

## English Core

One Paper

3 Hours

Marks: 100

1. Reading an unseen passage and poem 20 Marks (35 Periods)

(a) One literary or discursive passage of about 500–600 words followed by short questions 12

(b) A poem of about 15 lines followed by short questions to test interpretation and appreciation 8

2. Writing 20 Marks (30 Periods)

(a) To write an essay on argumentative/discursive topic (150–200 words) 10

(b) To write a composition such as an article, report, speech (150–200 words) 10

3. Applied Grammar 10 Marks (10 Periods)

(a) Editing and error correction of words and sentences 05

(b) Changing the narration of a given input 05

4. Texts for detailed study 40 Marks (100 Periods)

(a) Two passages or extracts followed by short answer type questions for comprehension, interpretation, drawing inferences (4 × 2) 08

(b) Two out of three questions to be answered in 100 words each testing global comprehension (6+6) 12

(c) Five out of six questions to be answered in about 60 words each testing comprehension, characterisation, interpretation (3+3) 4 × 5 = 20

5. Fiction 10 Marks (30 Periods)

(a) One out of two questions to be answered in about 60 words and/or each seeking comments, interpretation 04

(b) One question in about 100 words to test evaluation and appreciation of characters, events, episodes and interpersonal relationships 06