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Senior Secondary School Examination, 2023
Marking Scheme – ENGLISH CORE (301)
(QUESTION PAPER CODE – 1/5/2)

General Instructions: -

1. You are aware that evaluation is the most important process in the actual and correct assessment of the candidates. A small mistake in evaluation may lead to serious problems which may affect the future of the candidates, education system and teaching profession. To avoid mistakes, it is requested that before starting evaluation, you must read and understand the spot evaluation guidelines carefully.
2. **“Evaluation policy is a confidential policy as it is related to the confidentiality of the examinations conducted, evaluation done and several other aspects. Its leakage to public in any manner could lead to derailment of the examination system and affect the life and future of millions of candidates. Sharing this policy/document to anyone, publishing in any magazine and printing in News Paper/Website etc may invite action under various rules of the Board and IPC.”**
3. Evaluation is to be done as per instructions provided in the Marking Scheme. It should not be done according to one’s own interpretation or any other consideration. Marking Scheme should be strictly adhered to and religiously followed. **However, while evaluating, answers which are based on latest information or knowledge and / or are innovative, they may be assessed for their correctness otherwise and due marks be awarded to them. In Competency based questions, please try to understand given answer and even if reply is not from marking scheme but correct competency is enumerated by the candidate, due marks should be awarded.**
4. The Marking Scheme carries only suggested value points for the answers. These are in the nature of Guidelines only and do not constitute the complete answer. The students can have their own expression and if the expression is correct, then due marks should be awarded accordingly.
5. The Head-Examiner must go through the first five answer books evaluated by each evaluator on the first day, to ensure that evaluation has been carried out as per the instructions given in the Marking Scheme. If there is any variation, the same should be zero after deliberation and discussion. The remaining answer books meant for evaluation shall be given only after ensuring that there is no significant variation in the marking of individual evaluators.
6. Evaluators will mark (✓) wherever answer is correct. For wrong answer ‘X’ be marked. Evaluators will not put (✓) while evaluating a wrong answer which gives an impression that answer is correct and no marks are awarded. **This is the most common mistake which evaluators are committing.**
7. If a question has parts, please award marks on the right-hand side for each part. Marks awarded for different parts of the question should then be totalled up and written in the left-hand margin and encircled. This may be followed strictly.
8. If a question does not have any parts, marks must be awarded in the left-hand margin and encircled. This may also be followed strictly.

9. If a student has attempted an extra question, answer of the question deserving more marks should be retained and the other answer scored out with a note “**Extra Question**”.
10. **If more than one option is mentioned in the answer of multiple choice questions, then no marks to be awarded.**
11. No marks to be deducted for the cumulative effect of an error. It should be penalized only once.
12. A full scale of marks (0-80 marks) as given in Question Paper has to be used. Please do not hesitate to award full marks if the answer deserves it.
13. Every examiner has to necessarily do evaluation work for full working hours i.e. 8 hours every day and evaluate 20 answer books per day in main subjects and 25 answer books per day in other subjects (Details are given in Spot Guidelines).
14. Ensure that you do not make the following common types of errors committed by the Examiner in the past:-
 - Leaving answer or part thereof unassessed in an answer book.
 - Giving more marks for an answer than assigned to it.
 - Wrong totalling of marks awarded on an answer.
 - Wrong transfer of marks from the inside pages of the answer book to the title page.
 - Wrong question wise totalling on the title page.
 - Wrong totalling of marks of the two columns on the title page.
 - Wrong grand total.
 - Marks in words and figures not tallying / not same.
 - Wrong transfer of marks from the answer book to online award list.
 - Answers marked as correct, but marks not awarded. (Ensure that the right tick mark (✓) is correctly and clearly indicated. It should not merely be a line. Same is with the (X) for incorrect answer.)
 - Half or a part of answer marked correct and the rest as wrong, but no marks awarded.
15. While evaluating the answer books if the answer is found to be totally incorrect, it should be marked as cross (X) and awarded zero (0) Marks. ‘Zero’ should be mentioned both in figures and words.
16. Any unassessed portion, non-carrying over of marks to the title page, or totalling error detected by the candidate shall damage the prestige of all the personnel engaged in the evaluation work as also of the Board. Hence, in order to uphold the prestige of all concerned, it is again reiterated that the instructions be followed meticulously and judiciously.
17. The Examiners should acquaint themselves with the guidelines given in the “**Guidelines for Spot Evaluation**” before starting the actual evaluation.
18. Every Examiner shall also ensure that all the answers are evaluated, marks carried over to the title page, correctly totalled and written in figures and words.
19. The candidates are entitled to obtain photocopy of the Answer Book on request on payment of the prescribed processing fee. All Examiners / Additional Head Examiners / Head Examiners are once again reminded that they must ensure that evaluation is carried out strictly as per Value Points for each answer as given in the Marking Scheme.

