

MARKING INSTRUCTIONS AND MODEL ANSWERS

Maximum Marks	80
Time Allowed	3 hours
Subject	English (Core)
Class	XII

SECTION – A: Reading Comprehension

1. (i)

- (a) (A) Cataract
- (b) (C) The eye lens becomes pink.
- (c) (D) Both (A) and (B)
- (d) (C) Sun
- (e) (D) Pain in joints
- (f) Because of hereditary defects.
- (g) Smoke inhaled carries substances that cause internal eye injuries.
- (h) No. It increases the risk of cataract.
- (i) Skin Cancer
- (j) Cataract

(ii)

- (a) (B) Village
- (b) (A) ill-treated
- (c) (C) He told the man to forgive the other person.
- (d) (C) From within
- (e) (A) Yes
- (f) It takes more courage to forgive than to seek revenge.
- (g) Wisdom and ability to solve any problem
- (h) Because he thought that people would think that he is weak/ Because someone has wronged him
- (i) By forgiving others
- (j) Power of Forgiveness

2.

Title: History of Kites

I. Origin

1. Chinese

1.1. flat

1.2. rectangular

1.3. used to keep away evil spirits

1.4. mythical and legendary figures

1.5. strings & whistles

2. Tibetan

1.1. to make rain

II. Modern Times

1. meteorological investigations

1.1. sending instruments on kites

1.2. taking readings of temp., speed, direction, humidity, ap.

2. Benjamin Franklin

2.1. American scholar & statesman

2.2. experiment done in 1752

a. sent kite up during thunderstorm

b. to prove – lightning caused by electcty.

c. produced sparks at ground level from key on wet line

2.3. Second investigator died

3. Military operations

III. Thermograph

1. 1894

2. self-reading thermometer

Key:

1. rectanglr. - Rectangular
2. Mythlgcl.- Mythological
3. Meteorlgcl. - Meteorological
4. Temp. - Temperature
5. A.p. - Air pressure
6. Electcty. - Electricity

Title: History of Kites

3. (i)

Points should be awarded in the following manner:

Format – 1 mark

Name of the School

NOTICE

Date

Heading

[details]

Signature of Issuing Authority

Designation of Issuing Authority

- 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:

Government Senior Secondary School, Haluwas

NOTICE

2 March 2024

AN EXCURSION TO AGRA

The school is organizing an excursion to Taj Mahal in the coming autumn holidays. Interested students must deposit Rupees two thousand per head to the undersigned latest by 10 March 2024. The school will meet all the travelling and hoarding expenses.

ABC

ABC

Head Boy / Head Girl

(ii)

Points should be awarded keeping the following instructions in mind:

Format – 1 mark

- 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 vehicle- make, model, run 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.

Format:**Theme/Heading**

[details]

Contact details**Details:**

- The advertisement should use only a few words.
- The advertisement must be bounded by a box having eye-catching headings.
- Pictures are not necessary.

Model Answer:

Saundarya Cosmetics Ltd.

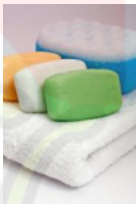
Clean and Fair Soap

Available in **THREE** flavours!!!

- ✓ Lovely fragrance of jasmine and lily.
- ✓ Exquisite purity
- ✓ Removes pimples and dirt.
- ✓ For all skin type.
- ✓ Remove other impurities of skin.

Clear and shining skin in one week, totally nourished and transformed your skin in one use.

Lily Beauty Bath, clear skin pores, make your skin glow.



(iii)

Points should be awarded keeping the following instructions in mind:

Format – 1

<p>Name of the Organisation</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>organizes</i></p> <p>Theme/Heading</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>[contents with pictures and slogan]</i></p> <p>Issuing Authority</p>
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Content - 3

- ‘Save Girl Child’ or other slogans
- Highlight the importance of successful girls and women in the society
- Point out the detrimental effects of bad sex ratio and taboos and superstitions about girl child and biological structures
- 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

4. (i)

Points should be awarded keeping the following instructions in mind:

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

Content 2

Suggested value points

- Defining the diversity of India and upholding its Ethnic Diversity
- Importance of Festivals in any religion or tribal group
- Examinee’s favourite festival
- 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

MODEL ANSWER

Diwali is my favourite festival. It is the festival of lights; it is celebrated in all parts of our country. A few days before Diwali, people clean their houses and shops and get them whitewashed. On Diwali day, people decorate their houses. On the night of Diwali, lamps are lit in every village, town and city. All the houses, shops and buildings are illuminated with earthen lamps, candles and electric bulbs. Children move about in their best clothes. People exchange sweets and gifts. Children spend money in buying sweets, toys and crackers. At night people worship 'Laxmi', the goddess of wealth. Diwali is a festival of joy. On this day everyone is happy.

