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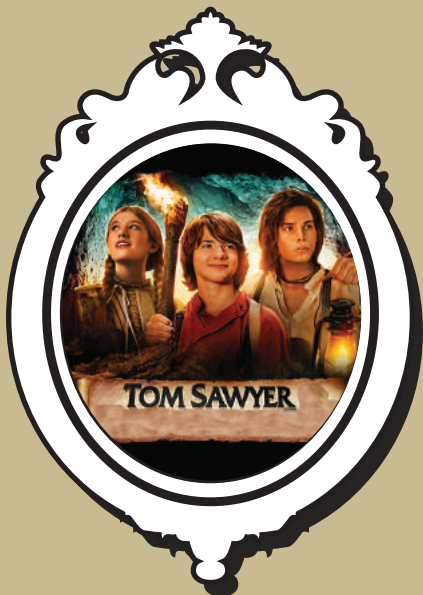
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PREFACE

The revised course book for English standard IX is based on the communicative approach which recognises the importance of developing students' competence to express themselves fluently, confidently and appropriately. The selection of contents has been determined by the students' present and future academic and social needs.

Each unit focuses on inculcating universal human values, gender sensitization and inclusivity. To explore the digital world, ICT Corner is introduced in each unit for the first time in State Board Text Book.



How to use the book

1

- Different types of warm up activities can be used to discuss the theme.
- Make use of the different genres in the text for understanding and appreciating the plot and characterization.
- 'Do You Know' boxes can be used for thinking beyond the texts.

2

- Facilitate the children to enjoy and appreciate the poem.
- Encourage the students to practice the situational grammar exercises.
- 'Think and Answer' questions can be used for promoting higher order thinking skills.

3

- Use the listening, speaking, reading and writing activities to support effective learning.
- Open-ended questions in the writing tasks can be used for promoting creative writing.
- 'Project' can be used for developing team spirit and collaborative learning.

4

- Motivate the students to read independently and to explore by accessing resources in the library and other ICT resources.
- Make use of literary and non-literary texts to develop analytical, inferential and evaluative reading strategies.

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