MARKING SCHEME
Senior Secondary School Examination, 2023
ENGLISH CORE (Subject Code-301)
[Question Paper Code : 1/5/2]

Maximum Marks: 80

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS:

1. The answers given below are suggestive. Credit should be given for any relevant point which is not included in the value points listed below. However, any independent interpretation should be discussed with the HE before awarding marks.
2. No marks shall be deducted for exceeding the word-limit.
3. If a spelling error is recurring, it should be penalized only once.

	Section-A (Reading)	20 MARKS
	NOTE: The objective of the reading section is to focus on testing a candidate's ability to comprehend. No mark(s) should be deducted for mistakes in usage and grammar, spelling or word-limit. Full marks may be awarded if a student has been able to identify the core ideas. If a student literally lifts a portion of the given passage as an answer to a question, no mark(s) to be deducted for this, as long as it is relevant.	
	<u>PASSAGE-1</u>	
Q.NO.	SUGGESTED VALUE POINTS	
1	On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer the questions given below:	10 x 1 = 10 MARKS
Q.(i)	Complete the sentence by choosing an appropriate option. The author complained that his friends _____. (a) consumed only Flora classics. (b) were not aware of different forms of coffee. (c) were severely addicted to drinking coffee. (d) considered Coco gold as premium coffee.	
Ans.(i)	(b) were not aware of different forms of coffee.	1
Q. (ii)	Comment on the writer's reference to the unique feature of coffee plant. (paragraph 2)	
Ans.(ii)	not only a beverage but also created a chemical that would keep pests away / ended up getting humans attracted / addicted to caffeine. (<i>any one</i>)	1
Q. (iii)	List the reason why the author refers to humans as 'great threat to coffee' plants.	
Ans.(iii)	large consumers / drink coffee regularly / a stimulant (<i>any one</i>)	1
Q. (iv)	Select an option that conveys the same meaning as 'energiser' from words used in paragraph 3. (a) bland (b) mature (c) antioxidant (d) stimulants	
Ans.(iv)	(d) stimulants	1
Q.(v)	Complete the given sentence with an appropriate inference	

	with respect to the following : Fats and carbohydrates turn into essential oils leading to_____.	
Ans.(v)	taste and aroma to the coffee bean	1
Q.(vi)	Comment on the writer’s reference to the interesting phenomenon in paragraph 4.	
Ans.(vi)	Suggested value points: - how a bland bean turns to a flavourful coffee bean. - when exposed to heat turn it to oil (any one) (any other relevant answer)	1
Q.(vii)	Over extraction does not give a stronger coffee. Based on your understanding of paragraph 6, list one method to get stronger coffee.	
Ans.(vii)	add more coffee powder	1
Q.(viii)	The writer would not agree with the given statements based on paragraph five EXCEPT a) The burr grinder grinds coffee beans uniformly. b) Less surface area makes extraction easier. c) Grinding gives stronger aroma. d) Good coffee is a mix of smaller and bigger particles.	
Ans.(viii)	(a) The burr grinder grinds coffee beans uniformly.	1
Q.(ix)	Why is it fair to say that the right degree of extraction of coffee is important ?	
Ans.(ix)	- under extraction will not get all the flavours / over- extraction will make coffee bitter.	1
Q.(x)	Select the most suitable title of the above passage. a) The Art of Coffee Making b) Benefits of Consuming Coffee c) Green Coffee – The perfect antioxidant d) The Coffee Addict	
Ans.(x)	(a) The Art of Coffee Making	1
	PASSAGE-2	
2.	On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer the questions given below:	10 x 1 = 10 MARKS
Q.(i)	Does the following statement agree with the information given in paragraph 1 ? The writer believes that very few teens indulge in reading as a pleasurable activity. Select from the following : True : if the statement agrees with the information.	

