

ENGLISH CORE
CLASS-XI (ANNUAL EXAM) (2023-24)

Marking Scheme/Hints to Solutions

M.M. : 80

Note : 1. The marking scheme provides suggested value points and not the complete answers.

2. Any other relevant answer, not given herein but given by the candidate, be suitably awarded.

S. No.	Value Points/Key Points	Marks allotted to each value point/Key point	Total Marks
Section-A			
Reading Skills (26 marks)			
1.	<p>A. On the basis of your reading the passage, answer the following questions by choosing the best of the given options :</p> <p>(i) (a) maintaining biodiversity of respective regions.</p> <p>(ii) (c) Generating interest in local birds and their crucial role</p> <p>(iii) (b) The higher we climb, the colder it gets</p> <p>(iv) (a) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A.</p> <p>(v) (c) Entertainment is a subject of almost universal interest</p> <p>(B) Answer the following questions :</p> <p>(vi) They can begin to spot the birds in their area/ to create awareness about local birds, their habitat, and conditions that could affect them.</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p>	<p>5</p> <p>1</p>

	(vii) Provide data to researchers by spotting and identifying birds and uploading the information on e-Bird.org/india.	1	
	(viii) They upload the information on e-Bird.org/India, a free site that millions of people use to keep track of the birds spotted around the world.	1	
	(ix) If birds are not identified, taking a photo and uploading on Merlin, an app that helps in identifying the bird within a few seconds/entering detailed information on Merlin, shows up exact features and names of birds.	1	5
	(x) avian	1	
2.	A. On the basis of your reading the passage, answer the following questions by choosing the best of the given options :		
	(i) (c) Cost Analysis of Chandrayaan-3	1	
	(ii) (b) false	1	
	(iii) (b) Bhagalpur Bridge project	1	
	(iv) (a) Chandrayaan-3 is one of the most cost-intensive space programmes	1	4
	B. Answer the following questions :		
	(v) 'Interstellar', a sci-fi movie was made at a budget of Rs. 1,368 crore which is more than twice the cost of Chandrayaan-3 project / The Martian' cost more than Chandrayaan-3.	1	
	(vi) Russia's Luna 25, cost Rs. 1,600 crore/China's first Chang'e probe to the Moon cost Rs. 1,752 crore while cost of Chandrayaan-3 was around Rs. 615 crore.	1	

	(vii) With the launch vehicle now developed and the orbiter in place, Chandrayaan-2 has helped reduce the cost of the Chandrayaan-3 project.	1	
	(viii) peek	1	4
3.	(A) Note Making		
	Title – Blueberries / Benefits of Blueberries / Super food-Blueberries (Any other suitable title)	1	5
	Numbering and indenting	1	
	Key/glossary	1	
	Notes/Content	2	
	1. Details/facts		
	1.1 come from a bush of 60-90 cm height with thick branch and translucent foliage		
	1.2 can be <u>cons.</u> as fresh fruits or dried		
	1.3 dark blue-purple colour due to the high concentration of anthocyanins		
	2. Classified in the category of superfoods		
	2.1 contain a plethora of <u>nutri.</u>		
	2.2 contribute in health promotion		
	2.3 contain polyphenols and anthocyanins		
	3. Reduce neurodegenerative diseases		
	3.1 contribute in cerebral function		
	3.2 reduce the risk of declaring Alzheimer's disease		
	3.3 reduce symptoms-loss of balance & <u>coordi.</u> & prevention of memory loss		
	4. Prevent cancer		
	4.1 colon cancer- due to the presence of phenolic compounds and antioxidant ingredients		
	4.2 in <u>dev.</u> of ovarian cancer- inhibitory effect of flavonoids kaempferol and luteolin observed		

