
CBSE SAMPLE PAPER-02 (2015-16)

Class-12 English Core

Time allowed: 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 100

General Instructions :

- (i) *This paper is divided into three Sections : A, B and C. All the sections are compulsory.*
 - (ii) *Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them faithfully.*
 - (iii) *Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.*
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SECTION - A (Reading) 30 Mark

Read the following passage carefully.

(12 Marks)

1. Suspense was over when my high school results finally came out. But I was upset. I hadn't done as well as I had expected. My father tried to console me. "Why are you worried ? You have done very well my dear." "No, I haven't, Baba," I protested, controlling my tears, and wondering if I had disappointed him. "It doesn't really matter," he assured me. "Do you know what I got when I finished high school ?" I looked into Baba's face and waited for the answer to his own question. "You know," he told me. "I've never told you this. I got just a third division. But, look at me, I've done quite well." Baba got a third division ! I was almost in shock, but the thought of my having done a lot better than that made me realize that I had no reason to complain. I certainly felt better ! "Everything is under control !" said Baba, smiling. That was his favourite phrase. Posted in Kolkata, my father was then a senior official in the Indian Railway Service, and an expert in goods traffic operations. He was soon to become a director with the Railway Board. By the time he retired in 1981, he was general manager of the Central Railways. By the time Baba passed away in November 2000, his name had found place in several hearts as well. He was open, easy to know, and full of life. We were extremely close, but I had so much more to learn about him from many things I came to know after his death.
 2. In September 2000, he was in hospital for treatment of cancer and given just two months to live. When he found out, his reaction was an extremely rational one. He asked me to fetch files from his cupboard, so that he could explain the details of my mother's pension. He also dictated his will from his hospital bed. "Everything is under control !" After Baba's death, Satish, our old family retainer, was inconsolable. We tried to cheer him up. "Your Baba had scolded me only once in all these years !" he cried. Satish pointed to the watch on his left hand. "I had been coming late for work and everyone in the family was complaining about it," said Satish. "Then, one day, your Baba gave me this watch and told me, 'now that you have a watch, you can't be late.'" That was the scolding Satish received. On the fourth day after Baba's death, my sister and I had to perform a ceremony. Since several relatives were expected, we decided to order lunch from a caterer in our locality, reputed for his home cooked food. But, when we went to pay the owner, we got a surprise. He refused to accept any money ! "When I wanted to start my catering business, it was your father who lent me money," he told us. It seems Baba never asked for it back. Now, after four or five years, the caterer wanted to repay that debt. Of course, we made him accept the full payment for the fine food and service. 'It was Baba's gift and it ought to remain so,' I told him.
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- 3 Some days later, there was yet another piece of information as we were preparing for the main ceremony. Vikram, my brother drove me to the local market. On recognizing our car, the parking assistant, in his twenties, came running towards us and asked why he had not seen its owner for long. We had to break the news to him and to our utter surprise, he started crying. We were really surprised by this reaction from a stranger – until the man told us that Baba used to pay his daughter's school fees and buy her books. It seems, it was on my father's advice that he'd even started sending the child to school. More than three years after Baba's death, as we were looking into Baba's personal things, we came across an old file with Baba's certificates and I found among them, his high school diploma from 1937, the one he'd told me about 30 years earlier, about the third division that had made no difference in his life or career. It had made me see beyond mere marks and first classes as the main road to success. But there was one more fact. Baba had actually got a first division, a rare achievement in his day. Today, years after his passing, when I think of Baba, I see a man who was able to sympathise with others so easily and touch their lives in such a special way.

- 1.1 On the basis of your understanding of the passage answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate options. $1 \times 4 = 4$

(a) Why was the narrator in tears when her school results came out ?

- (i) She did better than she expected.
- (ii) She did not do as expected.
- (iii) Her Baba had not done well.
- (iv) Her Baba had done better than her.

(b) On knowing the result, how did the narrator's father react ?

- (i) He scolded her.
- (ii) He beat her.
- (iii) He consoled her.
- (iv) He made fun of her.

(c) Why did the narrator say that she had nothing to complain ?

- (i) She had done better than her father.
- (ii) She had done as well as her father.
- (iii) She had topped in her school.
- (iv) She had not worked hard at all.