Report

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

Environment Unfriendly Polybags

By: Amarjeet, Staff Reporter
The National Herald

Bhiwani, 24 October 2023: The government had banned the production and use of plastic bags in our state. But unfortunately, these are now being widely used again everywhere. Not only are we using a huge number of polybags daily but we are also discarding them in our drains uncaring about the fact that they will block the flow of drain water. Polybags are also a threat to our environment. They cause pollution, kill wildlife and are responsible for using up the natural resources of the earth. They are one of the main factors that litter the landscape. If burnt, they will infuse the surrounding air with toxic fumes.

The main problem of plastic bags is that they are non-biodegradable. The decomposition of plastic takes around a thousand years, so with the plastic rubbish produced each day it is likely that this problem will never be solved. While the government works out ways to lessen the impact of polybags on the environment each one of us too should shoulder some responsibility for this problem that ultimately harms us all.

5.(i)

Points should be awarded keeping the following instructions in mind:

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.

Sender's Address

---Leave a blank line---

Date [Format of date: {Name of Month} DD, YYYY or DD {Name of Month} YYYY]

---Leave a blank line---

Receiver's Address

---Leave a blank line---

Subject

---Leave a blank line---

Salutation

-----[Content]-----

---Leave a blank line---

Complimentary Close

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

Model Answer:

147 Mayur Vihar
New Delhi

11 April 20xx

The Editor
Hindustan Times
New Delhi

Subject: Evoking Awareness towards Solar Energy

Respected Sir

Through the columns of your reputed newspaper, I wish to make the people aware of the growing need and demands of solar power. We all know that our earth is showing signs of a patient in declining health and it is due to excessive pollution on our planet. Man has a desire to live a luxurious life and for that, he is over consuming electricity. He doesn't realize that overuse would exhaust the treasure. We must conserve electricity which is the need of the hour.

But this conversion can only be done if we start using solar power systems. Various kinds of solar systems like solar cookers, solar lanterns, solar heating and cooking system, solar water heater, etc., are available in the market.

These solar systems are non-polluting. They are economical and are available in different sizes. So, I request you to publish this letter in your newspaper to make people aware of the need of conserving electricity and limiting electricity bills. Public must pay attention to the dire need of switching over to solar energy.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely
Divyansh

(ii)

B – 94
Fort Road
Jammu XXXXXX
22 March 2017
The Managing Director(ICI)
B – 12.
Barakhamba Road
New Delhi 1100XX

Dear Sir,
Subject: Application for the post of Accounts Officer

This is in response to your advertisement in The Times of India of 21 March. I wish to apply for the same as I have the requisite qualification and experience. My resume is enclosed herewith for your kind perusal and consideration. I can assure you that if selected, I shall prove to be an asset to your company.

Yours faithfully
Nimmi Dhar

RESUME

Name : Nimmi Dhar
Mother's Name : Sheela Dhar
Father's Name : Ashok Dhar
Date of Birth : 10th April 1990
Sex : Female
Marital Status : Married
Permanent Address : B – 94, Fort Road. Jammu
Address for Correspondence : C2/8 Janak Pun, New Delhi 1100XX
Educational Qualifications : B. Com. (Hons), Kalinga University, Jammu
Job Experience : 5 years in Alcove Chemical Industries New Delhi
Reference : Ranvir Mehta, In-charge, Accounts Division, Alcove chemical Industries New Delhi

SECTION – C: GRAMMAR

6.(i)

- (a) (A) had died
- (b) (B) am
- (c) (A) obey

(ii)

- (a) (A) was
- (b) (C) is given
- (c) (D) their

(iii)

- (a) (D) ×
- (b) (C) The
- (c) (A) the, the

(iv)

- (a) (C) The robbery was being cried over by the man.
- (b) (D) The life of the drowning kid was being saved by the rescuers.
- (c) (A) Tea will be taken by Sharmila.

