

MARKING SCHEME/ ANSWER KEY
SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER (2024- 2025)
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)

10x1= 10

- (i) (b) Ms Divya Modi Tongya
- (ii) (a) Patriarchal
- (iii) (c) Both I and II are true
- (iv) (b) Her Husband's consent is necessary
- (v) (a) The men in the family
- (vi) misogyny
- (vii) Humiliation
- (viii) 14, 19 and 21
- (ix) Gender equality and empowering women and girls
- (x) A woman who has decided not to opt/use her husband's surname (any other similar response)

OR

Unseen Passage (B)

- (I) (c) Both 'a' and 'b'

- (ii) (d) In 2020- 2021 and 2021 – 2022 the schools were closed due to brain tumor pandemic.
- (iii) (c) Both ‘a’ and ‘b’ are true
- (iv) (c) The Registered Unaided Private Schools Managements Associations
- (v) (a) Parents, teachers and students
- (vi) contention
- (vii) to address the gaps in learning caused by the lockdown.
- (viii) Karnataka government/ Karnataka Education Department.
- (ix) success
- (x) It states that no child is required to pass any board exam till completion of elementary education i.e. class 1 to 8.

2 Note Making

5 marks

Title 1 mark, Abbreviation 1 mark, content 3 marks

Notes

Title : People’s Addiction To T.V. (Accept any other appropriate title also)

(1) T.V. Helpful to People

1.1 Knowldg. Of outside world

1.2 Good progms. Of science, medicines & arts

1.3 Language practice for non native speakers

(2) Disadvantages of T.V.

2.1 people watch T. V. for six hrs a day

2.2 children watch T.V. more than studng. & sleeping

2.3 T.V.’s influence negt.

(3) T.V. Causes Poor Concentration

- 3.1 Children's studies suffer
- 3.2 makes people dissatisfied with their lives
- 3.3 becomes more real than reality
- (4) Violence on Screen Affects Children
- 4.1 children watch murders on T.V.
- 4.2 Peopl. Get excited
- 4.3 T. V. addiction is like drug addiction

Abbreviations	
1 Knowldg.	----- knowledge
2 people	----- people
3 progms	----- programmes
4 hrs	----- hours

SECTION B GRAMMAR

10x1 = 10

Award 1 mark for the correct answer.

There is no partial credit

3

3.1 Modals

2x1=2

(i) should

(ii) would/ used to

(iii) (b) May

3.2 Change the narration

2x1 = 2

(i) Mohit Asked Sumit where that road led to.

(ii) The teacher said that an honest person never betrays anyone.

(iii) (c) Muskan advised her younger sister to pay heed to her studies.

3.3 Articles

2x1= 2

(i) the

(ii) an

(iii) (d) X

3.4 Change the Voice

2x1 =2

(i) Those who perform their work honestly are loved by God.

(ii) It is said that honesty is the best policy.

(iii) (a) He is known to me.

3.5 Tense/ correct form of verb

2x1 =2

(i) had invited

(ii) was kneading

(iii) (b) wins

SECTION C : CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS (15 marks)

4 NOTICE

5 marks

Format – 1 mark

Box , NOTICE (centre), Heading (Centre), date of issue (aligned left), Signature with designation (bottom left)

- Award full marks if all aspects included.
- Award ½ mark if more than one aspect is missing.
- Award zero mark if more than two aspects are missing.

Content – 3 marks

Suggested value points

- Correct format
- Drawing attention
- Date, time , venue
- inviting the students
- last date
- Line with reference to the undersigned

Accuracy - 1 mark

- Award full marks if there is one or two grammatical/ spelling mistake/ mistakes
- Deduct ½ mark if there are more than two grammatical/spelling mistakes

Model Answer

GOVT. SR. SEC. SCHOOL, NARNAUL

NOTICE

FANCY DRESS COMPETITION

Date: 15th April 2024

All the students are informed that the Creative Club of our school is going to organize a ‘ Fancy Dress Competition’ as per the details given below;

Date : 23rd April 2024

Time : 9 A.M.

