



COMMON PRE-BOARD EXAMINATION 2022-23

Subject: ENGLISH CORE (301)

CLASS - XII



MARKING SCHEME

Date:

Note:

- (i) 15-minute prior reading time allotted for Q paper reading.
- (ii) The Reading Section focuses on testing a candidate's ability to comprehend.
- (iii) Marks to be awarded only if the response reveals structure or semblance of coherent thought rather than a transcribed chunk/exact line/s from the passage in an attempt to pass off as a response.

Section A: READING SKILLS (20 marks)

I Read the passage given below:

1x10 =

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- i. C. Inflammation and scarring present at the injury site.
- ii. The gel mentioned in the passage can cure head injuries suffered in combat, car accidents, falls, or gunshot injuries.
- iii. Brain injuries are hard to mend as injured tissues swell up and can cause additional damage to the cells.
- iv. A. The failure of donor cells being transplanted into the injury site led Dr. Zhang to research the success of stem cells combined with chemicals to replace the brain cells needed.
- v. Help re-establish full blood supply at the site of brain injury.
- vi. D. Dr. Ning Zhang at Clemson University in South Carolina has developed a gel which could help brain recover from injuries.
- vii. B. Only 3
- viii. The lab rats were tested with the gel for eight weeks
- ix. B. not yet developed
- x. C. Minor

II Read the passage given below.

1x10=10

- i. Lakshadweep

- ii. They are the only states to have less than 1,000 people infected with novel coronavirus
- iii. C. the numbers are rising at a fast pace at rates higher than the national level
- iv. B. July 16 and 17
- v. C. Tuesday
- vi. 12.82 lakh people have been recovered.
- vii. July 31 shows the highest jump of detected cases in a day
- viii. The number of recoveries had crossed 50,000 three days earlier than Tuesday.
- ix. rapidly
- x. C. native

SECTION B – CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS (20 marks)

III 1. NOTICE

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Format – 1 Content -2 Organisation of ideas -1 Accuracy 1

2. FORMAL REPLY/INFORMAL INVITATION

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Format – 1 Content -2 Organisation of ideas -1 Accuracy 1

3. LETTER TO THE EDITOR/ JOB APPLICATION

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Format – 1 Content -2 Organisation of ideas -1 Accuracy 1

4. ARTICLE/REPORT

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Format – 1 Content -2 Organisation of ideas -1 Accuracy 1

SECTION C – LITERATURE (40 marks)

IV Read the given extracts to attempt the questions with reference to context:

**1. A Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given:
1x6=6**

- i. C Unusual
- ii. C Alliteration
- iii. A one would get time to self-introspect one's own activities
- iv. It will be an ecstatic moment of tranquility without rush or running of engines.
- v. The moment of stillness and quietness is an exotic moment because it will initiate peace and universal brotherhood.
- vi. We feel very strange at that moment, everyone has a feeling of oneness with their fellow human beings, a new feeling altogether.

OR

I. B

- i. C meagre income earned by the countryside people.
- ii. B He feels that death is better than living such a miserable life.
- iii. B Statement 1 cannot be inferred but Statement 2 can be inferred.
- iv. The poet is unable to put those people out of their pain at one stroke
- v. The poet was expecting them to come to him and put him gently out of his pain.
- vi. Poem: A Roadside Stand. Poet: Robert Frost

**2 A Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given:
1x4=4**

- i. A allegory
- ii. D "You need help, my raving friend. You are way too invested in this crazy thought!"
- iii. Because it had a lot of corridors and staircases like roots
- iv. Simile

OR

2 B

- i. C 1, 4 and 6
- ii. B Option 2
- iii. B elders being ill-treated in her society.
- iv. Bama

**3. A Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given.
1x6=6**

- i. C (i) is inappropriate; (ii) is relevant; and (iii) is not relevant
- ii. interstices
- iii. C options (i) and (iii)
- iv. Umberto Eco utilizes 'intervals' for his creative work.
- v. The world will shrink and will become as big as a fist
- vi. Mukund Padmanabhan

OR

3. B

- i. C self-pity
- ii. A It was all the peddler had that he could give away, and represented his turn to honesty.
- iii. D Option (4)
- iv. C 1 & 3
- v. A small rattrap with 30 kronor in it.
- vi. Even though the peddler's true identity was revealed, he was still treated with the same respect as a Captain.

V Answer ANY FIVE of the following in about in 40-50 words each. 2x5=10

Content – 1 Expression – 1

(Deduct ½ mark from the overall score if the error density is high (more than a total of 2 spellings and/or grammatical errors)).

i.

- It was a very warm and bright day; the birds were chirping at the edge of woods and the Prussian soldiers were drilling at the back of sawmill.
- Franz could gladly spend life out of doors. He had the strength to resist the temptation.
- He hurried off to school

ii.

- The work of the instructor to build him into a swimmer piece by piece was done.
- He wondered if the fear of water would reappear when he was alone in the pool.

iii.