(d) Choose the option that is not correct.

- (i) Baba was a senior official in the Indian Railway Service.
- (ii) Baba was to become a director with the Railway Board.
- (iii) Baba was the general manager of the Central Railways.
- (iv) Baba had got a third division in high school

- 1.2 Answer the following : $1 \times 6 = 6$

- (a) Why did the narrator's sick father want her to fetch files from his cupboard ?
- (b) Why did Baba buy Satish a watch ?
- (c) Why did the caterer not want to take money from the narrator ?
- (d) Why were the narrator and her brother surprised on meeting the parking assistant ?
- (e) Today years after his passing away what has the narrator realized about her Baba ?
- (f) What was the story that Baba had invented on the day the narrator's results were published ?

- 1.3 Find words from the passage that mean the same as the following : $1 \times 2 = 2$

- (i) tension/anxiety (para 1)
 - (ii) servant (para 2)
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Q2. Read the following passage carefully.

(10 Marks)

- 1 We often make all things around us the way we want them. Even during our pilgrimages we have begun to look for whatever makes our heart happy, gives comfort to our body and peace to the mind. It is as if external solutions will fulfil our needs, and we do not want to make any special efforts even in our spiritual search. Our mind is resourceful — it works to find shortcuts in simple and easy ways.
 - 2 Even pilgrimages have been converted into tourism opportunities. Instead, we must awaken our conscience and souls and understand the truth. Let us not tamper with either our own nature or that of the Supreme.
 - 3 All our cleverness is rendered ineffective when nature does a dance of destruction. Its fury can and will wash away all imperfections. Indian culture, based on Vedic treatises, assists in human evolution, but we are now using our entire energy in distorting these traditions according to our convenience instead of making efforts to make ourselves worthy of them.
 - 4 The irony is that humans are not even aware of the complacent attitude they have allowed themselves to sink to. Nature is everyone's Amma and her fierce blows will sooner or later corner us and force us to understand this truth. Earlier, pilgrimages to places of spiritual significance were rituals that were undertaken when people became free from their worldly duties. Even now some seekers take up this pious religious journey as a path to peace and knowledge. Anyone travelling with this attitude feels and travels with only a few essential items that his body can carry. Pilgrims traditionally travelled light, on foot, eating light, dried chickpeas and fruits, or whatever was available. Pilgrims of olden days did not feel the need to stay in special AC bedrooms, or travel by luxury cars or indulge themselves with delicious food and savouries.
 - 5 Pilgrims traditionally moved ahead, creating a feeling of belonging towards all, conveying a message of brotherhood among all they came across whether in small caves, ashrams or local settlements. They received the blessings and congregations of yogis and mahatmas in return while conducting the dharma of their pilgrimage. A pilgrimage is like penance or sadhana to stay near nature and to experience a feeling of oneness with it, to keep the body healthy and fulfilled with the amount of food, while seeking freedom from attachments and yet remaining happy while staying away from relatives and associates.
 - 6 This is how a pilgrimage should be rather than making it like a picnic by taking a large group along and living in comfort, packing in entertainment, and tampering with environment. What is worse is giving a boost to the ego of having had a special darshan. Now alms are distributed, charity done while they brag about their spiritual experiences!
 - 7 We must embark on our spiritual journey by first understanding the grace and significance of a pilgrimage and following it up with the prescribed rules and rituals — this is what translates into the ultimate and beautiful medium of spiritual evolution. There is no justification for tampering with nature.
 - 8 A pilgrimage is symbolic of contemplation and meditation and acceptance, and is a metaphor for the constant growth or movement and love for nature that we should hold in our hearts.
 - 9 This is the truth! On the basis of your understanding of the above passage answer the questions that follow with the help of the given options : **1x 2=2**
- (a) How can a pilgrim keep his body healthy ?
- (i) By travelling light
 - (ii) By eating small amount of food
 - (iii) By keeping free from attachments
 - (iv) Both (i) and (ii)
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- (b) How do we satisfy our ego ?
(i) By having a special darshan
(ii) By distributing alms
(iii) By treating it like a picnic
(iv) Both (i) and (ii)

Answer the following as briefly as possible :

1x 6=6

- (c) What change has taken place in our attitude towards pilgrimages ?
(d) What happens when pilgrimages are turned into picnics ?
(e) Why are we complacent in our spiritual efforts ?
(f) How does nature respond when we try to be clever with it ?
(g) In olden days with what attitude did people go on a pilgrimage ?
(h) What message does the passage convey to the pilgrims ?
(i) Find words from the passage which mean the same as the following : **1x 2=2**
(i) made / turned (para 3)
(ii) very satisfied (para 4)

Q3. Read the following passage carefully.