Venue : School’s auditorium

The students who want to participate in the above said competition must give their names to the undersigned latest by 21st April 2024. For more information contact the undersigned.

Anjali

(Secretary of Creative Club)

OR

4 Advertisements

5 marks

Format 1 mark

Box, Heading, content, contact no., address/ email

- Award full marks if all aspects included
- Award ½ mark if more than one aspect is missing.
- Award zero marks if more than two aspects are missing.

Content 3 marks

Suggested value points

- Format
- Catchy phrase
- Details of the house- rooms, facilities etc.
- Selling price

Accuracy - 1 mark

- Award full marks if there is one or two grammatical/ spelling mistake/ mistakes
- Deduct ½ mark if there are more than two grammatical/spelling mistakes

Model Answer

FOR SALE

Available the first floor of a newly constructed house for sale. Three bedrooms with attached baths, drawing room, fully furnished, plastic paint, park facing, parking facility. Location – 735, Jawahar Nagar, New Delhi. Selling price – 5000000/- . No bargaining! Interested parties can contact : 735, Jawahar Nagar, New Delhi

Mob.- 96xxxxxx67

E.mail – nanju@ gmail.com

OR

Poster making

Format 1 content 3 Accuracy 1

Title / Topic, catchy slogan, message, Proper spacing, issuing authority etc.

Content 3

- Format
- Say No to Drugs
- Consequences of drug addiction
- Drawing
(any other relevant point)

Accuracy - 1 mark

- Award full marks if there is one or two grammatical/ spelling mistake/ mistakes
- Deduct ½ mark if there are more than two grammatical/spelling mistakes

Model Answer

**SAY NO TO DRUGS
JUST TODAY**

*** DRUGS MAY THRILL**

BUT THEY ONLY KILL

*** EASY TO GET IN**

IMPOSSIBLE TO GET OUT

*** DRUG ADDICTION BRINGS**

ONLY DESTRUCTION

QUIT DRUGS TO SAVE YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY

ISSUED IN PUBLIC INTEREST BY PUBLIC HEALTH HARYANA

5. Letter

5 marks

Format 1 mark

Sender's address, date, Receiver's address, subject and salutation/ salutation and subject, complimentary close

Award full marks if all aspects included.

Award 0.5 marks if more than one aspect is missing.

Award zero marks if more than two aspects are missing.

Content 2

Award full marks if

- All points included (Format , tense , formal tone, vocabulary etc.)
- Well developed with sustained clarity

Award 1.5 marks if

- Almost all points included
- Reasonably well developed

Award 1 mark if

- Some points included
- Fair attempt at developing the ideas

Award 0.5 marks if

- Most of the points not included
- Limited awareness about the task given

Expression 1 mark

Award full marks if

- Tense, tone and vocabulary are appropriate
- Coherence and relevance of ideas

Award 0.5 marks if

- There is little deviation (tense, tone , vocabulary)
- Almost relevant

Accuracy - 1 mark

- Award full marks if there is one or two grammatical/ spelling mistake/ mistakes

- Deduct ½ mark if there are more than two grammatical/spelling mistakes

Model Answer

H.N.212

Mahendergarh

1st May 2024

The Editor

The Indian Express

Rohtak

Subject : Misuse and poor maintenance of public park

Sir

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I wish to draw the kind attention of the general public and concerned authorities to the misuse and poor maintenance of Hudda Park, near Rao Tularam Square, Mahendergarh. The park has been converted into a dumping ground for heaps of dirt. It used to be a lush green park with seasonal plants and flowers. But constant neglect and misuse has made it the ugliest spot of the area. Now it has become the favourite spot of the anti- social elements. Though two gardeners have been appointed to maintain this park but they do next to nothing to beautify it. Therefore, on behalf of the residents of the locality I request you to make the authorities intervene in this matter immediately.

