

PRACTICE PAPER MARKING SCHEME (2020-21)
CLASS XII ENGLISH CORE
SET-4

Time allowed: 3 Hours

MM: 80

Section- A (40 marks)

Reading (20 marks)

Q1. (Attempt any 10 out of 11)

(1x10=10 marks)1.

COMPREHENSION PASSAGE

- i. d. prioritizing the use of renewable resources
- ii. a. I am going to have a Christmas tree and hang all my gifts upon it.
- iii. a. 1, 3 and 4
- vi. c. promoting.
- v. b. It is an outdated practice
- vi. c. 2&3
- vii. d. 'decreasing'.
- viii.a). b. OPTION (2)
- viii.b) b. Single use plastic objects
- ix. c. sustainable living.
- x. d. Organic farming promotes the sustainable health and productivity of the ecosystem.
- xi. a. Single-use plastic bottles are an eco-friendly option.

Q2. (Attempt any 10 out of 11)

(1x10=10 marks)

Case based factual passage. [Competencies- comprehension, interpretation, inference]

- i. c. as it is taken for granted despite hard work involved.
- ii. d. 1 & 4
- iii. b. 'obstinate'
- iv.a). b. Option (2)
- iv.b) b. Monthly Salary.
- v. d. handling many jobs or roles at a time.
- vi. c. 1 and 4
- vii. c. Nothing can repay the hard work a mother puts.
- viii. b) equal to ₹ 45,000
- ix. a. relaxing.
- x.a) Option (1)
- x.b) a. A day care would charge for a kid exactly double of what a housekeeper would charge.
- xi. d. 4, 1, 3, 2

Literature (20 marks)

Q3. (Attempt any 2 out of 3)

(1x4+ 1x4= 8 marks)

[Competencies- comprehension and appreciation]

- (A) i) d) He was late for the class and wanted to enter it without being noticed
ii) d) All of the above
iii) a) He seemed upset
iv) c) He was the last to arrive
- (B) i) b) the peddler
ii) b) a big rattrap
iii) a) an idea
iv) c) a line of thought
- (C) i) c) memorized in the past
ii) d) both (b) and (c)
iii) c) three to four years old
iv) a) he was bored and tired

Q4. (Attempt any 1 out of 2)

(1x4= 4 marks)

[Competencies – comprehension, analysis, inference]

- (A) 1. a) her childhood fear of losing her mother
2. c) colour of skin
3. b) repetition
4. c) due to her inability to express her sorrow
- (B) 1. a) gloomy and angry
2. a) (1) and (2)
3. b) the world of rich and opportunist people
4. d) both (b) and (c)

Q5. (Attempt any 8 out of 10)

(1x8= 8 marks)

[Competencies – comprehension, analysis, inference, interpretation]

- i) a) was overwhelmed with emotions
ii) b) because he needed him for his own surgery
iii) d) can overhear them whispering
iv) a) to escape from the troublesome world
v) d) means of survival

- vi) a) he was knocked down by a huge wave on a beach in California
- vii) b) streams of clear water
- viii) d) to support Gandhi
- ix) b) Jackson and McLeery
- x) d) for not learning his mother tongue
- xi) c) Adrienne Rich

Section B (40 marks)

Writing Skills (16 marks)

Allotment of marks	Value point suggestion
<p>6. 3 Marks: Format: 1 / Content: 1 / Expression: 1)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(A) Advertisement</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(B) Notice (format: Name of issuing organisation, the word NOTICE in capitals, date, Title/heading + sign & name of issuing authority/person with designation)</p>	<p>(A) Advertisement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Situation Vacant • Specification about the post • Desired qualification • Pay scale • Mode of applying <p>Contact detail -Any other relevant detail/point shall be accepted. -No marks to be deducted for exceeding word limit</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>(B) Notice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For whom? residents of Sakshi Enclave • What? – inauguration of cleanliness drive • when – date, month, 20XX (accept all formats of writing date) • where – mention venue • plan of action to be pursued, usefulness of the program (accept relevant inclusions) • motivate to attend the same <p>-Any other relevant detail/point shall be accepted. - No marks to be deducted for exceeding word limit</p>
<p>7. 3 Marks: Format: 1 / Content: 1 / Expression: 1 (A) Invitation</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(B) Formal reply of Invitation</p>	<p>(A) Formal invitation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted English author Ruskin Bond • Mention the occasion and provide details (time, place; any other specific instructions) <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>(B) Formal reply (letter type)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expression of gratitude for the invite (Could include an appreciation of the initiative)

