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Secondary School Examination (Class – X) March – 2017

Marking Scheme – English (Language and Literature)

Set – 2/2/1, 2/2/2, 2/2/3

General Instructions

1. The Marking Scheme provides general guidelines to reduce subjectivity in the process of evaluation. The answers given in the Marking Scheme are the suggested answers. The content is thus indicative. If a student has given any answer, which is different from the one given in the Marking Scheme, but conveys the correct meaning, such answer should also be given full weightage.
2. Evaluation is to be done as per the instructions provided in the Marking Scheme. It should not be done according to one's own interpretation or any other consideration. Marking Scheme should be strictly adhered to and religiously followed.
3. If a question has parts, please award marks in the right hand side for each part. Marks awarded to the different parts of the question should then be totaled up and written in the left hand margin and circled.
4. If the question does not have any parts, marks may be awarded in the left-hand margin.
5. If a candidate has attempted any extra question or part, marks obtained in the best question/part should be retained and the other answer should be scored out.
6. In the Marking Scheme, a slash (/) indicates alternative answers; any one such answer is counted as correct.
7. Brackets () indicate optional information; marks may be awarded whether the part in brackets is included or not.
8. Candidates should not be penalized if they do not follow the order of the sections / questions while answering.
9. In questions requiring word limit, no marks are to be deducted for exceeding the word limit.
10. Q. 1, Q. 2 and Q. 8 are meant to test the comprehension of the candidates and not the ability of expression. Full credit should be given for the correct value points, even if the answer is not given in a full sentence.
11. In questions consisting of 2 or more than 2 marks, break-up of marks should be shown separately (as suggested in the Marking Scheme) and then totalled.
12. A full scale of marks 0 to 100 has to be used. Please do not hesitate to award full marks if the answer deserves it.

Marking Scheme

English

SET 1 (2/2/1)

Section-A (Reading Skills)

Q.1. **Objective:** To identify the main points from the text.

8

Marking: 8 marks – 1 mark for each correct answer.

No penalty for spelling, punctuation or grammar mistakes

Answers

- (a) gate/door was always locked
- (b) grey and green
- (c) mangoes /at the mangoes
- (d) ball/ cricket ball
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- (f) kept on complaining/always complained
- (g) a man and a woman
- (h) the woman was quiet/silent/voice of the woman was not heard/I did not hear the woman.

Q.2 . **Marking:** -

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Qs (a) to (d) carry 2 marks each and from (e) to (h) each carry 1 mark each

(a) to worship the photos and idols of our respective religions/stories from mythology/to read The Gita ,Bible and Quran.

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(c) to save our environment and maintain ecological balance; to be progressive in life; to live in harmony with nature; to recognize that there is God in all aspects of nature.(Any two)

(d) fights to remove the obstacle or finds an alternate path

- (e)(ii) advised
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Section-B

(Writing Skills with Grammar)

Q.3. Letter / Article Writing

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LETTER

Objective: - To use an appropriate style and format to write a formal/an informal letter.

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Format - 1 mark

- i. Sender's address
- ii. Date
- iii. Receiver's address
- iv. Subject/Heading
- v. Salutation
- vi. Closing

Content - 2 marks

Expression – 2 marks

- Coherence and relevance of ideas and style – 1 mark
- grammatical accuracy, appropriate words and spelling – 1 mark

Value points : Individual writing the letter - problem –its consequence – solution
(as given in the question)

or

ARTICLE

Format - 1 mark

Title and writer's name

Content - 2 marks

Expression – 2 marks

- Coherence and relevance of ideas and style – 1 mark
- Grammatical accuracy, appropriate words and spelling – 1 mark

Value points : as given in the question paper (Any five)

Q.4. Story Writing

10

Format - 1 mark

Title and moral of the story (1/2+1/2)

Creative Content – 5 marks Expression – 4 marks

- Coherence and relevance of ideas and style – 2 marks
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Suggested Value Points:

(The outline is given in the question paper)

Q.5. Objective: To use grammatical items accurately and appropriately.

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(a) iii. came

b) i. very

c) iii. nor

Q.6. Objective: To use grammatical items accurately and appropriately.

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Error	correction
a) here	there
b) picked	pick
c) on	for/to
d) a	the

Q.7. Objective: To reorder sense groups into syntactically coherent and complete sentences.

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Marking : 1 mark for each correct answer.

- (a) It is good to go to a library on Sundays.
- (b) Libraries are open on all days of the week.
- (c) We can borrow all kinds of books.

Section –C

(Literature : Textbooks and Long Reading Text)

Q.8. Objective: To test local and global understanding of the literary extract. 3

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- (a) A young woman / the poet's beloved.
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Role of education in our life – Bholi's teachers' role – kind, loving, caring encouraging, motivating, soothing voice – how Bholi got changed – situation she faced – filled with new hope and life . (Any other relevant points)

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- (a) Children can try to keep our cities clean.
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- (c) Put the things that you don't need in the bin.

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