	False : if the statement contradicts the information. Not given : if there is no information on this.	
Ans.(i)	True	1
Q. (ii)	Select the option that displays the most likely reason for this research. In order to find out a) reading choices of teenagers. b) digital competency of teenagers. c) speed of reading text. d) the decline of time spent on traditional media.	
Ans.(ii)	(d) the decline of time spent on traditional media.	1
Q. (iii)	Complete the statement based on the following statement : Traditional media has been replaced by digital media, we can say this because _____ .	
Ans.(iii)	time on digital media has displaced time once spent on reading or watching TV.	1
Q. (iv)	Do you think that the researchers of study added tenth and eighth graders to the survey deliberately? Support your answer with reference to the text.	
Ans.(iv)	Suggested value points:- - Yes, because 75% of 10 th graders and 68% of 8 th graders spent their leisure time in the use of digital media - decline in reading print media was specially steep - to widen the scope of research <i>(any one)</i>	1
Q.(v)	Complete the given sentence by selecting the most appropriate option: The concluding sentence of the text makes a clear case for _____ by listing it as a core competency for analysis and application. a) following social media b) reading long texts c) building focus and concentration d) developing constructive habits	
Ans.(v)	(b) reading long texts / (c) building focus and concentration <i>(any one)</i>	1
Q.(vi)	Complete the given sentence by selecting the most appropriate option: The digital activities that the twelfth-graders indulge in are _____ . a) texting, gaming, television b) texting, gaming, social media c) newspaper, books, magazine d) television, books, gaming	
Ans.(vi)	(b) texting, gaming, social media	1

Q.(vii)	Complete the sentence appropriately with one/two words : Teens today hardly read print media for _____ .	
Ans.(vii)	pleasure	1
Q.(viii)	Based on the reading of the text, state a point to challenge the given statement : “Time on digital media has displaced time once spent enjoying a book or watching T.V.”	
Ans.(viii)	Suggested value points:- - time reduced but not completely displaced (any other relevant answer to be accepted)	1
Q.(ix)	What does the author mean by ‘degrading the time’ in para 6 ? (a) spending less time (b) waste of time (c) consuming more time (d) saving time	
Ans.(ix)	(a) spending less time / (b) waste of time	1
Q.(x)	As per Fig. 1, the percentage of people above 50 yrs is _____ the percentage of teenagers using social media. (a) greater than (b) less than (c) equal to (d) negligible to	
Ans.(x)	(b) less than	1
FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED CANDIDATES. In lieu of Q. 2 (x)		
Q.(x)	The decline in reading print media was especially steep. What does ‘steep’ mean in the above sentence ? (a) slow (b) sharp (c) steady (d) gradual	
Ans.(x)	(b) sharp	1
SECTION-B (WRITING SKILLS)		20 marks
<u>OBJECTIVE:</u>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To test the ability to think logically and express oneself clearly. • To use a style appropriate to the given situation • To plan, organize and present ideas coherently 		
Q.3	Attempt any ONE of the following in about 50 words.	
NOTICE WRITING		
Distribution of marks Format -1 Content – 3 Expression - 1 FORMAT - Name of issuing authority- organisation/ agency, NOTICE, heading (optional), date of issue, signature / name, designation (bottom left)		

Q.3 (a)	You are Sunil/Sunila, Head Boy / Girl of Lotus Valley Public School, Ahmedabad. Your school is planning to organise a theatre workshop for students. Draft a notice in about 50 words informing the students about the workshop mentioning day, date, time and venue.	5 marks
Ans. 3(a)	Suggested value points:- - mention day, date, time and venue - purpose (inputs given in the question to be included) (any other relevant point)	5
OR		
Q.3 (b)	You are Gaurav / Geeta, Sports Captain of A.J. Bhopal. Your school is planning to start football coaching for middle school students. As Sports Captain, draft a notice in about 50 words informing students about the details of the football coaching. Mention date, time and venue.	5 marks
Ans. 3(b)	Suggested value points:- - mention day, date, time and venue - purpose (inputs given in the question to be included) (any other relevant point)	5
Q.4	Attempt any ONE from (a) and (b) given below :	
	Distribution of marks Format -1 Content – 3 Expression-1	
INFORMAL LETTER OF INVITATION		
Q.4a.	You are Amit / Amita. You are planning a weekend trek to Kalghat. Write an informal letter of invitation to your friend inviting him / her to join you. Mention day, date, time and any other relevant information. (Word limit about 50 words)	5 marks
Ans. 4(a)	FORMAT- informal letter of invitation Suggested value points: - salutation - mention day, date, time and venue - purpose of the invitation - complimentary close	5
OR		
Q.4b.	You are Prof. R.K. Chadha, eminent environmentalist. You have been invited to chair a panel discussion on ‘Solar Power – The Alternate Lifestyle’. Write a formal letter accepting the invitation in about 50 words. Mention day, date, time and venue.	5 marks
Ans. 4(b)	FORMAT-informal letter of acceptance Suggested value points: - mention day, date, time and venue - acceptance of invitation	5

