

Board of Secondary Education Rajasthan, Ajmer
Syllabus for the Examination - 2024
Class - XI
Subject : ENGLISH Literature (Optional) (20)

Time : 3.15 Hours

Marks : 100

Areas of Learning	Marks
Reading (An unseen passage and a poem)	20
Writing	20
Textbook : WOVEN WORDS	30
Drama : JULIUS CAESAR	10
Fiction : THE GUIDE	10
Literary Terms : Elegy, Epic, Sonnet, Ode, Lyric, Ballad, Satire, Fiction, Melodrama, Monologue	05
Figures of Speech : Simile, Metaphor, Alliteration, Onomatopoeia, Personification, Paradox, Oxymoron, Euphemism, Epithet, Antithesis	05

- 1. Reading (an unseen passage and a poem) 20**
 - (a) A passage for comprehension with some exercise and vocabulary of about 300 words. 12
 - (b) An extract from a poem of about 14-15 lines questions will be such as word formation and inferring word meaning and explanation or summary of it. 08
- 2. Writing 20**
 - (a) An essay out of three on argumentative/discursive/reflective/or descriptive topic (150 words) 07
(Students should be taught all kinds of essays. Anyone can be asked)
 - (b) A composition such as an article, a report, a speech (100 words) 07
(Students should be taught all kinds of compositions. Anyone can be asked)
 - (c) Formal Letters/applications and Informal letters. 06
(Formal letters : to the editor giving suggestions, opinions on an issue of social or public interest. Informal letters; personal letters.
(Students should be taught all kinds of letters. Anyone can be asked)

3. Text for detailed study : Woven Words	30
Prose	
(a) A passage for comprehension of about 150 words from the text-book with short answer type questions testing deeper inter-pretation and drawing inferences.	1×6=06
(b) Two textual questions out of three (in about 80 words)	2×4=08
(c) Two short answer type textual questions out of three (60 words)	2×3=06
Poetry	
(a) One extract from the prescribed poems for comprehension and literary interpretation.	04
(b) Two out of three questions on the prescribed poems for appreciation to be answered in 60-80 words.	06
4. Drama : Julius Caesar	10
One out of two questions to be answered in about 150 words to test the evaluation of characters, events and episodes.	
5. Fiction : The Guide	10
(a) One textual question to be answered in about 75 words for interpersonal relationship.	06
(b) Two out of three textual short answer type questions to be answered in about 40 words on content, events and episodes.	04
6. Literary Terms	05
Elegy, Epic, Sonnet, Ode, Lyric, Ballad, Satire, Fiction, Melodrama, Monologue.	
7. Figures of Speech	05
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Prescribed Books :

- 1. Textbook : Woven Words**—NCERT Book Published under Copyright.
 - 2. Drama : Julius Caesar**—Board of Secondary Education, Rajasthan, Ajmer
 - 3. Fiction : The Guide**—R.K. Narayan—Board of Secondary Education, Rajasthan, Ajmer
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