(8 Marks)

Whether work should be placed among the causes of happiness or among the causes of unhappiness may perhaps be regarded as a doubtful question. There is certainly much work which is exceedingly irksome, and an excess of work is always very painful. However, work is not, to most people, more painful than idleness. There are, in work, all grades; from more relief of tedium up to the profoundest delights, according to the nature of the work and the abilities of the worker. Most of the work that most people have to do is not interesting in itself, but even that work has certain great advantages. To begin with, it fills a good many hours of the day without the need of deciding what one shall do. Most people, when they are left free to fill their own time according to their own choice, are at a loss to think of anything sufficiently pleasant to be worth doing. And whatever they decide on, they are troubled by the feeling that something else would have been more pleasant here. To be able to fill leisure intelligently is the last product of civilization and at present very few people have reached this level. Moreover the exercise of choice is tiresome in itself. Except, to people with unusual initiative, it is positively agreeable to be told what to do at each hour of the day, provided the orders are not too unpleasant. Most of the idle rich suffer unspeakable boredom. At times they may find relief by hunting big game in Africa or by flying around the world, but the number of such sensations is limited, especially after youth is past. Accordingly, the more intelligent rich men work nearly as hard as if they were poor.

Work, therefore is desirable, first and foremost as a preventive of boredom, although uninteresting work is as boring as having nothing to do. With this advantage of work, another associated advantage is that it makes holidays much more delicious when they come. Provided that a man does not have to work so hard as to impair his vigour, he is likely to find far more zest than an idle man would possibly find.

The second advantage of most paid work and some of unpaid work is that it gives chances of success and opportunities for ambition. In most work, success is measured by income and while our capitalistic society continues, this is inevitable. However dull work too, becomes bearable, if it is a means of building up a reputation. Continuity of purpose is one of the most essential ingredients of happiness and that comes chiefly through work.

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- A. On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes on it, using headings and sub – headings. Use recognizable abbreviations (wherever necessary – minimum 4) and a format you consider suitable. Also supply an appropriate title to it. (5 Marks)
- B. Write a summary of the passage in about 80 words. (3 Marks)

SECTION B – ADVANCE WRITING SKILLS (30 Marks)

4. An inter class drama competition is to be held in St. Stephens School, Visakapatnam. As Akash, Head Boy of the school draft a notice to be put up on the notice board inviting entries. Provide all necessary information in about 50 words.

OR

You have cleared your IIT Entrance Exam and so want to sell off the reading material you have with you. Write an advertisement to be placed in the 'For Sale' columns of a local daily giving all details of the material you have with you in not more than 50 words. You are Mohan/Mohini. Contact No. 9811111111.

5. You are Ketan Panday of 63, Civil Lines, Delhi. You saw an advertisement in The Hindu for the post of accountant in a reputed firm. Write an application in **120-150** words to the area manager of Gayatri Consultants, 2, Barakhamba Road, New Delhi, giving your detailed biodata.

OR

You are Ravikant, sports teacher of Sunshine Public School, Karol Bagh, Delhi. A month ago you placed an order for the supply of a few sports goods. So far you have not received the goods. Write a letter in **120-150** words to the Sales Manager, Olympic Sports F-12 Darya Ganj, Delhi requesting a speedy delivery of the goods.

6. You are Dikshit, a sportsman, You are worried about the decreasing interest of students in sports and games. Write an article in **150-200** words to be published in a magazine on the need for sports and games. You are Amit/Anita. Use the hints given below.
- sitting most of the time
 - excessive use of internet
 - most don't walk to the school
 - more importance to examination results

OR

The rising prices of essential commodities make life difficult for the common man. As a concerned citizen write an article in **150-200** words on 'Rising Prices'. Suggest solutions to solve this problem. You are Amit/Anita.