(v)

- (a) (B) should
- (b) (A) Would
- (c) (D) must

[Liver Cirrhosis or Cirrhosis of Liver is a life-threatening condition in which liver has scar tissues leading to permanent damage to liver. This leads to liver failure.]

7.(i)

- (a) (B) shock
- (b) (B) Alphonse Daudet
- (c) (B) The Last Lesson
- (d) (C) Sad
- (e) (D) All of these

(ii)

- (a) (B) An Indian Woman's *Suhaag*
- (b) (D) Both (A) and (B)
- (c) (A) Old Lady
- (d) (D) Shirt
- (e) (A) Anees Jung

8.(i) When Douglas grew up, he took the help of an instructor to learn swimming. His training went on from October to April. For three months he was taken across the pool with the help of a rope. As he went under, terror filled him and his legs froze. The instructor taught him to exhale under water and inhale through raised nose. He made him kick his legs to make them relax. Then he asked him to swim. He continued swimming from April to July. Still all terror had not left. He swam two miles across Lake Wentworth and the whole length to the shore and back of Warm Lake. Then he overcame his fear of water.

(ii) Sophie belongs to a lower middle class family. She is an escapist and has wild dreams. She dreams of things she can't have in real life. Jansie tells her that boutique needs a lot of money. Sophie knows that the family doesn't have money. She says, "If ever I came into money, I'll buy a boutique." Even little Derek understands her unrealistic nature.

Geoff's occupation reflects their socio-economic background. He is an apprentice mechanic. He travels to his work each day to the far side of the city. His jacket is shapeless. Her father lacks sophistication. He is a heavy breathing man. He sits in his vest at the table. He grunts and tosses one of little Derek's shoes from his chair on to the sofa. There is stove in the same room where dirty washing is piled in a corner. Sophie's father goes to pub on his bicycle. All these indicators confirm their lower middle-class family background.

9.(i) The story begins with Lagerlöf describing the general circumstances of the vagabond. He is a man who wanders from farm to farm, through towns and along country roads, begging, stealing, and bartering to meet his basic needs. When he is able to scrounge the materials, he makes rat traps out of wire and attempts

to sell them. Edla speaks on behalf of the vagabond, she says to her father, "I don't think we ought to chase away a human being whom we have asked to come here, and to whom we have promised Christmas cheer" It is this very hospitality that gives the vagabond the confidence to return the money.

(ii) In Patna, Shukla led Gandhiji to the house of a lawyer, Rajendra Prasad. He was out of town but his servants knew Shukla as a poor peasant who pestered Rajendra Prasad (their master) to help the indigo sharecroppers. So he was allowed to stay there with his companion. But Gandhiji was not permitted to draw water from the well lest he be an untouchable and some drops of water from his bucket pollute the entire source.

(iii) Kothamangalam Subbu succeeded in securing the place closest to The Boss by means of flattery. He was not brilliant but a rather cheerful person and exceedingly loyal to The Boss. He offered solutions whenever The Boss was in a fix. Thus, the other employees considered him No.2 in Gemini Studios.

(iv) Yes, Umberto Eco, in all possibilities, likes being interviewed. He readily answers every question asked by Mukund Padmanabhan in an energetic and lively manner. He does not seem apprehensive about sharing his secrets, experiences and opinions with the interviewer, and consequently, the world. There is no indication throughout the interview that he dislikes being interviewed.

10. (i)

- (a) (C) John Keats
- (b) (B) A Thing of Beauty
- (c) (B) A Thing of Beauty
- (d) (A) A shady place
- (e) (A) A Thing of Beauty

(ii)

- (a) (B) Pablo Neruda
- (b) (A) Keeping Quiet
- (c) (D) All of these
- (d) (D) Both (A) and (B)
- (e) (C) Walk in shade with their enemies (brothers)

11.(i) The poet describes her mother's ageing face and her reaction to it without the slightest bit of hesitation. She compares her mother's face to that of a corpse. She compares her mother's face with that of the moon on a winter night. This image is not morbid but pleasant. However, both images are used to signal the end of something. The corpse more directly addresses the issue of human life coming to an end.