5.	Attempt any ONE from (a) and (b) given below :					
	Distribution of marks Format -1 Content – 3 Expression – 1 FORMAT –Sender’s address, Date, Receiver’s address, Subject and Salutation/ Salutation and Subject, Complimentary close, Name					
(a)	<p>You are Rajat / Radha of J.P. Colony, Bhubaneswar. You have recently come across an advertisement for the post of Manager in S.J. Food Products Pvt. Ltd., Bhubaneswar. Apply with bio-data to The General Manager, S.J. Food Products Pvt. Ltd., J.H. Avenue, Bhubaneswar.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="320 651 1326 1055"> <tr> <td data-bbox="320 651 1326 734" style="text-align: center;">S.J. Food Products Pvt. Ltd. Required Manager</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="320 734 1326 1016" style="text-align: center;">Preferred skills and qualifications</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="320 779 1326 1016"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Bachelor’s degree * MBA * Strong interpersonal & communication skills * Computer competency * 5 years experience </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="320 1016 1326 1055" style="text-align: center;">Apply with complete bio-data within 7 days to HR Dept. SJ Foods</td> </tr> </table>	S.J. Food Products Pvt. Ltd. Required Manager	Preferred skills and qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Bachelor’s degree * MBA * Strong interpersonal & communication skills * Computer competency * 5 years experience 	Apply with complete bio-data within 7 days to HR Dept. SJ Foods	5 marks
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Ans. 5(a)	<p style="text-align: center;">JOB APPLICATION</p> <p>Suggested value points:</p> <p>Covering Letter :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reference to the advertisement - suitability for post - offer candidature <p>Bio-Data / Resume / CV:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - personal profile - qualifications - experience - skills - references <p>NOTE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No marks to be deducted if the Resume/CV/Bio-data is included in the covering letter. <p>(inputs given in the question to be included)</p>	5				
	OR					

(b)	<p>You are a counsellor in a reputed public school. You are concerned to see that bullying has become common among school students. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily expressing your concern and suggesting ways and methods to end this menace in schools. You are Rajesh / Radhika of A.P. Colony, Pune. Use the given cues along your own ideas to compose this letter.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Bullying can be physical, emotional, and verbal Leads to depression, anxiety, anger, stress, poor performance</p> <p><u>Solutions :</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Strict implementation of rules * Counselling * Encourage students to speak out * Set up student anti bullying cell </div>	5 marks
Ans. 5(b)	<p>LETTER TO THE EDITOR</p> <p>Suggested value points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - expressing concern about bullying among school students - reasons / effects - suggestions - ideas taken from the given input <p>(any three relevant value points)</p>	5
Q.6	Attempt any ONE from (a) and (b) given below :	
	<p>Distribution of marks</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Format -1 Content – 3 Expression – 1</p> <p>FORMAT – Title and byline</p>	
(a)	<p>You travel to office by the metro rail everyday. You are delighted to observe how well maintained it is even after ten years. Write an article in 120-150 words expressing your views on the sense of civic responsibility among citizens today. You are Tanmay / Tanisha. Support your ideas with cues given below.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p style="text-align: center;">METRO – OUR PRIDE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep it clean – No smoking, No littering • Disciplined Travel • Our Responsibility • It takes us Home </div>	5 marks
Ans. 6(a)	<p>ARTICLE WRITING</p> <p>Title - Sense of Civic Responsibility among Citizens Today (any other suitable title)</p> <p>Suggested value points :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - expressing happiness on the sense of civic responsibility - well maintained metro - ideas taken from the given input <p>(any three relevant value points)</p>	5
	OR	