- Gandhi's politics was intermixed with the practical, everyday life of the millions of Indians.
- Not a loyalty to abstractions; a loyalty to living human beings.
- He tried to mould free Indians who could stand on their own feet and make India free.

iv.

- His manuscripts are always rejected; a genius is not that is accepted everywhere.
- Prose writing is actually meant for rejection; prose writers are patient, persistent and persevering drudges.
- Every time he gets a rejection slip for his manuscript, he starts making a fresh copy and sends it to another publisher with return postage.

v.

- The pale and corpse-like appearance of the mother is analogous with death.
- Life is demonstrated by the racing trees and the merry children spilling out of their homes.

vi.

- Aunt Jennifer is making her tigers in the panels using ivory needles.
- Her fingers are fluttering through the wool; finds it difficult (hard) to pull even the ivory needles.
- The weight of unhappy and unfortunate experiences of her married life sits heavily on her hands.

**VI Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each:
2x2=4**

Content – 1 Expression – 1

(Deduct ½ mark from the overall score if the error density is high (more than a total of 2 spellings and/or grammatical errors))

i.

- The mission was to shoot one hundred tigers; had already killed seventy tigers.
- The tiger population became extinct.
- The possible reasons are quite amusing and even absurd; tigers practised birth control or they committed suicide or they might have run away from the state as they desired to be shot by British hands alone.

ii.

- Since the white man is their enemy, Sadao hates touching his wrist.
- As a patriot he does not want that man to live, but as a surgeon, he does not want the man to die.
- The survival of the man is the victory of the surgeon's skill.

iii.

- The ringing of a large bell summoned the students to the dining room; a small bell to draw a chair from under the table. A second bell for all to be seated.
- A man's voice was heard at one end of the hall and they hung their heads over the plates. The man ended his mutterings.
- A third bell and everyone picked up his/her knife and fork and began eating.

**VII Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 120-150 words.
1x5=5**

Questions can be based on incident/theme / passage / extract/ event as reference points to assess extrapolation beyond and across the text. The question will elicit analytical and evaluative response from student.

Content - 2

- Sustained, clear, well-developed personal response to the task
- Well-developed and justified arguments/evidence for the characters

Expression - 2

- Carefully structured content with a beginning, middle and end with highly relevant ideas presented cohesively.
- Highly effective vocabulary usage, relevant and appropriate sentences for conveying the ideas precisely and effectively.

Accuracy – 1

Spelling, punctuation and grammar consistently/largely accurate, with occasional minor errors, that do not impede communication.

i.

- Responsibility towards society to understand and support people with infirmities; to be supportive and considerate towards them.

- To treat them as equals and encourage them to take part in all activities that they do not suffer from a sense of alienation.
 - Inclusive education for them; campaigning for their social acceptance.
 - Raise hope and encouragement for their empowerment.
 - Duty of each one of us to bring about a change in the lives of people who are physically impaired and lonely.
- (accept any other relevant points)

OR

ii.

- 'Lost Spring' revolves around the pitiable condition of poor children; forced to live in the slums and work hard in dirty conditions.
- First part-the life of poor rag pickers settled in the Seemapuri area of Delhi.
- Second part-the miserable life of the bangle-makers in Firozabad.
- In spite of back-breaking hard work that they put in, they cannot have two square meals a day.
- False and blind belief in traditions does not let their children take up other respectable and better paying jobs which will improve their financial situations.

**VIII Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 120-150 words.
1x5=5**

Content - 2

- Sustained, clear, well-developed personal response to the task
- Well-developed and justified arguments/evidence for the characters

Expression - 2

- Carefully structured content with a beginning, middle and end with highly relevant ideas presented cohesively.
- Highly effective vocabulary usage, relevant and appropriate sentences for conveying the ideas precisely and effectively.

Accuracy – 1

Spelling, punctuation and grammar consistently/largely accurate, with occasional minor errors, that do not impede communication.

i.

a)

- Without comparison, there is no suffering or a sense of injustice.
- Derry's suffering was not of physical pain but perception of others towards his burnt face

- In absence of any comparison, Derry would have lived peacefully as the physical pain of the burn had already subsided.

b)

- Children learn from others and the society itself.
 - Society must stop making such comparisons altogether.
 - Society does not seem capable of making such a monumental behavioural change.
- (accept any other relevant points)

OR

ii.

- Tishani Doshi has been transported from the scorching sun to the ice floes and glaciers where ninety per cent of the earth's surface is ice-mass.
 - For her, it was like walking into a giant ping-pong ball, devoid of any human markers like trees, billboards and buildings.
 - One loses all earthly sense of perspective and time there.
 - Silence prevails which is interrupted only by the occasional avalanche or caving ice sheet.
 - Antarctica has a very simple ecosystem which if interfered with and environmental changes are affected indiscriminately, it can lead to depletion of the ozone layer
 - The planet is unravaged by humans; it remains unblemished.
 - Its ice-cores hold more than half-million-year-old carbon records that are imperative for the detailed study of our planet.
- (accept any other relevant points)