5.	Other benefits		
5.1	150 g of blueberries per week-reduce blood pressure levels		
5.2	low glycemic index-regulate blood sugar levels in type II diabetes		
5.3	reduce insulin resistance		
5.4	act positively on people with obesity & metabolic syndrome		
5.5	have effect against hepatitis C virus		
5.6	prevent infection of urinary tract		
	Key to Abbreviations :		
	• consumed – cons.		
	• nutrients – nutri.		
	• coordination – coordi.		
	• development – dev.		
(B)	Summary		
	The summary should include all the important points given in the notes.		3
	Content	2	
	Expression	1	
	Section-B		
	Grammar & Creative Writing Skills (23 marks)		
4.	Fill in the blanks using the correct form of the words given in the brackets. (Attempt any four)		
	(a) his	1	
	(b) even if	1	
	(c) are connected	1	
	(d) has	1	4
	(e) although	1	

5.	Transform the following sentences as per the instructions given below :		
	(a) He has been passing the test with flying colours.	1	
	(b) I asked him if he had enjoyed the movie.	1	3
	(c) Were the children playing Hockey ?	1	
6.	Attempt ANY ONE of the two, in about 50 words. Advertisement (Classified)		
	A. Format	1	
	The format should include : Box, Heading, Contact details		3
	Content	1	
	Expression	1	
	Value Points :		
	Heading – EDUCATIONAL		
	• Institute for Career Guidance and Counselling		
	• renowned for career counselling and personality development		
	• specifications- facilities, features, training experts, session details, fee structure		
	• contact details – name of institute, contact official, address, telephone no.		
	• Any other relevant details		
	OR		
	B. Format :		
	The format should include : Box, Heading, Contact details	1	
	Content	1	
	Expression	1	

Value Points :

Heading : SITUATION VACANT

- required suitable candidate
- for vacancy of a Lady Warden for Girls' Hostel
- criteria – age, gender, qualification, experience
- salary package, Walk-in-Interview details
- other requirements (if any)
- contact details – contact official, name of college, telephone no., address
- Any other relevant details

7. Attempt ANY ONE of the two, in about 50 words.

A. Format :

The format should include : Box, Heading/s, details of issuing authority

1

Content

1

Expression

1

Value Points :

- Relevant slogans for organ donation
- Appeal and suggested steps for donation
- Contact details of centre/hospital for donation
- Illustration
- Issuing authority
- Any other relevant details

OR

B. Format :

1

The format should include : Box, Heading/s, details of issuing authority

Content

1

Expression

1

3



Value Points :

- Relevant slogans for plastic pollution
- Effects of plastic pollution
- Steps to tackle the issue
- Illustration
- Issuing authority
- Any other relevant details

8. Attempt ANY ONE of the two, in about 120-150 words :

A. Format – salutation, introduction of self and topic

Content

1

Expression

2

Expression

2

- Grammatical accuracy, appropriate words, spellings
- Coherence and relevance of ideas and style

Value Points :

- gender sensitization is the process of creating awareness amongst youth of today
- specially boys – to understand that they are different not superior to girls
- to train boys and girls to give up age old thoughts and customs – to adopt new and latest trends – in order to create a more equitable
- Boys / girls to challenge stereotypes roles
- Boys to take up household chores – girls are now working
- girls as educated and talented as boys these days

5

OR

B. Format – salutation, introduction of self and topic

Content

1

Expression

2

Expression

2

- Grammatical accuracy, appropriate words, spellings
- Coherence and relevance of ideas and style

Value Points :

- Report based on a 2017-18 survey by the National Statistics Office put the country's overall literacy rate at 77.7 percent, which is far from the goal of full literacy by 2030
- proportion of literate children in the age group of 6-14 going up over decades but dropout rate also soaring
- problems continue despite schemes like the midday meal and Total Literacy Campaign
- female illiteracy remains consistently lower than levels of male literacy
- Any other relevant points

Solutions- (Any two)

- compulsory primary education of masses to be ensured
- Govt. continues efforts to educate masses through vast centralized machinery and superstructure of staff and resources
- private schools to be roped in with revised fee structures
- need to analyze problems faced at literacy levels and learning
- Any other relevant points

9. Attempt ANY ONE of the two, in about 120-150 words.

A. Debate

Format – salutation, specification whether in favour or against, introduction of self and topic

1

Content

2

Expression

2

- Grammatical accuracy, appropriate words, spellings
- Coherence and relevance of ideas and style

5

Value Points :

FOR (Any three)

