

**Sample Question Paper**  
**English Core**  
**MARKING SCHEME Class – XII**

**1. Reading Passage 1** **12 marks**

1. Small actions and decisions are important in one's life 1 mark
2. Gave up bad habits 1 mark
3. Every day Gandhi made efforts to change himself in some small way 1 mark
4. In small ways 1 mark
5. built character 1 mark
6. sequential series - e.g. of child 1 mark
7. to make oneself grow in a small way 1 mark
8. tried to change himself – reform –grow in small ways 1 mark
9. practice- discipline –self mastery – used freedom in right way – worked on small things – learned from mistakes. 1 mark
10. small step –one at a time – remain optimistic 1 mark
11. deliberately, profound 2 marks

**2. Passage 2** **10 marks**

1. b) traditional music, art, literature 1 mark
2. c) they are pure as well as sensuous 1 mark
3. soothing effect –refreshing – brightens intellect 1 mark
4. Thousands flock to hear – sit all night in adverse conditions – 1 mark
5. Very pure – enchanting – divine 1 mark
6. soft beauty – soft pace 1 mark
7. South Indian – graceful, enchanting - voluptuous – pure - full of life –divine  
North Indian – monotonous, mechanical 1 mark
8. Rukmani Devi Arundale's Kalakshetra 1 mark
9. Cantankerous, mellifluous 1 mark

**3. Passage 3 Note Making and Summary** **8 marks**

- Title - Work: Desirable or Boring 1 mark

Abbreviations : work – wrk. hour – hr., advantage – adv., opportunities – opp.

Positively - +ly., exercise – ex. 1 mark

Notes 3 marks

1. Doing wrk leads to

a)Happiness

b) unhappiness

2. Adv. Of wrk

brings relief, delight, compulsive worthwhile input daily, occupied, fills time usefully, feel pleasant, prevents boredom, makes holidays more important & zestful, provides chances of success ,good opportunities, fulfillment of ambition, sound income, continuity of purpose

3. Disadv of wrk

Unspeakable boredom, waste of tme, something out of compulsion

4. Wrk – desirable – for complete happiness

Summary 3 marks

Coherence, spellings, grammar, sequence, correct understanding of the content, punctuation

#### **4. Poster**

Layout- Eye catching and visually attractive 1 mark

Content – Highlights of the main topic- Need of saving electricity 2 marks

Expression – Grammatical accuracy, spellings 1 mark

**OR**

#### **Invitation**

Format 1 mark

Content- what, where, when 2 marks

Expression – Coherence, relevance, spellings, grammatical accuracy 1 mark

#### **5. Letter**

Format Writer’s add, date, receivers add, subject, salutation, complimentary close.

1 mark

Content – Uncovered manholes, frequent accidents

- Can be lethal for all persons, especially small children.

- Causes bad smell, pollution, breeding area for mosquitoes
- Lack of street light adds to the woes and difficulties.
- Authorities should take action. 3 marks

Expression – Coherence and relevance, grammar and spellings 2 marks

**OR**

Format Writer’s add, date, receivers add, subject, salutation, complimentary close.  
1 mark

Content – Introduction reference to the advertisement

Complete Bio data 3 marks

Expression – Coherence and relevance, grammar and spellings 2 marks

**6.**

Format 1 mark

Content- 4 marks

Report animal abuse if you see it

Understand the link between animal cruelty and abuse

Teach children to respect animals

Volunteer to help animals

Support law that promotes kindness to animals

Expression – Coherence, relevance, 2.5 marks

Spellings, grammatical accuracy 2.5 marks

**OR**

Format 1 mark

Content- 4 marks.

One can find coaching centers in every nook and corner - Teachers and parents have equally promoted their growth - coaching institutes boast of guaranteed success rate - publish inflated numbers every year in leading newspapers and magazines - Education is a natural process of learning that should not be forced upon the students.- institutes provide professional teachers - necessary material required for preparation - provide a competitive environment - exams are conducted by them to help the students evaluate themselves on a regular - charge high amount of fees and sometimes provide sub-standard teachers to the students -to choose the right institute is of prime importance - decision should not be hasty .

