

ENGLISH CORE (CODE NO. 301)

CLASS - XI

2016-2017

SECTION - A

READING COMPREHENSION

45 Periods

- **Very short answer +/- Short answer and MCQ type questions:**

Two unseen passages (including poems) with a variety of questions including 04 marks for vocabulary such as word formation and inferring meaning. The total range of the 2 passages including a poem or a stanza, should be around 900-1000 words.

1. 550-600 words in length (for note-making and summarising)
2. 350-400 words in length (to test comprehension, interpretation and inference)

An unseen poem of about 28-35 lines.

The passages could be of any one of the following types:

- **Factual passages**, e.g., illustrations, description, reports
- **Discursive passages** involving opinion, e.g., argumentative, persuasive
- **Literary passages** e.g. extracts from fiction, biography, autobiography, travelogue, etc. In the case of a poem, the text may be shorter than the prescribed word limit.

SECTION B

WRITING SKILLS AND GRAMMAR

Writing

60 Periods

Short Answer Questions: Based on notice/ poster/ advertisement

- **Long Answer Questions:** Letters based on verbal/visual input. It would cover all types of letters.
- **Letter types may include:**
 - (a) business or official letters (for making enquiries, registering complaints, asking for and giving information, placing orders and sending replies)
 - (b) letters to the editor (giving suggestions/opinions on an issue)
 - (c) application for a job with a bio-data or resumé
 - (d) letter to the school or college authorities, regarding admissions, school issues, requirements /suitability of courses, etc.
- **Very Long Answer Question:** Composition in the form of article, speech, report writing or a narrative

GRAMMAR

Different grammatical structures in meaningful contexts will be tested. Item types will include gap filling, sentence re-ordering, dialogue completion and sentence transformation. The grammar syllabus will include determiners, tenses, clauses, modals and Change of Voice. These grammar areas will be tested using the following **short answer type and MCQ type questions**.

- Error Correction, editing tasks,
- Re - ordering of sentences,
- Transformation of sentences

SECTION C

LITERATURE AND EXTENDED READING TEXTS

70 Periods

Questions to test comprehension at different levels: literal, inferential and evaluative

1. **Hornbill:** Textbook published by NCERT, New Delhi
2. **Snapshots:** Supplementary Reader published by NCERT, New Delhi

The following have been deleted:

Textbooks

Name of the lessons deleted

Hornbill

1. Landscape of the Soul
2. The Adventure
3. Silk Road
4. The Laburnum Top (Poetry)
5. The Ghat of the only World

Snapshots

- **Very Short Answer Questions** - Based on an extract from poetry to test reference to context comprehension and appreciation.
- **Short Answer Questions** - Based on prose, poetry and plays from both the texts.
- **Long Answer Question** - Based on prescribed texts to test global comprehension and extrapolation beyond the texts to bring out the key messages and values.
- **Long Answer Questions** - Based on theme, plot, incidents or events from the prescribed novels.
- **Long Answer Question** - Based on understanding appreciation, analysis and interpretation of the characters.

Note: Values-based questions may be given as long answers in the writing or literature sections.

Extended Reading Texts (either one)

With a view to inculcate the habit of reading among the students, CBSE has introduced compulsory reading of a Long Reading Text - Novel in the English Core Course which will be evaluated in the Term-end Assessments. Schools can opt for either one of the texts.

Author

- i) **The Canterville Ghost** Oscar Wilde (unabridged 1906 Edition)
- ii) **Up from Slavery** Booker T. Washington (unabridged 2000 Edition)

Assessment of Speaking and Listening Skills (ASL)

45 Periods

It is recommended that speaking and listening skills should be regularly taught in the class.

QUESTION PAPER DESIGN 2016-17

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ENGLISH CORE XI (Code No. 301) Time-3 hours Marks -80+20=100

Typology	Typology of questions/ learning outcomes	MCQ 1 mark	Very Short Answer Question 1 mark	Short Answer Question 3 marks	Short Answer Question 4 marks	Long Answer-1 80 - 100 words 5 marks	Long Answer-2 120-150 words 6 marks	Very Long Answer 150 - 200 words (HOTS) 10 marks	Total marks	Over all %
Reading Skills	Conceptual understanding, decoding, analysing, inferring, interpreting, appreciating ,literary conventions and vocabulary, summarising and using appropriate format/s	6	6	1	-	1	-	-	20	20
Writing Skills and Grammar	Reasoning, appropriacy of style and tone, using appropriate format and fluency inference, analysis, evaluation and creativity, appreciation applying of languages conventions, comprehension using structures integratively, accuracy and fluency	-	10	-	1	-	1	1	30	30
Literary Text books and extended reading text	Recalling, reasoning, appreciating a literary conventions, inference, analysis, evaluation, creativity with fluency	-	3	3	-	-	3	-	30	30
Assessment of Speaking and Listening Skills	Interaction, reasoning, diction, articulation, clarity, pronunciation and overall fluency	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	20	20
	TOTAL	6x1=6	19x1=19	4x3=12	1x4=4	5x5=5	4x6=24	1x10=10	100	100