

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