I hope the concerned authorities will take prompt action to restore the beauty of the park.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully

Renu

OR

Content

- Reference to the advertisement
- Bio data
- Formal tone

Model Answer

45, Azamnagar

Narnaul

1st April 2024

The Director

J.S. Pvt Ltd.

Mumbai

Subject : Application for the post of Computer Operator

Sir,

This is in response to your advertisement published in ‘The Hindu’ dated 29th March 2024 for the post of computer operator in your esteemed organization. I wish to apply for the same. I am a young man of 25. I am active and smart. I possess good communication skills. I am well versed in English and Hindi. I am computer savvy also. I have done my Diploma in computer Application from Hartron, Bhiwani . I have two years’ experience in the field. I assure you that if you give me an opportunity, I will not let you down. I am herewith enclosing my bio-data for your kind perusal and consideration. Thanking you.

Yours sincerely

Ravi

BIO-DATA

Name : Ravi

Father’s name : Pawan Kumar

Mother’s name : Sushila Devi

Date of Birth : 19 September 1999

Address : 45, Azamnagar, Narnaul

Nationality : Indian

Category : General

Sex : Male

Marital status : Unmarried

Educational Qualification

Sr. no	Class	Board/ University	Percentage
1	X	B.S.E.H., Bhiwani	80%
2	XII	B.S.E.H., Bhiwani	82%
3	DCA	Hartron , Bhiwani	75%

Experience : Two years as Computer Operator in M&V Pvt Ltd.

Language known : English and Hindi

References : 1 Mr. Somdutt Gangaria

Senior Manager, SMRH, New Delhi

2. Mr. Mohit Datrata

Senior Manager L&T Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai

Date: 1st April 2024

Place : Narnaul

6. Report

5 marks

Format 1 mark

Box, Title/ heading, place, date, name of reporter

- Award full marks if all aspects included.
- Award 0.5 marks if more than one aspect is missing.
- Award zero marks if more than two aspects are missing.

Content - 2 marks

Suggested value points

A Report should answer the questions

- What
- Where
- When
- How

Expression 1 mark

Award full marks if

- Tense, tone and vocabulary are appropriate
- Coherence and relevance of ideas

Award 0.5 marks if

- There is a little deviation (tense, tone , vocabulary)
- Almost relevant

Accuracy - 1 mark

- Award full marks if there is one or two grammatical/ spelling mistake/ mistakes
- Deduct ½ mark if there are more than two grammatical/spelling mistakes

Model answer

Tree Plantation Week

By Visnu

Kothal Kalan: 5th March 2024, Govt. Sr. Sec. School, Kothal Kalan, celebrated ‘Tree Plantation Week’ only recently. The “Tree Plantation Week” was launched by the Principal and the students on the morning of 25th February 2024. About 250 saplings were planted on the campus. The Principal delivered an impressive speech on this occasion and motivated the students to plant at least one sapling in his house. Many inter house competitions were organized to put stress on the need for ecological balance for man’s happiness. The poster making competition, slogan writing competition, poetry recitation competition etc. were organized. A skit demonstrating the importance of trees was staged by the students. The teachers and the students vowed to plant more trees and make this world green. The winners were awarded on the last day of the week. Thus, the Tree Plantation Week was a great success.

OR

Format 1 (Heading/ Title, name of writer, class)

Content 2

Suggested value points

- Beginning, middle and end
- Has become fashion, available everywhere.
- Create health problem like obesity, blood pressure, heart problems etc.
- Contains trans-fat, unhygienic , makes lousy and dull
- Cause acidity, sleeplessness
- Avoid junk food to stay healthy

(any other relevant point)

Expression 1 mark

Award full marks if

- Tense, tone and vocabulary are appropriate
- Coherence and relevance of ideas

Award 0.5 marks if

- There is a little deviation (tense, tone , vocabulary)
- Almost relevant

Accuracy - 1 mark

- Award full marks if there is one or two grammatical/ spelling mistake/ mistakes
- Deduct ½ mark if there are more than two grammatical/spelling mistakes