7. Outside the gate of your school there are a few food carts. They don't observe strict hygienic standards. You have observed that so many of your students go to them immediately after the school is over. This can create health problems. As Principal write a speech in **150-200** words on 'Healthy Food' to be delivered in the morning assembly.

OR

Today's children are not yet aware of many opportunities awaiting them after they complete their school education. As an academic counsellor give a talk to the students of St Antony's School on the need for career guidance and how knowledge of the available careers can benefit the youth. Write the speech in **150-200** words.

SECTION – C (TEXT BOOKS {FLAMINGO AND VISTAS} and LONG READING TEXT {NOVEL})
(40 Marks)

Literature : Text Books and Long Reading Text

8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :

'It would be an exotic moment
without rush, without engines,
we would all be together
in a sudden strangeness.'

- (a) Which exotic moment is referred to in these lines ? (1)
(b) Why would that moment be strange ? (1)
(c) What does the poet advocate in the poem ? (1)
(d) What does the poet mean by the word, 'engines' ? (1)

OR

And such too is the grandeur of the dooms
We have imagined for the mighty dead;
All lovely tales that we have heard or read;
An endless fountain of immortal drink,
Pouring unto us from the heaven's brink.

- (a) Name the poem. (1)
(b) Who are the 'mighty dead' referred to here ? (1)
(c) What is the endless fountain of immortal drink ? (1)
(d) What does the word, 'brink' mean ? (1)

9. Answer any **four** of the following questions in **30-40** words each : **3 × 4 = 12**

- (a) Why does Jo call the skunk's mommy stupid ?
(b) Why is Raj Kumar Shukla described as being 'resolute' ?
(c) What were the poet's feelings as she drove to Kochi airport ?
(d) Whom did M. Hamel blame for Franz's inability to answer his questions ?
(e) What lesson did Douglas learn when he got rid of his fear of water ?
(f) Which important call did the governor receive when the examination was going on ?

10. Answer the following in **120-150** words : **6**

"It is his *karam*, his destiny" that made Mukesh's grandfather go blind. How did Mukesh disprove this belief by choosing a new vocation and making his own destiny ?

OR

To be grateful is a great virtue of a gentleman. How did the peddler show his gratitude to Edla ?

11. Answer the following in **120-150** words :
What change took place in Derry when he met Mr. Lamb ?

OR

How did the scene she saw in the market place change Bama's life ?

12. Answer the following in **120-150** words :
How did the invisible man meet his associate, Thomas Marvel ? What help did he expect from him ?

OR

How did Dunstan blackmail his brother, Godfrey ?

13. Answer the following in **120-150** words :
After reading the novel, "The Invisible Man", what opinion do you form of Dr. Kemp ?

OR

Attempt a character sketch of Dolly Winthrop.

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Marking scheme and Answers

1. Reading Passage 1

12 marks

NOTE: No mark(s) should be deducted for mistakes in usage and grammar, spelling, or word limit. Full marks may be awarded if a student has been able to identify the core ideas. If a student literally lifts a portion of the given passage as an answer to a question, no mark(s) to be deducted for this as long as it is relevant.

(a) (ii) She did not do as expected.

(b) (iii) He consoled her.

(c) (i) She had done better than her father.

(d) (iv) Baba had got a third division in high school.

– so that he could explain details of mother's pension / he had cancer with 2 months to live

– so that he was not late for work

– father had lent him money to start his catering business / felt grateful to the narrator for what Baba had done for him

– he started crying on learning of the father's death / came to know that father had been helping his daughter by paying for her school fee and books

– he had been a sympathetic man / had been able to touch people's lives in a special way

– that he had got a third division in high school

(i) suspense / upset

(ii) retainer

2. Passage 2

10 marks

(a) (iv) any one of the four options

(b) (iv) any one of the four options

(c) – we look for whatever makes our heart happy, gives comfort to our body and peace to the mind / modern amenities, luxuries and comforts

– we think that external solutions will fulfil our needs

– we do not want to make any special effort even in our spiritual search

– pilgrimages have become tourism opportunities / picnics (any one)

(d) – we tamper with our own nature and with that of the supreme

– we seek comfort, luxury and indulgence

– we become complacent

– we travel with a large group consisting of our relatives, friends and associates

