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QUESTION NO.	EXPECTED ANSWERS	MARKS AWARDED
1.	1 a) Calcutta 2 c) England 3 a) in 1901 4 a) Vishwa Bharti University 5 b) The Noble Prize Or 1 d) both a and b 2 d) all of these 3 a) noble-hearted people 4 a) A man who does not live for others 5 a) Character of a Good Man	5
2.	Section: B 1 B) have you not taken 2 D) has been hailing 3 C) an 4 B) the 5 D) The Ramayana is the holy book of the Hindus 6 B) Leela said, " Have you any small bangles?" 7 A) could 8 B) would 9 C) Rohit has said that he can not displease his friend 10 A) He asked her if she wanted to go home 11 A) to take 12 B) playing	9
3.	Format: 1 mark Sender's address, Date, Receiver's address, Subject and Salutation, Body of letter & Complimentary Close	5

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	Award full marks if all aspects are included. Award 0.5 mark if more than one aspect is missing. Award zero mark if more than two aspects are missing. Content: 2 marks Accuracy & Expression: 2 marks Award full marks if Tense, tone and vocabulary are appropriate Coherent and relevant ideas One or two grammatical/ spelling mistake Model Answer: Examination Hall Gurugram 5th March 2023 Sewa Sadan Sector 90 Gurugram Dear Aman I was thrilled to hear the wonderful news of your recent success! Please accept my heartfelt congratulations on this remarkable achievement. I have always admired your unwavering determination, dedication, and passion for your chosen field. Your hard work and perseverance have truly paid off, and I am incredibly proud of you for reaching such a significant milestone. Your success is not only a personal triumph but also an inspiration to those around you. As you embark on this new chapter of your life, I wish you all the best for continued success and prosperity. With warmest regards and admiration.	
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	Your truly Friend Sneha Or Application: 5 Marks Format: 1 mark Receiver's address, Subject and Salutation, Body of application & Complimentary Close Award full marks if all aspects are included. Award 0.5 mark if more than one aspect is missing. Award zero mark if more than two aspects are missing. Content: 2 marks Accuracy & Expression: 2 marks Award full marks if Tense, tone and vocabulary are appropriate Coherent and relevant ideas One or two grammatical/ spelling mistake Model Answer: To The Principal Vohra Public School Faridabad (Haryana) Sub: dirty condition of our school toilets Sir It is to bring to your kind notice that the school-toilets are very dirty. They stink and we have to use them because there is no alternative. The taps are constantly leaking. It's difficult to stand there at all. I wish you could yourself see their condition.	
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	In fact their bad condition forces many students to relieve themselves at the boundary walls and other such places. The sweepers never seem to clean them. There are dirty remarks written all around in the toilet walls. Kindly get the toilets cleaned and painted afresh to give them a good look. Thanking you in anticipation. Yours obediently Kamal/Kamala Class: X	
4.	Content: 3 marks Accuracy & Expression: 2 marks Model Answer: Once there was a woodcutter. He was very poor. One day, he was cutting its wood on the bank of a river. By chance, his axe fell into the river. He began to cry. The god Mercury appeared there. He said to the woodcutter, "Why are you weeping?" The woodcutter replied, "My axe has fallen into the river. I am too poor to buy a new one". The god dived into the river. He brought out a golden axe. He said to the woodcutter, "Is this your axe ?" The woodcutter replied, "No, my axe was not so beautiful." The god dived again. This time, he came out with a silver axe. The woodcutter again said, "This axe is not mine, sir." The god dived for the third time. Now he brought out an old iron axe. The woodcutter cried out, "This is my axe! This is my axe!" The god was very much pleased at the woodcutter's honesty. He gave him the other two axes also. Thus the woodcutter was rewarded for his honesty. Moral: Honesty is the best policy. Or Content: 3 marks Accuracy & Expression: 2 marks My Favourite Book: The Ramayana is my favourite book It is an ancient, timeless epic that stands as my favorite book due to its profound moral teachings and beautiful narrative structure. Composed by Sage Valmiki, it chronicles the life of	5

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	Prince Rama, embodying the absolute triumph of dharma (righteousness) over adharma (evil). What makes this epic truly exceptional is how it serves as a practical guide to human relationships and ethics, illustrating the ideals of a perfect son, a loyal brother, a devoted wife, and a just king. Every character, from the deeply devoted Hanuman to the steadfast Lakshmana and the resilient Sita, offers invaluable lessons in duty, sacrifice, and loyalty. Beyond its literary brilliance and poetic rhythm, the Ramayana is a spiritual anchor that provides inner peace and clarity, constantly reminding us that no matter how challenging the path, truth and righteousness ultimately prevail.	
5.	Advertisement Format: 1 mark Box, Heading, Content, Contact no, Address/ Email Award full marks if all aspects are included Award 1/ mark if more than one aspect is missing. Award zero mark if more than two aspects are missing. Content: 3 marks Accuracy of Spelling and Grammar - 1 mark Model Answer: ACCOMMODATION WANTED An independent house in Ghaziabad is wanted on a reasonable rent. The house is to be used as residence-cum-clinic and should be airy and well ventilated. It should have at least six rooms with attached bathrooms and ample space for parking two cars. Please contact Dr. Sahil M.D. at mob. number 91xxxxxxx to finalize the things. Or Report Format: 1 mark Box, Title/ Heading, Place, Date, Name of reporter	5