(ii) Aunt Jennifer has led her life like a slave under the cruel dominance of her husband. She has no liberty. She has to continue to her slavish routine of embroidery. On the other hand, the tigers painted by her look very chivalric, sleek and brave. They are not afraid of human beings. The tigers will go on prancing across the screen even after Aunt Jennifer's death. Thus the tigers created by her are immortal.

(iii)

The roadside stand was set up by the rural folks for selling some ordinary things of daily use. Among them they offered wild berries in wooden quarts. There were crooked-necked gourds with silvery hard lumps but the city folk did not stop to purchase these items.

12. (i) The Maharaja of Pratibandapuram's name was Jung Jung Bahadur. But he came to be known as the Tiger King. When he was born, the Chief astrologer made a prophecy that his death would be caused by a tiger. He should remain very careful of the hundredth tiger. So the Maharaja was forced to start the

campaign of killing tigers in self-defence. He started hunting tigers at the age of twenty. His campaign was a great success. Within ten years, he killed seventy tigers. As a result of it, the jungles of his own state left no tiger at all. Then he married a girl from a royal family, in whose state had a large number of tigers. Then he started hunting tigers in the forests of his father-in-law's state. Very soon he killed ninety nine tigers, just one short of the required one hundred. The hundredth tiger was the wooden tiger toy that the king had given to his son on his third birthday present. It caused his death.

(ii) Charley saw on the third level that there were fewer ticket windows. The rooms were there smaller. There the lights were dim. They flickered because they were open flame gas lights. There were lying brass spittons on the floor. Everyone on the third level dressed like 1890's. Men had beards, side whiskers, and fancy men's moustaches. The locomotives stood there were very small. A news boy had copies of a newspaper 'The World' that had not been published for years. It was a June 11, 1894 edition. Charley turned towards the ticket windows. From there he could know that he could buy tickets for any where in the United States. He decided to buy two tickets for Galesburg. But he found that only old style currency were accepted to buy tickets. Charley had to come back from there in order to have old style currency. But the next day he could not find the Third Level.

13. (i) The Tiger King got a wooden toy-tiger as a birthday present for his son. The father and the son played with the wooden tiger. Its surface was rough. One of the silver piercings pierced the Maharaja's right hand. After a few days, infection spread over his arm. He was operated by three expert surgeons, but it could not save the king. At last the king died. Thus, the hundredth tiger (Wooden tiger) took revenge upon the king.

(ii) The General had his own selfish interest in sparing the American soldier. He knew Dr. Sadao was indispensable to him and did not want him to be arrested. He did not trust other surgeons. In his capacity as a General he should have had the American soldier arrested but he refrained from it in his personal self-interest.

(iii) Derry's brief association with Mr. Lamb changed him from a bitter, pessimistic and completely ridden boy to a mature and a confident person. His attitude towards life underwent a transformation. He got encouraged by Mr. Lamb's unending enthusiasm and unceasing zeal to live life. Thus, Mr. Lamb's unfailing optimism helped transform Derek completely. Mr. Lamb's conversation with him about everything and everybody being essentially the same, his notion of beauty being relative, his talk about pretty girls and love, his concept of the world and friendship and the incident of the timid man, all fascinated and inspired Derek. Gradually he was able to shed his old self and rediscover life. He was able to experience the joy of little things of life like rain drops falling pitter-patter on the roof. He even told his mother, "You shouldn't believe all you hear." Thus, Derek's brief association with Mr. Lamb changed Derry's life.

(iv) Tishani Doshi's entire experience of visiting Antarctica was nothing short of a revelation. It made her wonder about the "beauty of balance in play on our planet". She hopes the new generation will understand their planet better and save it from annihilation. The planet's ecosystem and its balance that took millions of years to form can be soon destroyed. Scientists warn that a further depletion in the ozone layer will affect the activities of the phytoplankton. The lives of the marine animals and birds of the region will be affected. But the school students' visit to the Antarctica may make human beings handle their planet in a better way.