • Educational qualifications • Experience/skills • Bio-data • Formal tone

Marking: Format – 1 Content – 2 Expression – 1 Accuracy – 1

SECTION D : LITERATURE (40 marks)

7. (A) 1×5=5

- (i) b
- (ii) c
- (iii) c
- (iv) a
- (v) b

OR

(B)

- (i) a
- (ii) b
- (iii) b
- (iv) c
- (v) a

8. Long Answer 1×5 = 5

Content – 3 Marks Expression – 2 Marks (Fluency 1 + Grammar 1)

(a) Suggested Value Points

• M. Hamel's patriotism • Importance of French language • Regret of villagers • Franz's realization • Linguistic identity

OR

(b) Suggested Value Points

• Peddler's lonely life • Edla's kindness • Change of heart • Return of stolen money • Moral transformation

9. Answer any three questions 2×3 = 6

Content – 1 Mark Expression – 1 Mark

(a) Mukesh wanted to become a motor mechanic and escape the bangle industry.

(b) Douglas wanted to overcome his fear of water.

(c) The office boy performed insignificant tasks and felt frustrated.

(d) Gandhi stayed in Champaran to help poor indigo farmers.

(e) Interviews reveal personalities and ideas of individuals. (any other relevant point)

10. Poetry stanza for comprehension

(A) 1×5=5 marks

- (i) (a) forget her fear
- (ii) (b) Personification
- (iii) (a) My Mother at Sixty-six
- (iv) (c) fearful

(v) (a) Kamala Das

OR

(B)

- (i) (d) A method to achieve focus and prepare to meditate
- (ii) (b) To avoid the misunderstanding and conflicts caused by words
- (iii) (b) Weapons of destruction and war
- (iv) (c) It will create a unique, sudden feeling of togetherness
- (v) (a) Alliteration

11. Answer any two questions $2 \times 3 = 6$

Content – 2 Marks Expression – 1 Mark

- (a) • Mother's ageing appearance • Fear of separation • Emotional attachment
- (b) • Hope for customers • Desire for better life • Long wait and disappointment
- (c) • Tigers symbolize freedom • Fearlessness • Contrast with Aunt Jennifer's life

12. (A) $1 \times 4 = 4$

- (i) a
- (ii) b
- (iii) b
- (iv) b

OR

- (i) b
- (ii) d
- (iii) a
- (iv) b

13. Long Answer $1 \times 5 = 5$

Content – 3 Marks Expression – 2 Marks (Fluency 1 + Grammar 1)

(a) Suggested Value Points

- Astrologer's prediction • Obsession with tiger hunting • Ninety-nine tigers killed • Wooden tiger episode • Dramatic irony

OR

(b) Suggested Value Points

• Antarctica as climate indicator • Geological history • Climate change evidence • Ice-core records • Future implications for Earth

14. Answer any two questions $2 \times 2 = 4$

Content – 1 Mark Expression – 1 Mark

(a) • Antarctica helps study climate history • Geological significance

(b) • Astrologers predicted danger from tigers • Death linked with tiger

(c) • Humanitarian concern • Medical ethics

(d) • Mr. Lamb inspires confidence • Helps Derry overcome inferiority