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6.	Section:D (Literature) (i) b) From the Diary of Anne Frank	5

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	(ii) a) Anne Frank (iii) a) maths (iv) c) 9 (v) b) Anne's Maths Teacher Or (i) a) Madam Rides the Bus (ii) a) Vallikkannan (iii) b) Madam (iv) c) Both a and b (v) d) All of these	
7.	(i) Lencho wrote a letter to God for help. He requested Him to send 100 pesos to sow his field again. (ii) Mandela says that fear is not the absence of fear but a triumph over it. It means how to overcome fear boldly. (iii) The young seagull feared that his wings would not support him. So he was afraid of flying. (iv) Mijbil was the pet otter of the writer. He called him Mij out of love. (v) Lomov is 35 years old and Natalaya is 25 years old. Both are quarrelsome.	3 X 2 =6
8.	(i) Suggested value points: rain compared to coins, rain symbol of prosperity, bring him money, enable him to earn his livelihood. Model Answer: Lencho compared the big drops of rain to ten cent pieces and the little ones to five cent pieces. The reason was that rain was the symbol of prosperity in his life. It would bring him money and good fortune. It would enable him to earn his livelihood. (ii) Suggested value points: plane caught in the stormy clouds, short of fuel,	2 X 3 = 6

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	equipments stopped working, black aeroplane the only hope. Model Answer: The narrator's plane was caught in the stormy clouds. He was short of fuel. The equipment had stopped working. The black aeroplane was his only hope of getting out of the storm. So he acted like an obedient child. (iii) Suggested value points: he baker as a companion, friend and guide, very important place, visited twice a day, bring sweet bread bangles for children. Model Answer: The baker used to be a companion, friend and guide. He held a very important place in the life of people. He used to visit the writer's village twice a day. His jingling sound used to wake up the writer. He would bring sweet bread bangles for children. (iv) Suggested value points: a sick man, an old man, a funeral procession and a monk, sights moved him, left the royal palace, search of enlightenment to understand the cause of suffering. Model Answer: One day, while going for hunting, Gautama saw a sick man, an old man, a funeral procession and a monk. These sights moved him very much. He left the royal palace and moved to the path of enlightenment to understand the cause of human suffering and death.	
9.	Suggested value points: Anne a popular diarist and victim of the holocaust, the chapter shows her school life, no close friend to share the innermost feelings, decides to keep a diary, loves her grandmother very much, very talkative by nature, found talking three times and gets punishment by her maths teacher, punishment is to write essay on different topics related d to to talking, impresses the teacher with her wit and humour. Model Answer: Anne Frank is a popular diarist and one of the most- discussed Jewish victims of the holocaust. In her diary, she documents her	5

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	life in hiding from 1942 to 1944 during the German occupation of the Netherlands in the Second World War. The chapter 'From the Diary of Anne Frank' shows the school life of Anne Frank. She feels that she has no close friend with whom she can share her innermost thoughts. She believes that paper has more patience than people. So, she decides to keep a diary which she names Kitty. She loves her grandmother very much. She lights an extra candle on her birthday to show her love for the dead granny. She is a very talkative girl. Her maths teacher Mr Keesing asks her to write an essay on the topic 'A Chatterbox' as a punishment. She shows her wit and humour in the essay by stating that talking is the natural quality of a student. She has inherited the quality from her mother. Again, she is given an essay to write on the topic 'An Incurable Chatterbox'. Next time, she is asked to write an essay on the topic 'Quack, Quack, Quack, Said Mistress Chatterbox'. This time she writes a prosaic poem and impresses the teacher with her composition. Now the teacher stops punishing her. Thus, we find that Anne is a talented, emotional and intelligent girl. Or Suggested value points: Coorg a small district of Karnataka, known as Kodagu, lies between Mangalore and Mysore, famous for coffee plantation, evergreen rainforest and spices, people of Coorg are of Greek or Arabic descent, Alexander's army settled in Coorg, people wear long and black coat like that of Arabs, tales of bravery are famous. Model Answer: Coorg is a small district of Karnataka. It is also known as Kodagu. It lies between the coastal town of Mangalore and Mysore. It is famous for its coffee plantations, evergreen rainforests and spices. The writer says that it must have come from the kingdom of God. The people of Coorg are independent and brave. They are possibly of Greek or Arabic descent. According to a story, a part of Alexander's army did not return and settled in Coorg. They married among the locals. Another theory says that these people are originated from the Arabs. It is evident from their long and black coat. It is like the kuffia worn by the Arabs. The coorgie people's tales of bravery are very famous.	
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10.	(i) b) Dust of Snow (ii) b) Robert Frost (iii) d) sad (iv) b) some part of the day (v) b) abab Or (i) a) Fog (ii) a) Carl Sandburg (iii) b) cat (iv) c) Both a and b (v) c) little	5
11.	(i) The caged tiger is angry but helpless. He ignores the visitors. (ii) The boy is very sad, frustrated and confused. The poet wants him to learn the lesson of life. (iii) Amanda lives in a world of imagination. In her dreams, she wants to become a mermaid, an orphan and a princess named Rapunzel. (iv) The lady wants to dye her hair brown, carrot or black. She will do so to find a true lover.	2 X 2 =4
12.	(i) The central idea of 'The Ball Poem' is that loss and gain is an integral part of life. The poet wants the boy to learn this lesson of life. That is why, he does not give him money or another ball. (ii) Belinda lives in a white house She has the following four pets: • Ink (A little black kitten) • Blink (A little gray mouse) • Mustard (A little yellow dog) • Custard (A big tame dragon)	3
13.	(i) Mrs Pumphrey was a rich lady. Tricky was her pet dog. (ii) Ausable was a detective. He was very sharp- minded and intelligent. (iii) Griffin was a lawless scientist. He put his landlord's house on fire. (iv) Richard Ebright's mother gave him a book titled "Travel of Monarch X". This book proved a turning point in his life.	2 X 2 =4