– instead of spiritual upliftment, our egos get a boost

– we fail to understand the grace and significance of a pilgrimage

– we don't aim at spiritual upliftment (any one)

(e) – we often make all things around us the way we want them

– we think that external solutions will fulfil our needs therefore we do not make any special efforts even in our spiritual search

– our mind is resourceful – it works to find shortcuts in simple and easy ways

– we have distorted traditions according to our conveniences (any one)

(f) – we have to face the fierce blows / harsh treatment from nature

– its fury can wash away all imperfections

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- cleverness rendered ineffective(any one)
 - (g) - created a feeling of belonging towards all / conveyed a message of brotherhood
 - conducted the dharma of their pilgrimage
 - took it as a penance or sadhana to stay near nature and to experience a feeling of oneness with it
 - kept the body healthy and fulfilled with frugal meals
 - sought freedom from attachments and yet remain happy away from relatives and associates
 - saw it as a medium of spiritual evolution
 - did not try to pamper themselves with luxuries and material comforts
 - took it as a path to peace and knowledge (any one)
 - (h) - a pilgrimage is symbolic of contemplation, meditation and acceptance
 - a metaphor for the constant growth or movement and love for nature that we should hold in our hearts
 - not to treat a pilgrimage like a picnic
 - to observe austerity in order to experience spiritual upliftment
 - pilgrimage must be treated as a path to peace and knowledge
 - to understand the grace and significance of a pilgrimage
 - to promote brotherhood through a pilgrimage(any one)
 - (i) i) rendered
ii) complacent

3. Passage 3 Note Making and Summary

8 marks

Title - Work: Desirable or Boring

1 mark

Abbreviations : work – wrk. hour – hr., advantage – adv., opportunities – opp.

Positively - +ly., exercise – ex.

1 mark

Notes

3 mark

1. Doing wrk leads to

a)Happiness

b) unhappiness

2. Adv. Of wrk brings relief, delight, compulsive worthwhile input daily, occupied, fills time usefully, feel pleasant, prevents boredom, makes holidays more important & zestful, provides chances of success ,good opportunities, fulfillment of ambition, sound income, continuity of purpose

3. Disadv of wrk

Unspeakable boredom, waste of time, something out of compulsion

4. Wrk – desirable – for complete happiness

Summary

3 marks

Coherence, spellings, grammar, sequence, correct understanding of the content, punctuation

SECTION B: ADVANCED WRITING SKILLS

NOTE: The objective of the section on Advanced Writing Skills is to test a candidate's writing ability. Hence, expression assumes as much importance as the content of the answer.

4 NOTICE

Format

The format should include: NAME OF THE INSTITUTION (ISSUING AUTHORITY) / NOTICE / TITLE, DATE, and WRITER'S NAME WITH DESIGNATION. The candidate should not be penalized if he has used capital letters for writing a notice within or without a box.

1 mark

Content

2 marks

Expression

1 mark

4 Suggested value points

[INTERCLASS DRAMA COMPETITION]

- what - interclass drama competition
- when - day, date, time
- where - venue
- entries to be made
- to whom - by when
- any other relevant details

OR

4 ADVERTISEMENT

Content

2 marks

Expression

2 marks

Suggested value points

[IIT READING MATERIAL FOR SALE / FOR SALE / any other]

- details of reading material
- condition
- expected price
- contact number
- any other relevant details(due credit should be given for economy of words used)

5 LETTER WRITING

[Note: - No marks are to be awarded if only the format is given. Credit should be given for the candidate's creativity in presentation of ideas. Use of both the traditional and the new format is permitted.]

Format

1. sender's address, 2. date, 3. receiver's address, 4. subject / heading, 5. salutation, 6. complimentary close

1 mark

Content

3 marks

Expression

grammatical accuracy, appropriate words and spelling [1]

coherence and relevance of ideas and style [1]

2 marks

(APPLICATION FOR THE POST OF ACCOUNTANT)

Suggested value points

- details of education, qualifications and experience
- express desire to work
- detailed bio data
- any other relevant details

OR

5 (DELAY IN DELIVERY OF SPORTS GOODS)

Suggested Value Points

- reference to the order placed (order details)
 - mention about the delay
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- request for speedy delivery
 - any other relevant points

