

English Core

Code No. 184

Examination Specifications

CLASS X

SECTION A : READING

20 Marks (30 Periods)

Questions 1 and 2 two unseen passages of total 500 words with a variety of questions including 4 marks for vocabulary.

Only prose passages will be used. One will be factual and the other will be literary.

Passage 1 – 200 words (8 marks) – Four or five comprehension questions 8 marks

Passage 2 – 300 words (12 marks)–Four or five comprehension questions and two questions on vocabulary.

Marks for vocabulary will not exceed 4 marks. 12 marks

SECTION B : WRITING

20 Marks (40 Periods)

3. Letter Writing – One letter based on provided verbal stimulus and context. 8 Marks

Type of letter : Informal: Personal such as to family and friends.

Formal : Letter of complaints, enquiries, requests, applications

4. Writing a short paragraph on a given outline / topic in about 60 words 4 Marks

5. Composition : A short writing task based on a verbal and / or visual stimulus. (diagram, picture, graph, map, chart, table, flow chart etc.) Maximum words 80 8 Marks

SECTION C : GRAMMAR

15 Marks (45 Periods)

Question No. 6–11

A variety of short questions involving the use of particular structures within a context. Test types used will include cloze, gap-filling, sentence-completion, sentence-reordering, dialogue-completion and sentence-transformation (including combining sentences). The Grammar syllabus will include the following areas for teaching:

1. Use of non-finites.
2. Sentence connectors : as, since, while, then, just because, just, until.
3. Clauses with what, where and how.
4. Past Tense.
5. Modals : can, could, may, must, might.

Note : All other areas covered in Class IX will also be tested in Class X as this is an integrated course for this area of learning.

SECTION D : TEXT BOOKS

45 Marks (95 Periods)

First Flight – NCERT Textbook for Class X

Prose 20 Marks

12 & 13 Two extracts from different prose lessons included in Textbook (Approximately 100 words each) 5x2 = 10 Marks

These extracts chosen from different lessons will be literary and discursive in nature Each extract will be of 5 marks. One mark in each extract will be for vocabulary. 4 marks in each passage will be used for testing local and global comprehension besides a question on interpretation.

14. One out of two questions extrapolative in nature based on any one of the prose lessons from Textbook to be answered in about 80 words. 6 Marks

15. One out of two questions on Drama Text (local and global comprehension question) (30–40 words) 4 Marks

Poetry 10 Marks

16. One extract from a poem from the prescribed reader followed by two or three questions to test the local and global comprehension of the set text. 4 Marks

17. Two out of three short answer type questions on interpretation of themes and ideas contained in the poems to be answered in 30–40 words each. 6 Marks

Foot Prints without Feet – NCERT Supplementary Reader for Class X 15 Marks

18. One out of two questions from Supplementary Reader to interpret, evaluate and analyse character, plot or situations occurring in the lessons to be answered in about 100 words. 8 Marks

19. One out of two short answer type questions of interpretative and evaluative nature based on lessons to be answered in 30–40 words 4 Marks

20. One out of two short answer type questions based on factual aspects of the lessons to be answered in 20–30 words. 3 Marks