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14.	(i) Suggested Value Points: wanted to become an educated man, he could become a big man, no end to his achievements, grateful to Anil. Model Answer: The thief boy wanted to become an educated man because he thought that he could become a big man if he became educated. After getting education there could be no end to his achievements. That was why when Anil started teaching him alphabets, he felt grateful to him. (ii) Suggested Value Points: the two boys fascinated to see imprints of a bare footed man, found nobody there, started following the footsteps, became fainter and disappeared. Model Answer: The two boys saw imprints of a bare footed man. But they could see no man there. They started following the footsteps. They found that the footprints became fainter and then disappeared completely. All this surprised and fascinated them. (iii) Suggested Value Points: looked in the folds of dress, her husband went to police station. put an advertisement, their efforts failed. Model Answer: Matilda looked in the folds of the dress and pockets of the cloak. Her husband went out to find it. He went to the police station and to the cab offices. He put an advertisement in the newspaper offering reward. Both of them tried to find it everywhere. But all their efforts failed to find the necklace. (iv) Suggested Value Points: crew members of martian space, Probe one in the library, Captain Omega, Lieutenant Iota, Sergeant Oop, collecting information about the earth before the invasion. Model Answer:	2 X 3 = 6
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15.	The characters in the library are the crew members of the Martian space Probe One. The crew consists of Captain Omega, Lieutenant Iota, and Sergeant Oop. They are there for the purpose of collecting information about the Earth before the invasion. Suggested Value Points: Horace Danby respectable but not completely honest, loved to buy rare and expensive books, raised money by breaking a safe every year, entered the Shotover Grange with planning, a young lady posed to be the mistress of the house, made him open the safe for her, Horace left fingerprints all over and arrested, real culprit the lady in red. Model Answer: Horace Danby was a good and respectable citizen. He was fifty years old and unmarried. But he was not completely honest. He loved to buy rare, latest and expensive books. He raised money to buy these books by breaking one safe every year. His latest target was the safe at Shotover Grange. He made thorough preparation for his venture. But when he entered the room, his hay fever made him sneeze. It brought a young lady to him. She posed to be the mistress of the house. She threatened to hand him over to police. She told him that she would let him go free if he opened the safe for her. She wanted to wear the jewellery for a dinner party that evening. She said that she had forgotten the code number to open the safe. Horace was scared. So he opened the safe but without wearing gloves in hurry. He left his finger prints all over that led to his arrest. Thus, the real culprit in the story was the lady in red. She had befooled, cheated and trapped Horace Danby. Or Suggested Value Points: Invited to a party, Matilda borrowed a necklace of diamonds from Mme. Forestier, had a great sense of victory at the ball, lost the necklace and failed to find it, raised a loan of 18000 francs, after 10 years of hard work able to pay off the debt, the diamond necklace was artificial, the necklace changed their life completely.	5
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	Model Answer: Matilda was a very beautiful and attractive woman. One evening, her husband told her that they were invited to a party at the residence of the Minister of Public Instruction. She went to her friend Mme. Forestier's house. She borrowed a necklace of diamonds from her to wear at the party. Everybody praised her at the ball. All the officers at the party wanted to dance with her. She had a great sense of victory. But she lost the necklace. She and her husband made all efforts to find it, but in vain. Now they needed 36000 francs to purchase a diamond necklace and return it to Mme. Forestier. But they had only 18000 francs with them. So Loisel raised a loan of 18000 francs. They shifted to a small room. They dismissed their maid. Matilda did all her household works herself. Mr Loisel did extra work in the evenings. After ten years of hard work, they were able to pay off their debt. But now Matilda had become an ordinary woman of a poor house. In the end, she came to know that the diamond necklace was artificial. It was not even worth 500 francs in reality. Thus, the necklace changed their life completely.	
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