Hazards of Junk Food

Today junk food has become a fashion: people are getting addicted to it. It is cheap and available everywhere. Its easy availability, advertisements, social media, and parents' laziness etc. are some of the reasons for its popularity. Eating fast food or junk food leads to many diseases. In India every third man is suffering from obesity which results in diseases such as high blood pressure, heart problems and diabetes. Junk food generally contains trans-fats which make one obese, lousy and dull. The unhygienic places where these products are made, make it more unhealthy. This food at times causes acidity and sleeplessness which brings energy level down and the person feels lethargic. Children as well as adults should avoid eating junk food and should stick to the healthy home made food as healthy food is necessary for the proper growth of children. As it is known to one and all that only healthy people can take the nation to the dizzy heights. Therefore, eat healthy and remain healthy.

SECTION D LITERATURE (40 MARKS)

7 A

5x1= 5

Value Points

(I) (b) to bid her daughter Kamla Das farewell/goodbye

(ii) (a) simile

(iii) (c) youth

(iv) (a) wards

(v) (c) Kamla Das

OR

7 B

5x1 =5

I) (c) social activist

(ii) (c) ancient

(iii) (c) Both I and II are true

(iv) (a) aabb

(v) (b) oxymoron

8 A

5x1= 5

(i) (a) it lacks basic amenities

(ii) (c) Both 'a' and 'b' are true

(iii) (b) food

(iv) (a) survival -----existence

(v) (b) dismal

OR

8 B

5x1 =5

(i) (a) adverse views on interview

(ii) (b) drawback

(iii) (c) Rudyard Kipling

(iv) (b) suffocating

(v) (b) Kipling interviewed Mark Twain

9 Answer in 40-50 words

4x2 =8 marks

Content 1 mark

Expression 1 mark

(Deduct ½ mark for two or more grammatical/ spelling mistakes)

(a)Suggested value points

- In honour of his last lesson/ in honour of French language/to show his patriotism
(any other relevant point)

Model Answer

M Hamel had put on his fine Sunday clothes in honour of his last lesson and in honour of French language. In this way he demonstrated his patriotic feelings.

(b) Suggested value points

- Means of survival/ their daily bread/ roof over their head

(any other relevant point)

Model Answer

Garbage to them is gold because it is their means of survival. It is their daily bread and roof over their head.

(c) suggested value points

- A thief or absconder / frightened/ having hard time/ not educated

Model Answer

Edla noticed that the man was afraid. She doubted him to be a thief or an absconder. He did not look like an educated man. It seemed that he was having a hard time.

(any other relevant point)

(d) Suggested value points

- C. F. Andrews was an English pacifist / follower of Gandhi/ Gandhi wanted to build free India/ wanted to teach them a lesson in self reliance

(any other relevant point)

Model Answer

Charles Freer Andrews was an English pacifist. He was a follower of Gandhi Ji. Gandhi's lawyer friends wanted Charles to help them fight against the landlords but Gandhi opposed this idea. He wanted to build a free India. He wanted to teach them a lesson in self reliance.

(e) unpleasant experience/considered attack on his person/tension, presser , suffocating.

(any other relevant point)

Model Answer

Saul Bellow described interview as being like' thumbprints on his windpipe'. He considered being interviewed as an attack on his person. The interviewer built up so much tension and pressure that he felt suffocated. He felt as if he had put his thumbprint on his windpipe.

10 Answer in 40-50 words

2x3 = 6

Content 2 mark

Expression 1 mark

(Deduct ½ mark for two or more grammatical/ spelling mistakes)

(A) Suggested value points

- Fishermen not harm whales
- Salt gatherers look at their hurt hands
- War monger quit the idea of war
- Put on clean clothes/ fraternity

(any other relevant point)

Model Answer

According to the poet quiet introspection will change our mind. The fishermen will not harm the whales. They will catch as many fish as are needed to make their both ends meet. The salt gatherers will stop gathering salt and look at their wounded hands. The war monger will quit the idea of war and spread the message of peace and fraternity.