- some people feel uncomfortable to read at public libraries
- consider library boring, find difficulty remaining silent
- aren't allowed to bring food and beverages
- some can concentrate more if they hear light music and drink a cup of coffee while reading books, hence, prefer modern cafes
- book collections in libraries not up to date while new books easily available from internet sources
- information just one click away, physical books not required
- maintenance cost of libraries high
- Any other relevant points

AGAINST (Any three)

- Libraries provide access, privacy, intellectual freedom and space catering to needs of various age groups
- inculcate reading habits in children
- society drifting away from reading to simply viewing a screen
- students losing creative and analytical abilities
- technology improved but its intelligence limited by fake news and hazards of online life
- web pages-ephemeral but library-stable
- printed materials published on acid-free paper
- search engines impressive, but people can't filter content
- all people can't afford to purchase books, access internet
- Any other relevant points

OR

B. Format – salutation, specification whether in favour or against, introduction of self and topic	1
Content	2
Expression	2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grammatical accuracy, appropriate words, spellings • Coherence and relevance of ideas and style 	
Value Points :	
FAVOUR (Any three)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • performs better with regards to water and soil conservation, maintaining ecological balance • utilization of renewable resources • use of natural, energy efficient and environment friendly • agricultural production techniques • higher resistance to pest and diseases • drought tolerant • avoid dangerous chemicals • organic food-high nutritional content and taste • Any other relevant points 	
AGAINST (Any three)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • short term productivity • produce not enough to support survival needs of world population • requires more commitment, patience and uphill struggle for effectiveness • more time consuming • expensive • Any other relevant points 	



Section-C (Literature) (31 marks)

10. Read the given extracts carefully and answer the questions that follow :

A. (i) In the rain cycle, when the water from the water bodies evaporates into the air, water is converted into vapour and ascends to the sky and becomes clouds. Though clouds are different in appearance yet they are originally water. Thus, a change takes place while the content (water) remains the same.
(Any other relevant point)

1

(ii) removes droughts / removes dust particles makes earth clean and pure / gives life to drought ridden Earth

1

(iii) (b) and (c)

1

OR

3

B. (i) Father is frustrated with his son whom he doesn't seem to understand inspite of staying together for years / son seems to be a total stranger / estranged relationship and lack of understanding between the two makes the child look like a stranger
(Any other relevant point)

1

(ii) He recollects his son's childhood and loving moments they shared to restore the relationship
(Any other relevant point)

1

(iii) (b) strained

1

11. Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow :

3

A. (i) (d) both (b) and (c)

1

(ii) (a) Both A and R are true & R is : the correct explanation of A.

1

(iii) (d) inclination

1

OR

	B. (i) (c) nostalgia	1	
	(ii) (b) Both A and R are true and R is not the correct explanation of A.	1	
	(iii) (c) tranquility	1	
12.	Read the given extract carefully and answer the questions that follow :		4
	A. (i) (b) his confusion about marriage being a failure or an idyllic state	1	
	(ii) (b) Both A and R are true but R is NOT the correct explanation of A.	1	
	(iii) All of them had unhappy relationships with the woman they love.	1	
	(iv) wince	1	
	OR		
	B. (i) (b) Mourad avoiding Aram's query on stealing the horse	1	
	(ii) (b) Both A and R are correct but R is NOT the correct explanation of A	1	
	(iii) Aram was delighted to see the horse as his dream of riding horses was coming true and also frightened as he realised that the horse did not belong to them and could be stolen.	1	
	(iv) Aram says that if one is crazy about horses the way he and Mourad were, it wasn't stealing / It wouldn't become stealing until they offered to sell the horse, which of course, they would never do.	1	
13.	Answer the following questions in about 40-50 words each:		3x2=6
	(a) "This circumstance" refers to the death of mother. The poet says that she can't comment on it as her comment can't change the situation or bring her mother back. She accepts death as the inevitable and ultimate reality of life.	Content-2 Expression-1	3
	OR		