6 ARTICLE

Format (title and writers" name)

1 mark

Content

4 marks

Expression

grammatical accuracy, appropriate words and spelling [2½]

coherence and relevance of ideas and style [2½]

5 marks

Suggested Value Points

(NEED FOR SPORT AND GAMES/ any other suitable heading)

- improves physical and mental health
 - learns to work in a team
 - inculcates discipline
 - increases self confidence
 - no games leads to obesity, diabetes and other health problems
 - sensitise parents
- (any other relevant details)

OR

Suggested Value Points

(RISING PRICES / any other suitable heading)

- life difficult for common people

Reasons

- increase in cost of production and transportation / inflation

Suggestions

- provide commodities at a subsidised rate to BPL
- strict control of essential commodities
- hoarders to be penalized (any other relevant details)

7 SPEECH

Format (opening address and conclusion)

1 mark

Content

4 marks

Expression

grammatical accuracy, appropriate words and spelling [2½]

coherence and relevance of ideas and style [2½]

5 marks

Suggested Value Points

(HEALTHY FOOD)

The problem

- a few food carts selling unhygienic food to students
- this may create health problems

Suggestions

- keeping the surroundings clean
 - regular inspection
 - effective waste management
 - creating awareness
- (any other relevant details)

OR

Suggested value points:

(CAREER GUIDANCE)

- many children unaware of opportunities available to them
- knowing options helps them to choose
- able to take independent decisions regarding future
- need not succumb to peer and parental pressure
- decisions should be one's own
- any other relevant details

SECTION C: LITERATURE (TEXT BOOKS AND LONGREADING TEXT)

NOTE: The objective of the section on Literature is to test a candidate's ability to understand and interpret the prescribed text through short and long answer type questions. Hence both content and expression in answers to the given questions deserve equal importance while awarding marks.

- 8 [This question has been designed to test the students' understanding of the text and their ability to interpret, evaluate and respond to the questions based on the given extract. In other words, it attempts to test their reading comprehension ONLY.]

Value points:

- (a) moments when everyone keeps quiet and there are no movements 1 mark
- (b) no rush or engines / it will happen for the first time / it will bring the whole humanity together
- (c) think before you act / introspect / save mankind from disaster / keep quiet for 12 seconds and introspect 1 mark
- (d) machines / automobiles / factories etc. 1 mark

OR

- (a) A Thing of Beauty 1 mark
- (b) our ancestors / the people we respect / great people of the world 1 mark
- (c) stories told to us as children and interesting books we have read / all things of beauty which sustain mankind
- (d) an edge at the top / the point of onset / any other similar and relevant meaning 1 mark

- 9 Short answer type questions

Distribution of marks:

Content:

2 marks

Expression (deduct $\frac{1}{2}$ a mark for two or more grammatical/spelling mistakes) 1 mark

Value points:

- (a) mommy hit the wizard and forced him to change the skunk's smell / Jo thought mommy was stupid because if the skunk smells bad he would have no friends - moreover the wizard was hero to the little girl / mommy couldn't understand why Roger skunk wanted to change his smell (any one)
 - (b) had come to Congress session to complain about injustice of landlord system in Bihar
 - asked to speak to Gandhi
 - Gandhi told him of his appointments in Cawnpore and other parts of India
 - Shukla accompanied him everywhere including his ashram near Ahmedabad
 - did not leave Gandhiji's side for weeks begging him to fix a date for Champaran
 - Gandhiji impressed asked him to meet him in Calcutta on a particular date and take him from there
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- after months, on appointed date Gandhiji found him waiting at appointed spot and finally accompanied R K Shukla to Champaran (any two)
 - (c) she watched her mother – dozing open-mouthed
 - the thought that she looked old and withered – disturbed the poet
 - she wondered whether her mother would still be alive on her return
 - her childhood fears haunted her (any one)
 - (d) Hamel blamed the parents who sent the children to work instead of sending them to school
 - he also blamed himself for making them water the plants and giving them a holiday when he wanted to go fishing
 - he blamed the students for delaying the learning of their lessons (thinking that there was plenty of time) (any one)
 - (e) the experience taught him that what we have to fear is fear itself and if that fear is overcome we can achieve anything we want
 - (f) the first call was from the university regarding a correction slip which was not sent with the question paper
 - the second call was supposedly from the magistrate's office requesting for a van and two prison officers
- Q10 & 11 [These questions have been set to test the students' understanding of the text and their ability to interpret, evaluate and respond to the issues raised therein. Hence no particular answer can be accepted as the only correct answer. All presentations may be accepted as equally correct provided they have been duly supported by the facts drawn from the text. The important thing is that the student should be able to justify his or her viewpoint.]