<p>8. Letter writing</p> <p>(5 Marks: Format: 1 / Content: 2 / Expression: 2)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. sender's address 2. date 3. receiver's address 4. subject 5. Salutation (4 & 5 are interchangeable) 6. complimentary close <p>(The format for job application would also include enclosure/s)</p> <p>9.</p> <p>5 Marks: Format: 1 / Content: 2 / Expression: 2 [1coherence and cohesion + 1 accuracy])</p> <p>(A) Article</p> <p>Format of the Article</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Heading - By line (name, class) (may be listed at the end too) - Body (split into paragraphs) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acceptance of the invite • Confirmation about relevant details such as time, date etc. <p>Letter writing</p> <p>(A)To the Editor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -mention of reason for writing, concern over the effects of online classes on students, mental as well as health issues associated -suggestions- inclusion of games and activities, regular counselling <p>OR</p> <p>(B) Job Application</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cover letter • introduction • reference of the advertisement given (visual cue) • any relevant reason of applying for the job- e.g. -have recently shifted to Delhi and have been looking for a suitable opportunity, • relevant qualities that make the candidate suitable for the job—e.g. sincerity, efficiency • a record of great rapport with the colleagues etc. (any other relevant detail) • Bio-data/Resume- Qualifications and experience that match the job profile, • References <p>(A)Article Writing –</p> <p>- Paragraph 1</p> <p>Suggested value points with regards to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pandemic entering the world • Fear of the unknown, concern and chaos created • Bad effects of COVID both physically and mentally • New norms created in society/old value changed • Sudden lockdown, lack of awareness, people mistreating each other. • Self-isolation/Quarantine leading to depression and loneliness • Suggestions: keeping in touch through virtual methods/internet/videocalls/ social
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<p>(B) Report writing Format of a report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Title - Reporter's name/ as a correspondent - Content (split into paragraphs) 	<p>networking/ Yoga /meditation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant conclusion based on the discussion in paragraphs above <p>Accept any other relevant point(s)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>(B)Report</p> <p>Paragraph 1-expansion of the headline</p> <p>Paragraph 2- description/ details (chronologically)[use of transition words expected]</p> <p>Paragraph 3- eye witness account/s, concluding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • observation. (make use of past tense; use of first person avoidable) • presentations by the guests • details about the reason symposium • amenities provided

Literature (VALUE POINTS SUGGESTIONS)

10. Attempt any five of six

(5x2 = 10 marks)

(2marks- 1 for content+1 for expression) [Competencies- inference and critical thinking]

i)

- land divided into large estates that were owned by Englishmen
- chief commercial crop grown was indigo
- landlord forced all the tenants to plant 15 percent of their holdings with indigo and surrender the entire indigo harvest as rent
- this was done by a long-term contract

ii)

- No, he broke the crofter's trust
- very next morning he stole the old man's thirty kronors
- ran to the woods
- the evil in him forced him to do so

iii)

- poem addresses the experiences of marriage in the midst of constrictions
- word 'ringed' suggests that the vicious grip of unhappy married life holding Aunt Jennifer
- 'ringed' has been used in two ways, the conventional sacred bond of marriage and figurative use, meaning encircled or surrounded

iv)

- poet's parting words are that of assurance
- her smile provides a stark contrast to her old familiar fear of losing her mother
- her words and smile represent deliberate attempt to hide her real feeling
- she is trying to hide her fear about her mother's frail and deteriorating health

v)