	<p>The poem presents a reciprocating relationship between the laburnum tree and the goldfinch. It's like the body and the soul. Both get importance and meaning from each other. The silent and lifeless tree gets activated by the arrival and movement of the bird and the bird gets shelter in the branches of the tree and the tree becomes its identity.</p>	<p>Content-2 Expression-1</p>	<p>3</p>
	<p>(b) It focusses less on treasure now and more on the fascinating details of life and intriguing mysteries of death. It also uses more sophisticated tools, including medical technology.</p>	<p>Content-2 Expression-1</p>	<p>3</p>
OR			
	<p>– Suzanne did not report about her injuries in detail as she realised that her father was trying to save them and their ship and thus, should not get worried about her injuries/She made a card showing her feelings to motivate her parents when they were losing hope (Any one)</p>	<p>Content-2 Expression-1</p>	<p>3</p>
	<p>– Jonathan declared that he was not afraid of dying if they were together showing his faith in his parents.</p>		
<p>14.</p>	<p>Answer the following question in about 40-50 words :</p>		<p>3×1=3</p>
	<p>(a) Mrs. Fitzgerald's magic trick was a blessing as it had far and near repercussions. When it was spelled, the two women stirred out of their selves and transformed into contrasting characters. Mrs. Pearson became bold enough to teach a lesson to her family members and was able to get back her position and respect in her family.</p>	<p>Content-2 Expression-1</p>	<p>3</p>
OR			
	<p>(b) Mockery of selection criteria of the wisest man – The criterion was that wisdom comes with grey hair. The old man they selected could not walk and see and spoke in a trembling voice. Mockery of his counsel- The advice he offered was absurd. He asked the King to hang the arch as it had banged the crown off the King's head.</p>	<p>Content-2 Expression-1</p>	<p>3</p>

15.

Answer the following in about 120-150 words :

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(a) ill-equipped because-

- Norbu had been writing academic papers about Kailash kora but had never done it himself. So, could not give any information about requirements for the journey or difficulties they might face.

Content-3
Expression-3

ideal companion because-

- He was a practical person who considered inconveniences, suggested hiring yaks to carry luggage and had no intention of prostrating himself all-round the mountain.

OR

(b) In the maidan, he found a throng moving towards a pandal.

Content-3
Expression-3

- A lecture was in progress
- Professor Gaitonde saw the Presidential chair unoccupied on the stage.
- he swiftly moved towards the chair and occupied it.
- audience informed him that the chair was symbolic and asked him to vacate as their lecture series had no chairperson
- Professor Gaitonde went to the mike and give vent to his views
- for him an unchaired lecture was a sacrilege
- the audience informed that they had abolished old customs long ago and asked him to vacate the chair
- they were sick of remarks from the chair, vote of thanks, long introductions
- Professor Gaitonde tried to correct the sacrilege
- he faced shower of tomatoes, eggs and other objects

- the audience swarmed to the stage to eject him bodily
- in the crowd he was nowhere to be seen
- after returning to present world he felt he was rudely interrupted in his thousandth address which was made on the Azad Maidan and decided never to preside over meetings again

16. Answer the following question in about 120-150 words :

6

- (a) – Joe Morgan and his wife Susan, who had been married nearly twenty years, were expecting their first child
- Joe brought Dr. Andrew to help Susan in the premature delivery of the child
 - Joe told Andrew about his faith in him
 - Andrew assured the couple of a safe delivery of the baby
 - All others in Morgan's family were anxious
 - Susan's mother informed Andrew about Susan's wish to go through labour pain without anesthesia in case the same would hurt the baby
 - Andrew went ahead with anesthesia and Susan delivered a stillborn child
 - Andrew used various methods and finally revived the child
 - Thus, was able to justify the family's faith in him

Content-3
Expression-3

OR

- (b) – She notices minute things like the similar broad back of both Mrs. Dorling and her daughter
- the green cardigan with pale wooden buttons
 - the table cloth with the burn mark

- the cumbersome Hanukkah candle holder
- the muggy smell in Mrs. Dorling's house
- the white tea pot with a gold border on the lid
- the cutlery box
- the apple on the pewter plate that she fancied as a child
- the name-plate with number-46 written in black letters on white enamel
- when she was home in the first half of the war and she noticed changes in her house, even her mother was surprised
- Any other relevant points

(Any 3 value points)

Content-3
Expression-3