Expression – Coherence, relevance, 2.5 marks

Spellings, grammatical accuracy 2.5 marks

**7. Format – Title 1 mark**

Introduction

- Outdoor games make us active, agile and alert
- Exchange of ideas and thoughts
- Social circle is broadened
- More joyful than sitting alone on computers and chatting 4 marks

Expression – Relevance and coherence 2.5 marks

Grammar and Spellings 2.5 marks

**OR**

8. a) Poet's mother looked pale and wan. She was very old 1 mark

b) The fear of ageing and ultimate death / separation 1 mark

c) She has lost her shining skin and strength and was like the hazy, obscure winter moon. 1 mark

d) My Mother at Sixty-Six, Kamla Das 1 mark

**OR**

a) Shakespeare and his work are of no use to slum children 1 mark

b) The map does not depict their own world of narrow lanes. 1 mark

c) They lived like rats in their cramped holes. 1 mark

d) Their future is foggy and uncertain. Their birth, life and death – all are enveloped by darkness. 1 mark

**9 (4x3= 12 marks)**

9 a) selfless dedication- helped in the inception of school- 40 years of meritorious service- made people conscious of imp. of their lang and national identity.

b) Basically kind trusting and compassionate – wanted peddler to enjoy – be at peace – did not want to turn away a guest on Christmas eve – kind gesture to reform the peddler.

c) Ill lit, ill-ventilated, unhygienic, dingy hovels – high temp. – bends back of young children –loss of vision – become old before time.

d) Dr. Sadao trained to talk to patients – to comfort them – elicit response. Ironical – as the soldier/sailor is an enemy - Sadao saves his life.

e) Jo finds mum stupid – mum should not have spanked wizard - wants Skunk to get back smell of roses – mum to be punished – as insensitive , cruel, unfair

f) Hair cut by enemies of unskilled captured warriors – short hair worn by mourners – shingled hair by cowards - indecent, undignified

### **10. Value points**

An illiterate – did not give – tenacity of resolution bore fruit – able to bring Gandhiji – good example of grit and determination – key to success – high achievement –optimism – persistence always yields positive result – leads to encouragement, enlightenment and inspiration – grit and determination – dynamic and action oriented.

### **OR**

Effect – author – unable to forget terrifying memories of childhood – robbed him of confidence – develop life long complex – leads to major health and mental problems – constant feeling of fear

Suggestions – deliberate planned effort – understanding of self and people – setting up of school committee for monitoring – support of parents and community – awareness among children to understand and report bullying

### **11. Value points**

Both belong to poor families – Jansie practical and realistic – ready to work in a biscuit factory – advices Sophie not to day dream – can't be a manager – father will not allow

Sophie – not practical – dreamer – dreams of wonderful shop – wants to become an actress or fashion designer – looking for something sophisticated and fancy full – over ambitious and wavering mind

### **OR**

Derry's behavior – avoids seeing and meeting people – as people afraid/avoid to look at him – ugly – call him poor boy – hates to talk to people – people unsympathetic and cruel

Mr. Lamb's behavior – loves to meet and talk to people – garden house open to all children – children tease him – make fun of him – Mr. Lamb not troubled – not afraid and shy of his physical impairment

### **12. Value points**

- Marner – compared to a spider weaving a web.
- When he loses gold – feels helpless – likened to an ant

- Silas tries to rehabilitate – a new emerging plant
- His relationship with Eppie – flower in bloom

**OR**

Ending happy – just in away – Griffen dies – Marvel becomes rich with stolen money – Sad and not just – because Griffen dies – Marvel should not have become rich with the stolen money – Griffen misuses his powers – creates terror – harms – steals – Kemp could also misuse the research – happy ending if Griffen had realized his mistake

### **13. Value points**

- Eppie comes as a touch of cheer – toddles in Sila’s cottage when she was two after her mother’s death.
- Has golden curls which Silas fantasized as return of his lost gold
- Loveable – accepts Silas as her father
- Fond of outdoors – persuades Silas to grow a garden – affectionate to animals
- Her sense of responsibility and gratitude to Silas remain constant and wavering. OR

Both scientists – different approach – Griffen does not think about humanity – preoccupied with himself and his research – disconnects himself with everyone – overambitious – selfish – isolated from others.

Kemp – caring attitude – reflected in his actions – he asks the housemaids to keep themselves locked irrespective of anything – apprise ,warns, and advises all about the invisible man’s intensions – money is not a value – become reason for someone’s isolation or evil acts