(b) Suggested value points

- World is full of miseries, illness, a thing of beauty teaches us to live for all, trees gives shade to everyone, flowers fragrance, sun its sunshine etc.

(any other relevant point)

Model Answer

According to Keats the world is full of miseries, sickness and inhumanity. It is very hard to live in it. In spite of all these miseries, sickness and inhumanity, a thing of beauty teaches us to live for all. For example, trees give shade to everyone, flowers give their fragrance without discrimination, Sun gives its sunshine to each and every one. Thus, a thing of beauty gives us reason to live and love the life.

(c) Suggested value points

- Tigers symbol of bravery, freedom, elegance / topaz hardness and shine /the green world freedom/ massive weight of uncle's wedding band- unhappy married life/ ivory needle- affluence/ aunt Jennifer- all married women/ uncle – dominance over female.

(any other relevant point)

(any other relevant point)

Model Answer

The poem 'Aunt Jennifer's Tigers' is a symbolic poem. Here tigers symbolize bravery and freedom. Topaz symbolizes hardness and shine. The green world is the symbol of freedom. The uncle's wedding band symbolizes the burdensome and unhappy married life. Ivory needle symbolizes affluence. Aunt Jennifer is the mouthpiece of all married women and uncle is the symbol of male dominance over female.

11 Answer in 40-50 words

3x2 = 6 marks

Content 1 mark

Expression 1 mark

(Deduct ½ mark for two or more grammatical/ spelling mistakes)

(a) Suggested value points

- Went to the stamp and coin store/ Sam bought eight hundred dollars' worth old style currency
(any other relevant point)

Model Answer

After reading Sam's letter, Charley went to the stamp and coin store and found out that Sam had bought eight hundred dollars' worth of old currency. This was more than enough evidence for Charley to believe that Sam was in Galesburg Illinois 1894.

(b) Suggested value points

- The maharaja of Pratibandhapuram Sir Jilani Jung Jung Bahadur/ tigers dominated his mission and life/ astrologers foretold death from tiger/ killed 99 tigers/ killed by wooden tiger

(any other relevant point)

Model Answer

The Maharaja of Pratibandhapuram , Sir Jilani Jung Jung Bahadur is popularly known as the Tiger King. Tigers dominated his mission and life. The astrologers foretold that his death would be caused by a tiger. He killed 99 tigers but was killed by a wooden tiger.

(c) Suggested value points

- Told her to work hard to win honour and dignity
- Got inspiration to fight back through hard work and study
- Studied hard and stood first in the class

(any other relevant point)

Model Answer

Annan advised Bama to work hard to win the honour and dignity. He inspired her to fight back through hard work and study. She got the inspiration and studied hard. As a result she topped the class.

(d) had burnt face/ sense of alienation/ after their death how will he survive in this world.

(any other relevant point)

Model Answer

Derry's half face was burnt by acid. He had developed a sense of alienation. He did not like being with people. His parents thought that after their death it would be difficult for him to survive and compete in this world. So , they remained worried about him.

12 Answer in 120-150 words

1x5 =5 marks

Content 3 marks

Expression 2 marks (Fluency 1 Grammar 1)

(a)Suggested value points

- Misadventure at Y.M.C.A. pool- the boy threw him in the pool/ the plans he made to get out of the pool/ how he was saved/hydrophobia
- Role of instructor- how he built a swimmer out of him/ Douglas' determination
- Finally, how he conquered his hydrophobia.
(any other relevant points)

Model Answer

16, Brahamdev Square

Rewari

20th March 2024

Dear Yogender

You never know what happens next moment in life. I was at Y.M.C.A. swimming pool. A big boy threw me into the swimming pool. I was nearly drowned. I became hydrophobic. I tried my best to overcome it but in vain. At last , I decided to hire an instructor. The instructor put a belt around me. The belt was attached with a rope that ran over a pulley. He taught me how to exhale underwater and inhale while out of it. Slowly, the fear slacked. But I was not satisfied. The fear had not left me completely yet. But I was determined. The instructor made me a good swimmer. There was no place for fear now. But I wanted to take test. Therefore, I went to Lake Wentworth and swam across it.