- Gandhiji did not obey the British authorities
- summon was also served but he remained firm
- finally received a written communication that the case has been dropped
- thus civil disobedience triumphed

vi)

- 'Saheb-e-Alam' means the 'Lord of the Universe'
- Saheb was oblivious of what it meant
- On the contrary he roamed the streets scrounging in the garbage heaps

11. . Attempt any two of three

(2x2 = 4 marks)

(2marks- 1 for content+1 for expression) [Competencies- inference and critical thinking]

i)

- Mr. Lamb's changed Derry's attitude towards life
- he found a new perception about himself
- opened a whole new world and gave him a new lease of life
- his mother tried stop him but Derry did not listen

ii)

- agreed up to some extent
- but not with the way she behaved
- wanted her child to retain his unique identity
- she took stern action affecting the child's mental status
- the child should have been taken into confidence
- should have been made aware of the value of one's unique qualities

iii)

- they were not in favour of keeping the American prisoner hidden in the house
- did not want Dr. Sadao to save an enemy's life

- if the police came to know of it, their lives would be in danger
- they were also worried about the prestige and future of the family they served

12. Attempt one of the two (from Flamingo): (1x5 = 5 marks)

(5 marks- 3 for content + 2 for expression) [Competencies- global comprehension and extrapolation beyond the text]

- landlords forced the Indian tenants to plant 15% of their holding with indigo and surrender the entire indigo harvest as rent.
- Germany developed synthetic indigo
- landlords wanted to dissolve the agreement
- asked the peasants for compensation to release them from this arrangement
- Gandhiji fought their case
- collected evidence
- landlords were asked to repay
- Gandhiji asked for 50% repayment
- the landlords offered to pay only 25%
- Gandhiji agreed to a refund of only 25%
- explained that the amount not important
- What mattered was that the landlords were obliged to surrender a part of their money and with it, part of their prestige

OR

- determination and perseverance combination of attributes and abilities in William Douglas
- has aversion to water due to past experiences
- does not let the fear ruin his life
- sets goals for himself
- shows values of positive attitude and courage
- hires instructor and gets rid of his fear of water by his perseverance and resoluteness
- his grit helped him overcome his fear
- determination innate quality of soul, which comes to surface during bad times
- circumstances enable us to overcome all obstacles
- admiration for heroes like William Douglas who face challenges courageously

13. Attempt one of two (Vistas)

(1x5 = 5 marks)

(5 marks- 3 for content + 2 for expression)

[Competencies- global comprehension and extrapolation beyond the text]

- Evans had already escaped from the jail on three occasions
- There was always a fear that he might make another attempt to escape
- all possible precautions were taken
- Governor personally monitored all security arrangements
- Recreation Block was heavily guarded
- Evans' cell thoroughly checked by Jackson to ward off the possibility of the presence of material
- His nail scissors, nail-file and razor taken away
- kept strict watch on the activities of the cell during the examination
- police officer Stephens posted to keep a constant vigil on his activities
- invigilator was also frisked to make sure that he carried no objectionable material with him.

Or

- Charley's transition from reality to imaginary world doesn't seem probable
- author employs authenticity to the experience in his narration
- Charley worked late night at the office and was in hurry to reach his apartment to be with his wife Louisa
- takes the subway since it seems faster than bus
- Grand Central Station mysterious and mushrooming with subways, staircases and corridors leading from nowhere to everywhere
- Charley gets lost
- moving through the tunnel Charley recounts his past experience
- wants to escape from the harsh realities of modern world of insecurity, fear, war, worry and tension
- his friend psychiatrist also agrees with the escape theory
- claims that our hobbies also lead us to a temporary escape from reality
- psychiatrist friend, Sam goes missing
- reaches the Third Level
- suggests Charley and his wife Louisa to keep on searching
- story weaves psychological phenomenal yarn