(b)	<p>Your school recently conducted an inter-school debate competition. As a student reporter Anita/Anish, write a report of the event to be published in your school magazine. Use the input given below and your own ideas to write a report in 120-150 words.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px auto; width: fit-content;"> <p style="text-align: center;">INTER SCHOOL DEBATE COMPETITION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TOPIC : INDIA – THE NEW EDUCATION DESTINATION</p> <p>* Date :</p> <p>* Time :</p> <p>* Venue :</p> <p>* Each team comprises 3 participants. One for the motion, one against and an interjector</p> <p>* Prizes – Certificate of Participation to all participants</p> <p>* Cash prize to winners : Sponsored by EdTech Now.</p> </div>	5 marks
Ans. 6(b)	<p>REPORT WRITING</p> <p>Title- Inter School Debate Competition (any other suitable title)</p> <p>Suggested value points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - magazine report, heading with byline - mention day, date, time and venue - details of event - ideas taken from the given input <p>(any three relevant value points)</p>	
	<p>SECTION—C (Literature)</p>	40 marks
	<p><u>NOTE:</u> The objective of this section is to test a candidate’s ability to understand, evaluate, interpret and respond according to the prescribed text through short & long answer type questions. All responses may be accepted as correct with consultation of the HE, if they have been duly supported by the facts drawn from the text. The student should be able to justify his / her viewpoint.</p>	
7.	<p>Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow. Attempt any ONE :</p>	6 X 1=6 marks
(a)	<p>A thing of beauty is a joy forever Its loveliness increases, it will never pass into nothingness: but will keep A bower quiet for us, and a sleep Full of sweet dreams, and health and quiet and breathing.</p> <p>Therefore, on every morrow are we wreathing A flowery band to bind us to the earth; Spite of despondence, of the inhuman dearth Of noble natures, of the gloomy days, Of all the unhealthy and o’er darkened ways Made for our searching.</p>	

Q.7a(i)	Keats defines beauty as (a) transient (b) eternal (c) illusionary (d) short lived	
Ans. (i)	(b) eternal	1
Q.7a(ii)	'will keep a bower quiet for us' means all of the following EXCEPT a) create a peaceful, shady place b) provide a shelter c) will decrease noise pollution d) nature's canopy	
Ans.(ii)	(c) will decrease noise pollution	1
Q.7a(iii)	On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below : Beautiful things uplift the soul. Beauty is ever changing. a) 1 can be inferred from the extract but 2 cannot. b) 2 can be inferred from the extract but 1 cannot. c) both 1 and 2 can be inferred from the extract. d) both 1 and 2 cannot be inferred from the extract.	
Ans.(iii)	(a) 1 can be inferred from the extract but 2 cannot.	1
Q.7a(iv)	The things that cause unhappiness are 1) lack of noble nature 2) old tunes 3) dull days 4) calm mind 5) a flowery band 6) strong relationships Choose the most appropriate option : (a) (1) and (2) (b) (1) and (3) (c) (4) and (5) (d) (3) and (6)	
Ans.(iv)	(b) (1) and (3)	1
Q.7a(v)	Complete the analogy. Do not repeat from used example : flowery band : metaphor :: : alliteration	
Ans.(v)	noble natures, band to bind	1
Q.7a(vi)	According to the poet 'every morrow' we are _____ .	
Ans.(vi.)	wreathing a flowery band / getting close to nature (any other relevant answer)	1
OR		
(b)	Aunt Jennifer's tigers prance across a screen, Bright topaz denizens of a world of green, They do not fear the men beneath the tree; They pace in sleek chivalric certainty. Aunt Jennifer's fingers fluttering through her wool Find even the ivory needle hard to pull. The massive weight of uncle's wedding band Sits heavily upon Aunt Jennifer's hand.	
Q.7b(i)	Denizens of the world of green refer to _____ . (a) huntsmen (b) Aunt Jennifer (c) uncle (d) tigers	
Ans.(i)	(d) tigers	1