10 Distribution of marks:

Content 3 marks

Expression

grammatical accuracy, appropriate words and spelling [1½]

coherence and relevance of ideas and style [1½]

Value points

3 marks

Mukesh decided to become a motor mechanic

- had the courage to break free from the family lineage of bangle making
- had seen his parents and others suffer because of the vicious circle of poverty and exploitation
- was ready to walk a long distance to reach the garage to learn the vocation of car mechanic (any three points)

OR

- 10 Edla knew that her father was mistaken when he invited the peddler home thinking that he was his long lost friend – knowing that he was a complete stranger and not a straight-forward man
- she invited him home and gave him food, shelter and clothes
 - she begged her father not to send him away on Christmas eve when his real identity was discovered
 - her kindness and sympathy brings out the goodness in the tramp
 - he leaves a packet for her as Christmas gift – it contains a rat trap and three ten kroner notes stolen from the crofter and a letter in which he signs himself as captain
 - it was her concern and care which changed a tramp into a dignified captain (any three points)
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- 11 Distribution of marks:
- Content: 3 marks
- Expression
- grammatical accuracy, appropriate words and spelling [1½]
- coherence and relevance of ideas and style [1½]
- Value Points: 3 marks
- Lamb teaches Derry to look at the world and love and admire everything he sees and hears
- encourages him to make friends with people and not be bothered by their comments
 - reminds him that he can live a normal life as he has two legs, two hands, eyes, ears and a brain
 - warns him against hating people
 - in spite of his handicap Lamb lives a normal independent life
 - his life and attitude attracts Derry
 - he is determined to live and face the world boldly
 - becomes more confident of himself
 - knows his mind now
 - gets rid of „self-pity“ habit
- (any three points)

Q12 & Q 13 – Long Reading Text – Silas Marner / The Invisible Man

[NOTE: Accept any answer that correlates with the novel and seems relevant]

- 12 Distribution of marks:
- Content: 3 marks
- Expression
- grammatical accuracy, appropriate words and spelling [1½]
- coherence and relevance of ideas and style [1½]
- Value Points: 3 marks
- after his escape from the inn, the invisible man comes across Marvel, a local tramp
- they strike a conversation but when Marvel couldn't see anyone he blamed his drunken state and thought he was hallucinating
 - the invisible man realises that Marvel is also an outcast like him and explains that he needed help
 - he promises to reward Marvel if he aids him
 - he wants Marvel to accompany him to Iping and help him to get back his clothes, books and stuff
- (any three points)
- 13 Distribution of marks:
- Content: 3 marks
- Expression
- grammatical accuracy, appropriate words and spelling [1½]
- coherence and relevance of ideas and style [1½]
- (deduct ½ a mark for two or more grammatical/spelling mistakes) 3 marks
- Value points:
- Dr Kemp
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- a scientist living in Port Burdock
 - a tall and slender young man with flaxen hair and a moustache almost white
 - being an ambitious scientist, desiring to get a Fellowship to the Royal Society, made him more focussed, industrious and selfcentred
 - villagers regarded him as a disciplined, solemn, law-abiding citizen
 - idealistic and non interfering
 - former acquaintance of Griffin"s
 - Griffin takes shelter in his house
 - Griffin reveals his true identity and the saga of his misfortune
 - Griffin wants to use Kemp as his secret confederate whom he knew as a former associate of his college
 - known to be interested in bizarre, mysterious and idiosyncratic aspect of science
 - Griffin monologues his plan to Dr Kemp regarding the beginning of a „Reign of Terror" nationwide
 - but Kemp"s qualities of „head and heart" governed by his „sense of sensibility" makes him turn Griffin over to the police
 - Dr Kemp puts his own life in jeopardy when Griffin chases him – Griffin is eventually subdued and killed(any three points)
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