Finally , I dived into Lake Warm and swam to the other end. Thus, I overcame my fear of water.

Yours sincerely

William O. Douglas

OR

(b) Suggested value points

- No 2 at Gemini studios / very close to the boss/ multi-talented
- Brahmin /asset to the director/ superb actor/ a mass poet
- Sociable, amiable and gentle person/ a novelist
- Ability to smile even in the direst situation/ have enemies
(any other relevant points)

Model Answer

Subbu was no 2 in Gemini Studios. He deserved this position. He gave definition and direction to Gemini Studios during its golden years. He was a genius. He was tailor made for films. He was a brave person also. He was not highly educated. He was born a Brahmin- a great virtue. He always looked happy. He was very close to the boss. He was an asset to the film producers. He was a poet also. He wrote poems for masses. He wrote a long novel also. He was an amazing actor. He never aspired for lead role. He had genuine love for everybody. His home attracted many relatives. Still , he had enemies. The office boy was his biggest enemy. He was grouped under story department.

13 Answer in 120-150 words

1x5 =5

Content 3 marks

Expression 2 marks (Fluency 1 Grammar 1)

(A) Suggested value points

- Crucial to understand earth's past, present and future
- World's geological history is trapped in it.

- Super- continent- Gondwana existed 650 millions years ago
- India and Antarctica/ present world
- Climate, dinosaurs , human arrival
- Hold half million year carbon in its layers of ice
- Can know how the future will be.
(any other relevant point)

Model Answer

Antarctica is a place to go to, to understand the earth's present, past and future because the world's geological history is trapped in it. The study of this region is useful to us. To visit Antarctica is to be a part of that history, to get a grasp of where we have come from and where could possibly be heading. We come to know that about 650 million years ago there existed a super- continent called Gondwana and that India and the Antarctica were the parts of the same landmass. Things were quite different then. Humans had not arrived on the earth. The climate of the Antarctica was much warmer. Dinosaurs became extinct. The landmass was forced to be separated into countries as they exist today. The study of Antarctica is crucial to understand the earth's present and future also. It holds in its ice cores half- million- year old carbon records trapped in its layers of ice. The answers to questions such as " will the west Antarctica sheet melt entirely? Will the Gulf stream ocean current be disrupted? Will it be the end of the world as we know it? " can only be got In Antarctica.

OR

(B) Suggested value points

- Dr. Sadao – a dedicated doctor
- Prejudiced against American
- True patriot/ trained to save not to kill
- Respects the ethics of his profession

- Hana – tender heart, loyal to her husband, humanitarian outlook
- Genral – old, selfish
- Lack of national loyalty/ dereliction of duty

(any other relevant point)

Model Answer

'The Enemy' is a humanitarian story. It shows Dr. Sadao and his wife Hana rising above man made divisions to serve the noble cause of humanity. Dr. Sadao was a dedicated surgeon. His specialization was in the science of keeping wounds clean. He was prejudiced against white men. But he was trained as a doctor even to save a dying enemy. He did not hand over Tom to the police as handing him over to the police would mean throwing him into the jaws of death. He preferred to follow the ethics of his profession and saved his enemy. Hana was a woman and that too with a tender heart. She was loyal to her husband. She could not see that man die. So, she helped her husband to save the enemy. The old General was a selfish person. He lacked national loyalty. He can be accused of dereliction of duty. Being a General it was his duty to get the prisoner of war arrested. But he did not do so.