Q.7b(ii)	Choose the option that displays the same poetic device as used in the second line of the extract. (a) heart of stone (b) trees sprouting (c) silver spoon (d) white murder	
Ans.(ii)	(a) heart of stone	1
Q.7b(iii)	The men sitting beneath the tree are _____	
Ans.(iii)	the hunters / symbolic of patriarchal society (any other relevant answer)	1
Q.7b(iv)	What quality of uncle can be inferred through these lines ? (a) compassionate nature (b) courageous (c) confident (d) dominating	
Ans.(iv)	(d) dominating	1
Q.7b(v)	The tigers in the extract are symbolic of (a) creativity and courage (b) confidence and gentleness (c) cruelty and fear (d) aggression and starving	
Ans.(v)	(b) confidence and gentleness	1
Q.7b(vi)	Aunt Jennifer's tigers prance across (1) the screen (2) the fields (3) the embroidered tunic (4) the cage Which of the following is the most appropriate choice ? (a) (1) and (2) (b) (2) and (4) (c) (1), (2) and (3) (d) (1) and (3)	
Ans.(vi)	(d) (1) and (3)	1
Q.8	Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow. Attempt any ONE :	4 X 1= 1 marks
(a)	To make sure, I walked over the newsboy and glanced at the stack of papers at his feet. It was The World and The World hasn't been published for years. The lead story said something about President Cleveland. I've found that front page since, in the Public library files, and it was printed June 11, 1894. I turned toward the ticket windows knowing that here – on the third level at Grand Central – I could buy tickets that would take Louisa and me anywhere in the United States we wanted to go. In the year 1894. And I wanted two tickets to Galesburg, Illinois.	
Q.8a(i)	The newspaper that covered the lead story about President Cleveland was (a) The Pioneer (b) The New York Times (c) The World (d) The Times	
Ans.(i)	(c) The World	1
Q.8a(ii)	The narrator wanted to buy tickets to _____ .	
Ans.(ii)	Galesburg	1
Q.8a(iii)	Which of the following in the extract most nearly means the opposite of 'stare' ? (a) glance (b) peek (c) ignore (d) examine	
Ans.(iii)	(a) glance	1

Q.8a(iv)	Charley wanted two tickets because he wanted to go with (a) Sam (b) Cleveland (c) Louisa (d) the Psychiatrist	
Ans.(iv)	(c) Louisa	1
OR		
(b)	When I was studying in the third class, I hadn't yet heard people speak openly of untouchability. But I had already seen, felt, experienced and been humiliated by what it is. I was walking home from school one day, an old bag hanging from my shoulder. It was actually possible to walk the distance in ten minutes. But usually it would take me from half an hour to an hour to dawdle along watching all the fun and games that were going on, all the entertaining novelties and oddities in the streets, the shops and the bazaar.	
Q.8b(i)	The narrator was humiliated because _____ .	
Ans.(i)	she was born in a community that was treated as untouchable / victim of caste discrimination (any other relevant point)	1
Q.8b(ii)	The narrator 'dawdled along' as she _____ . a) enjoyed looking at the various sights b) was getting late for school c) she didn't like going home d) she enjoyed haggling and shopping	
Ans.(ii)	(a) enjoyed looking at the various sights	1
Q.8b(iii)	On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below : I. The distance from school to home was very short. II. She was feeling upset and so dawdling her way home. a) (I) can be inferred from the extract but (II) cannot b) (II) can be inferred from the extract but (I) cannot c) Both (I) and (II) cannot be inferred from the extract d) Both (I) and (II) can be inferred from the extract	
Ans.(iii)	(a) (I) can be inferred from the extract but (II) cannot	1
Q.8b(iv)	The word 'novelties' in the passage most nearly means (a) colourful trinkets (b) wooden toys (c) unique and interesting items (d) expensive souvenirs	
Ans.(iv)	(c) unique and interesting items	1
Q.9	Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow. Attempt any ONE.	6 X 1= 6 marks
(a)	"I sometimes find a rupee, even a ten rupee note", Saheb says, his eyes lighting up when you can find a silver coin in a heap of garbage, you don't stop scrounging, for there is hope of finding more. It seems that for children, garbage has a meaning different from what it means to their parents. For the children it is wrapped in wonder, for the elders it is a means of survival.	

	One winter morning I see Saheb standing by the fenced gate of the neighbourhood club, watching two young men dressed in white, playing tennis. “I like the game”, he hums, content to watch it standing behind the fence. “I go inside when no one is around” he admits. “The gate keeper lets me use the swing.”	
Q.9(a)(i)	Saheb found a rupee (a) on the street (b) in the garbage dump (c) in Firozabad (d) on the tennis court	
Ans.(i)	(b) in the garbage dump	1
Q.9a(ii)	Which emotion of Saheb is revealed in the phrase ‘his eyes lighting up’ ? (a) anxiety (b) envy (c) happiness (d) greed	
Ans.(ii)	(c) happiness	1
Q.9a(iii)	For the elders garbage is _____ and for children it is _____ .	
Ans.(iii)	survival, wrapped in wonder.	$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}$
Q.9a(iv)	On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to I and II given below : Saheb watches the game from outside. Saheb had lost the previous match. (a) I is true but II is not (b) II is true but I is not (c) Both I and II are true (d) Both I and II are untrue	
Ans.(iv)	(a) I is true but II is not	1
Q.9a(v)	‘Scrounging’ in the passage most nearly means. (a) digging (b) searching (c) flinging (d) burying	
Ans.(v)	(b) searching	1
Q.9a(vi)	‘There is hope for finding more’. Explain with reference to the above extract.	
Ans.(vi)	more money / more silver coins / something precious (<i>any one</i>)	1
	OR	
(b)	“Or an actress. Now there’s real money in that. Yes, and I could may be have the boutique on the side. Actresses don’t work full time, do they ? Anyway, that or a fashion designer. You know –something a bit sophisticated”. And she turned in through the open street door leaving Jansie standing in the rain. “If I ever come into money I’ll buy a boutique”. “Huh, if you ever come into money ... if you ever come into money you’ll buy us a blessed decent house to live in, thank you very much.” Sophie’s father was scooping shepherd’s pie into his mouth as hard as he could go, his plump face still grimy and sweat – marked from the day. “She thinks money grows on trees, don’t she Dad ? Said little Derek, hanging on the back of his father’s chair. Their mother sighed.	
Q.9b(i)	Sophie wants to become an actress to (a) become famous (b) to earn money (c) to support her father (d) to compete with Jansie	
Ans.(i)	(b) to earn money	1
Q.9b(ii)	Jansie wanted Sophie to spend her money on _____ (a) her marriage (b) her career (c) to open a boutique (d) buying a house	

Ans.(ii)	<i>Note: If the child has attempted the question, marks should be awarded.</i>	1
Q.9b(iii)	Sophie is daydreaming about _____ .	
Ans.(iii)	Suggestes value points:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - becoming an actress - opening a boutique - becoming a manager in boutique - becoming a fashion designer (any one)	1
Q.9b(iv)	The phrase ‘money grows on trees’ indicates that Sophie _____ .	
Ans.(iv)	Suggestes value points:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - is daydreaming - fantasizing - is impractical - does not know the value of money (any one)	1
Q.9b(v)	Sophie’s mother’s sigh is one of (a) regret (b) delight (c) relief (d) helplessness	
Ans.(v)	(d) helplessness	1
Q.9b(vi)	From the extract Jansie comes across as a _____ person. (a) practical (b) dominating (c) immature (d) starstruck	
Ans.(vi)	(a) practical	1
Q.10	Answer any FIVE out of six questions given below in about 40-50 words :	5 X 2= 10marks
	Distribution of marks:- CONTENT-1 EXPRESSION-1	
(a)	What does Gandhi refer to as ‘conflict of duties’ ?	
Ans.10(a)	Suggested value points:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - not to set a bad example as a lawbreaker, on the other hand to render humanitarian and national service - listen to the voice of conscience (any other relevant point)	2
(b)	What does the expression ‘polished traffic’ refer to ? What does it reveal about city people ?	
Ans.10(b)	Suggested value points:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - big cars / rich city dwellers / sophisticated people / <i>(any one)</i> - selfish / do not want to contribute money to raise the standard of the poor people <i>(any one)</i> (any other relevant point)	½+½+1
(c)	Why did the iron master compare Edla to a parson ?	
Ans.10(c)	Suggested value points:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - moralistic stand - her persuasive manner of speaking - compassionate nature - goodness of heart 	2

	(any one) (any other relevant point)	
(d)	What is the significance of the word 'but' in 'but all I said was see you soon, Amma ? (My Mother at Sixty-Six)	
Ans.10(d)	Suggested value points:- - hope against fear of losing mother - wanted to hide her emotions, fear or anxiety of losing her mother - optimism (any one)	2
(e)	What handicap did Douglas suffer from ? How did he overcome that ?	
Ans.10(e)	Suggested value points:- What ? - fear of water / hydrophobia / aversion to water / did not know swimming How ? - hired an instructor / practised regularly to overcome the fear / swam alone across lakes and rivers (any one)	½+ ½+1
(f)	What according to Pablo Neruda in the poem 'Keeping Quiet' is the lesson that we should learn from mother earth ?	
Ans.10(f)	Suggested value points:- - life under apparent stillness - to preserve life - hibernation - rejuvenation / regeneration (any other relevant point) (any one)	2
Q.11	Answer any TWO out of three questions given below in about 40-50 words :	2 x 2 = 4 marks
	Distribution of marks:- CONTENT-1 EXPRESSION-1	
(a)	What gave Derry the courage to go back to Mr. Lamb's house despite his mother's refusal?	
Ans.11(a)	Suggested value points:- - after conversation with Mr. Lamb change of outlook towards life / gained confidence / new perspective - wanted to think, feel and find out more about life / world - did not care about his burned face anymore - help Mr. Lamb with his crab apples - feared that if he didn't go back he would never go anywhere in the world again (any one)	2
(b)	What did the astrologers depict about the child when he was born? (The Tiger King)	
Ans.11(b)	Suggested value points:- - one day the tiger king would actually have to die - child will grow up to become warrior of warriors / hero of heroes / champion of champions	2

	(any other relevant point) (any one)	
(c)	Why did Geoff Green include young students in his programme?	
Ans.11(c)	Suggested value points:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - he was tired of carting celebrities and retired rich - young students were the future generation of policy makers - life changing experience at an age when they are ready to absorb, learn, and act (any other relevant point) (any one)	2
Q.12	Answer any ONE in about 120-150 words :	5 marks
	Distribution of marks:- CONTENT – 3 EXPRESSION – 2 (fluency – 1 + accuracy – 1)	
(a)	The Last Lesson reflects the flaws in human character that led to the sad plight of people in Alsace. Substantiate your answer with evidences from the text.	
Ans.12(a)	Suggested value points:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - not giving importance to the learning of the mother tongue / school and education / putting off learning till tomorrow - preferring to put children to work on farms or mills - M Hamel himself sent children to water his flowers instead of help them to learn their lessons. - declaring a holiday when he wanted to go fishing (any three relevant value points)	5
	OR	
(b)	A Roadside Stand is a social satire depicting the two contrasting worlds existing in society. Justify this statement with reference to the poem.	
Ans.12(b)	Suggested value points:- Social satire depicting selfishness of the rich against the poor village folks. Village folks- childish longing / refers to unrealistic wait for prospective customer from the city. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - windows of hope always open - to get money from city dwellers to fulfill desires of good life - feeling of distress and unhappiness. <i>(any two)</i> City dwellers- rich and selfish <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ignore roadside stand and people who run it - only complain about wrong signs - greedy good doers / beneficent beasts of prey - so called well wishers cheat them and exploit them (any three relevant value points)	5
Q.13	Answer any ONE in about 120-150 words :	5 marks
	Distribution of marks:- CONTENT – 3 EXPRESSION – 2 (fluency – 1 + accuracy – 1)	
(a)	Mr. Lamb stands as a symbol of optimism and hope. Support your answer with examples from the text.	

Ans.13(a)	<p>Suggested value points:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - disabled, has positive attitude towards life - is empathetic - always keeps gate open / no curtains / welcomes people - spends time listening to the sounds of nature and enjoys its beauty - does not hate anyone - considers everyone a friend even though he was mocked at - tries to celebrate life <p>(any three relevant value points)</p>	5
OR		
(b)	Dr. Sadao emerges as a saviour of humanity. Substantiate your answer with evidence from the text.	
Ans.13(b)	<p>Suggested value points:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - war time- Japan and America enemies - wounded American soldier washed ashore - conflict of duty as a doctor and a patriot - risks his career and family- treats the soldier - clears his conscience by informing the General - helps Tom to escape safely / rises above narrow prejudices <p>(any three relevant value points)</p>	5
